

# Office of the City Manager Activities, Projects & Interactions

November 2023



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## Letter from the City Manager

The holiday season is upon us, and it is certainly one of the most wonderful times of year in our fair city. Through City events like our recent Tree Lighting, other holiday happenings in our community, and timeless family traditions, there is a collective sense of joy and anticipation.

November also brought opportunities for togetherness. It was heartwarming to see so many service members, students, elected officials and members of our community at the Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Park. The City also held a lunch to recognize and thank our 39 team members who are military service veterans.

Nearly 200 businesses, real estate brokers, developers and community stakeholders attended the unveiling of our Economic Development Strategic Plan and Envision Dublin Update at the Exchange in Bridge Park. This event, hosted by the Economic Development and Planning Divisions, served as a catalyst for collaboration with our corporate citizens and others in our community who are invested in the strategies that will shape the future of Dublin.

I am thrilled to announce that Dublin has received the highest credit ratings from all three major agencies. S&P Global Ratings, Fitch Ratings and Moody's Investor Service have all assigned Dublin their highest rating, highlighting our City's dynamic local economy and sound financial management. This recognition is a testament to the hard work of our Finance team and the entire City staff, showcasing the result of City Council's responsible stewardship of funds. I am also thankful to Council for approving our 2024 Operating Budget, which the team worked collaboratively to balance this year.



In collaboration with Washington Township, the City is taking a proactive step towards the safety and well-being of our residents. We have acquired seven automated external defibrillators (AEDs), which will be strategically placed in six City parks. This initiative, supported by a generous grant from the Aladdin Shriners Hospital Association for Children, aims to double the chances of survival in case of sudden cardiac arrests. Installation will begin this year, with all AEDs in place for the spring sports season.

In furtherance of our international relations, Mayor Jane Fox and I had the honor of attending a reception for the Ambassador of Ireland and Honorary Consul of Ireland for Ohio. The event was a great opportunity for us to engage with representatives of Ireland in our state and country. Our visit further solidified Dublin's commitment to fostering relationships and cultural exchanges with Ireland.

As we close out 2023, we remain committed to serving this community at the highest level and meeting the goals established by City Council. I thank you for your vision and support, and I wish you all the happiest of holidays.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan O'Callaghan". The script is fluid and cursive.

Megan O'Callaghan  
City Manager

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# 2023/2024 City Council Goals

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

### Phase III: Broadband to the Home Project

**Status:** altafiber is currently gathering field data for phase 1 right-of-way permits. The phase 1 Fiber Distribution Hubs reviews will be completed by mid-December. As of the November meeting, field construction is set to begin Q2 of 2024. A total of 124 residents have notified altafiber of having a dog fence and/or sprinkler. This information will help altafiber coordinate how they enter a resident's yard when laying fiber to make the least amount of impact on the resident.

## 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:** The City selected Sasaki to work with EMH&T and SB Friedman as the team to develop the design and implementation framework for the Metro Center/DCAP area. The consultant team is meeting with Metro Center stakeholders Dec. 5 and 6 to discuss the future of the district. Stakeholders include City Council Members, property and business owners and property management representatives. The stakeholder input will provide important insight into opportunities and help inform subsequent steps of the project. The vacant Max and Erma's building was demolished in late October. The importance of Metro Center restoration was highlighted as part of the roll-out of the Economic Development Strategic Plan on Oct. 23. Staff members continue to work with property owners, to develop a concept to present informally to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

## 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 held a second informational meeting Oct. 11 on the Historic District Code and Guidelines and overall review process to gain a clearer understanding of the topics raised by residents. Staff has updated the City's web page to ensure that all new Historic District information is in one easily accessible location.

Staff presented the draft modifications of the demolition language to the ARB at the September meeting, which was heard by the PZC at the Nov. 9, meeting. The ARB and the PZC recommended this item be brought to City Council. The first reading occurred on Nov. 27 and is planned for the second reading Dec. 11. City divisions have worked with the Dublin Community Improvement Corporation to reinstate the Commercial Façade Improvement Program. The Commercial Façade Improvement web page is live on the Economic Development website. Staff members have received six applications and will bring four of them to the next CIC meeting Dec. 4 to be considered for approval. One of the City's Economic Development administrators will focus efforts on downtown and serve as the primary City resource and liaison.

## 4 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:** Staff members have evaluated the City's current event tempo, operating and funding model; researched, visited and analyzed event operating, funding and management models in other cities; and brought forward new events and policies regarding next-generation community events for Council's consideration. Staff members reviewed the two proposals and determined that they did not achieve the scope of services within the request for proposal. The City will be issuing a new RFP with revised language.



# Key Project Updates

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
<b>COhatch Headquarters and Riverview Village Development</b>	At the Sept. 11, 2023, City Council meeting, Council approved a real estate transfer and development agreement for the development of Riverview Village. Riverview Village will be home to COhatch's national headquarters, as well as a first-of-its-kind coworking and entrepreneurship district in Historic Dublin.	The keys to the houses along North Riverview Street within the project site were transferred to COhatch Oct. 31. COhatch subsequently performed cleanup work on the properties. City Staff and consultants are in the process of creating a schedule for the public improvements outlined in the development agreement. Weekly City/COhatch meetings continue to take place to coordinate schedules and guide the development through the review and approval process.
<b>Community Gateway Signs</b>	City Council approved an initial design concept in March 2022 for new community gateway signs at key entrances to the City following a recommendation from the Community Development Committee. To properly recognize the many accolades and achievements the City of Dublin has earned, City Council requested these be incorporated as an additional sign or modified original design. Staff has been working on creating a revised community gateway sign design to accommodate the various site conditions and incorporate such accolades.	City Council referred this topic to the Community Development Committee (CDC) at the Nov. 13 meeting. CDC will review designs at a meeting early in 2024.
<b>Community Health Needs Assessment</b>	The Community Health Needs Assessment is a systematic process involving the community to identify, analyze and prioritize community health needs as well as plan to act upon unmet community health needs. Guiding this effort is the Advisory Committee, which includes the City, Washington Township, each of the four major health systems, mental health care providers, Dublin City Schools and a variety of social service organizations that serve Dublin residents.	Dublin staff members received the first draft of Illuminology's report in October. The internal review was completed in late November. The consultant is making revisions based on that discussion. After comments and edits are incorporated by Illuminology, the report will be presented to the CHNA Advisory Committee in January. Staff members anticipate presenting the report to City Council for acceptance in early 2024.

# Key Project Updates (Continued)

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
<p><b>Envision Dublin Community Plan Update</b></p> <p>The Envision Dublin Community Plan will be a roadmap for the City to direct future growth and development over the next 20 years. Recent activities include:</p>	<p><b>Public Engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Community Survey:</b> More than 570 responses were received. The survey was accessible through July 31, 2023. A summary of the survey results is underway and will be posted to the Envision Dublin website upon completion and used to guide the Community Plan Update.</li> <li><b>Engagement and promotions:</b> 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, flyer 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. Most recently, the Planning and Economic Development Divisions hosted the Economic Development Strategy Rollout and Envision Dublin Update Event at the Exchange on Nov. 16. This event was successful with almost 175 attendees.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Public Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City Council received an update on Envision Dublin at the Nov. 13 Council meeting, followed by a Steering Committee meeting Nov. 14 with the focus of these meetings on the land use scenario modeling. The next public meeting will occur in February 2024 to finalize land use recommendations in our Special Area Plans.</li> </ul> <p><b>Steering Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee includes community leaders and business partners who provide key input for the Envision Dublin process and help guide the Community Plan's updates. The Committee has held three meetings to review and provide feedback on initial deliverables with the most recent meeting held Nov. 1 regarding visioning and key recommendations. The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 19, it will be focused primarily on transportation and mobility as we start to move forward with the Thoroughfare Plan and Mobility Plan.</li> </ul>
<p><b>EV Infrastructure Comprehensive Plan</b></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>The consultant is working with Staff to develop a comprehensive plan for electric vehicle charging infrastructure based on EV adoption rates, industry best practices and data from Staff. The project completion date is expected to be in early 2024.</p>
<p><b>Dublin Community Recreation Center Refresh</b></p>	<p>In 2022, Council directed \$3.1 million of American Rescue Plan Act 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.</p>	<p>This project is continuing into Phase 2, which includes floor plan design studies, stakeholder workshops and a second community engagement meeting scheduled for Dec. 6 in Council Chamber. Staff continues to work with MSA Design to schedule stakeholder and focus group meetings to gather public input and is working with a group of fourth and fifth grade gifted students from Eli Pinney Elementary on a collaborative project related to the DCRC Refresh Master Plan. Students will learn about the DCRC, envision its future and provide input for the refresh. Staff presented the community engagement presentation to CSAC Nov. 14 and gathered input and feedback. The three-phase project should be completed by the end of February 2024.</p>

# Key Project Updates (Continued)

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<b>Holiday Market Feasibility Study</b>	At their February 2023 meeting, Public Services Committee (PSC) members 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 II of a feasibility study for a holiday market is necessary.	At the Feb. 8 PSC meeting, the Committee instructed Staff to consult with community partners about a potential holiday market in Dublin. Staff members also met with the market managers of markets in Carmel, Indiana; Philadelphia; and Baltimore. These conversations helped staff members better understand the necessary scope for Phase II of the feasibility study. At the Sept. 19 PSC meeting, the Committee voted to recommend a Phase II feasibility study to City Council. At the Oct. 9 City Council meeting, Council unanimously voted to direct staff to move forward with the second phase of the feasibility study. Staff members plan to issue the RFP in early Q1 2024 to align with the availability of the potential respondents.
<b>Mobility Hubs</b>	The 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.	After bidding this project three times, a favorable bid has not been received. Staff members are exploring other delivery systems, including reaching out to partners at Dublin City Schools and various contractors.
<b>Performing Arts Center Feasibility Study</b>	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 Mgmt conducted Phase I and II of the Performing Arts Center Feasibility Study and presented their report to Dublin City Council Aug. 28. Staff members returned to the Community Development Committee (CDC) for further discussion Oct. 17, at the recommendation of City Council. Following a review of the information provided by Webb Mgmt, the CDC recommended to City Council to accept the Performing Arts Center Feasibility Study. Council accepted the report and determined that the discussion of next steps would take place as part of an upcoming work session in 2024.
<b>Post Road Interchange</b>	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 improvements.	Construction is underway and 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 remained closed through the end of November. The traffic shift on U.S. 33 took place Nov. 9, 2023. Beginning Nov. 26th, both directions of S.R. 161 below U.S. 33 closed nightly from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. for demolition of the remainder of the U.S. 33 structure over S.R. 161.

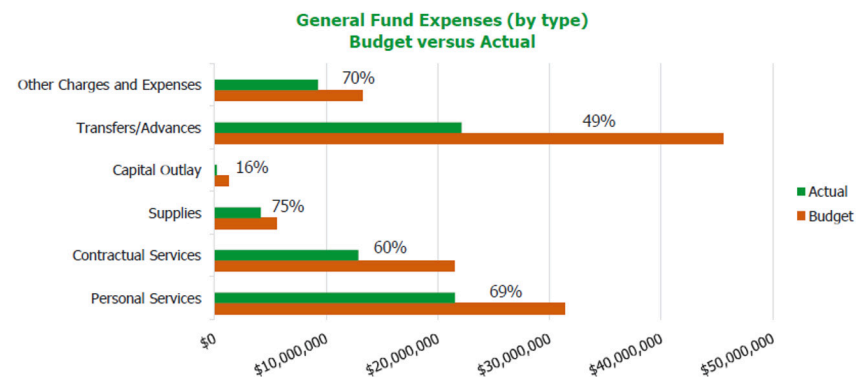
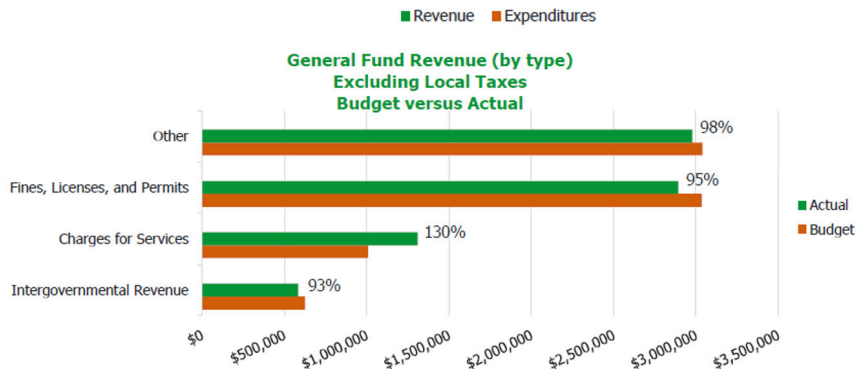
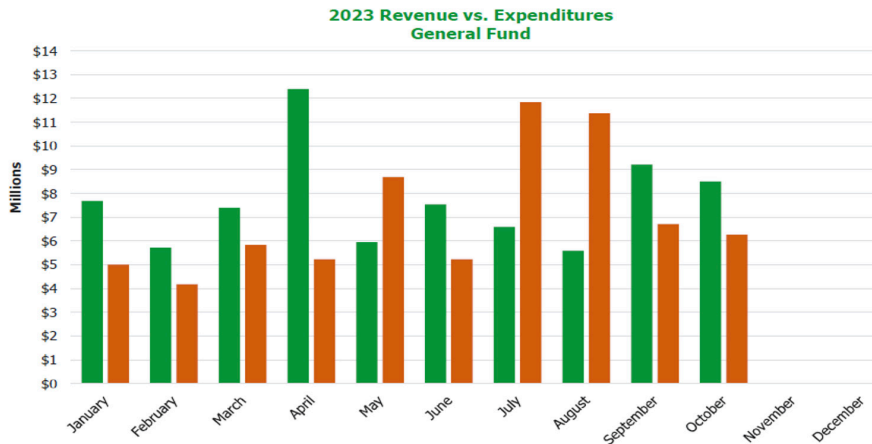


# Key Project Updates (Continued)

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<b>Riverside Crossing Park Master Plan</b>	Master planning of Riverside Crossing Park is set to include consideration of many elements, including river access; kayak launch site; connectivity to Dublin Springs Park and Indian Run Falls Park; adventure elements; walking trails; Japanese-style garden; updates to the great lawn for festivals; revisiting the promenade in conjunction with festivals being held on the great lawn; and other supporting elements.	The contract has been executed and the master planning process will begin in late fall of 2023 with a target completion of Q4 2024. The process will include public engagement.
<b>Dublin Sustainability Plan</b>	In connection with the Envision Dublin Community Plan, the Dublin Sustainability Plan 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. EcoDublin, the City's internal Sustainability Committee, meets biweekly with the consultant.	After receiving final information from utility providers, Asakura Robinson was able to complete the greenhouse gas inventory. Staff members have begun setting up meetings with stakeholders, including students from Dublin City Schools and business leaders, to conduct interviews. The interviews are intended to gather additional feedback from key groups and individuals who play a role in managing greenhouse gas emissions and sustainability efforts. The anticipated completion of this project is Q1 2024.
<b>Speed Management</b>	A new Speed Management Program was approved by City Council July 31. 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.	<p>The promotional efforts began in October with the launch of the Slow Down Dublin campaign. An updated Speed Management and Enforcement dashboard is posted to the City's website. The first and second set of speed safety cameras have been ordered.</p> <p>Staff members engaged residents on Cacchio Lane in September and October to gather feedback about area speed concerns and thoughts on speed cushions. Communication tactics include postcard mailers, an online survey, social media, HOA communications, Dublin Jerome High School parents' newsletter and yard signs where speed cushions might be placed. The survey received approx. 120 responses. Input is being evaluated to determine next steps.</p>
<b>Dublin Road 30-Inch Water Line</b>	<p>To improve water transmission and water storage tank turnover, the City of Columbus has contracted with Complete General Construction to install a 30-inch diameter water main from Hilliard's Dublin Road and Shire Creek Court intersection to Dublin's Rings Road Water Tower.</p> <p>Within Dublin, installation will occur along Frantz Road at Tuttle Crossing Boulevard to Parkcenter Avenue to Blazer Parkway to the water tower.</p>	<p>Work began outside of Dublin's corporation limit in late November, and the project is expected to move into Dublin in 2024.</p> <p><a href="#">View a complete list of projects</a></p>

# Finance

## Highlights



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For 2023, the City of Dublin earned the highest credit rating from all three rating agencies:

- S&P Global Ratings assigned its AAA long-term rating, recognizing Dublin's status as a desirable suburb with a dynamic, growing local economy.
- Fitch Ratings assigned Dublin a AAA rating and commented they expect continued solid revenue performance from the City.
- Moody's Investor Service gave Dublin a Aaa stable rating, commending the City's solid fund balance and robust liquidity across all funds.

**General Fund Cash Balance: \$70,445,315**

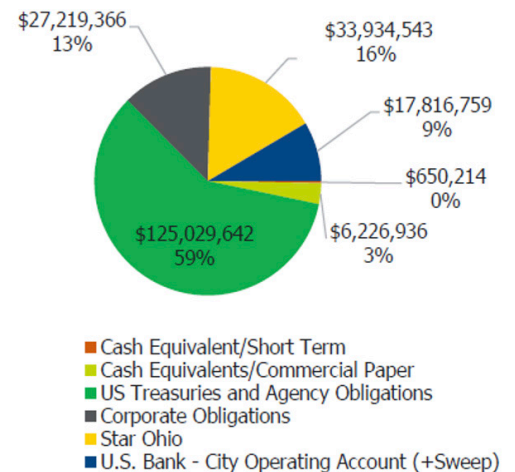
- 62.5% of budgeted expenditures
- \$14,133,878 in excess of 50% reserve level

**Income Tax revenue was 1.4% above 2022 YTD levels, or \$1,242,524**

- Receipts are 4.7% or \$4,117,629 ahead of budget
- Comparing YTD October 2022 versus October 2023:
  - Withholding increased 1.65%
  - Net profit revenue decreased -1.32%
  - Individual revenue increased 3.78%

### Investment Summary as of October 31, 2023

Total market value: \$210,877,458



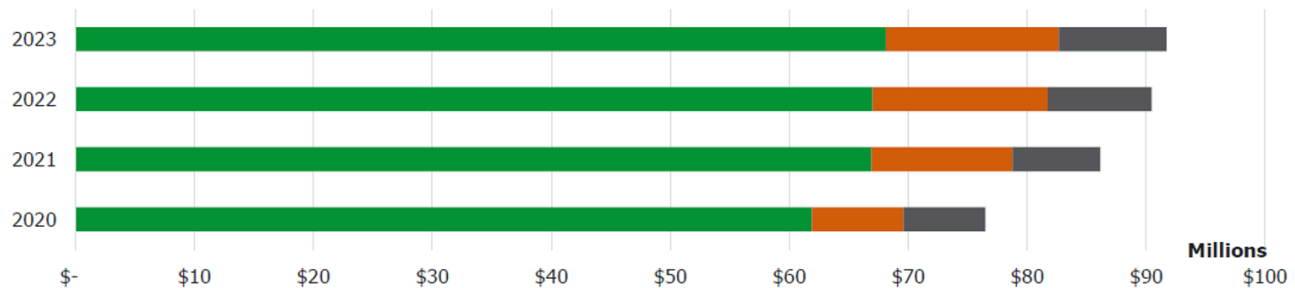
# Finance Update

## Fund Balance as of October 31, 2023

Fund	Month End Cash Balance	Fund	Month End Cash Balance	Fund	Month End Cash Balance
101 - General Fund	\$70,546,299	419 - TIF Thomas/Kohler	\$3,360,116	461 - TIF Tuller	\$3,095,728
201 - Street Maintenance and Repair	\$2,142,682	421 - TIF McKittrick Project	\$962,082	462 - TIF Nestle	\$250,609
202 - State Highway	\$670,476	425 - TIF Perimeter Center	\$1,866,057	463 - TIF Bridge Park Blocks B & C	\$431,483
225 - Recreation	\$1,970,459	426 - TIF Rings Road	\$852,330	464 - TIF Innovation	\$392,487
226 - Pool	\$177,530	431 - TIF Perimeter West	\$1,403,152	465 - TIF Riviera	\$732,968
231 - Permissive Tax	\$228,570	432 - TIF Upper Metro Place	\$1,218,676	466 - TIF Penzone	\$266,291
232 - Hotel/Motel Tax	\$2,752,649	433 - TIF Rings/Frantz	\$1,978,772	467 - TIF H2 Hotel	\$414,675
241 - Safety	\$2,341,859	436 - TIF Historic Dublin Parking	\$41,007	468 - TIF Bridge Park Block Z	\$233
242 - Law Enforcement	\$98,966	440 - TIF Emerald Parkway Phase 5	\$22,107	469 - TIF Block A	\$598
243 - Mandatory Drug Fine	\$2,907	441 - TIF Emerald Parkway Phase 8	\$5,189	474 - TIF Bridge Park Incentive Dist	\$15,031
244 - Wireless 9-1-1 System	\$751,362	442 - TIF Perimeter Loop	\$92,537	475 - TIF The Corners	\$514,763
251 - Enforcement and Education	\$77,065	443 - TIF Tartan West	\$1,392,758	591 - Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$1,759,359
252 - Mayors Court Computer	\$55,634	444 - TIF Shamrock Blvd.	\$214,350	610 - Water	\$12,752,036
261 - Cemetery	\$111,845	446 - TIF River Ridge	\$859,373	612 - Water Construction	\$1,784,088
262 - Accrued Leave Reserves	\$259,606	447 - TIF Lifetime Fitness	\$563,579	620 - Sewer	\$7,367,473
263 - Rings Unitrust	\$1,000,000	448 - COIC Improvement	\$0	623 - Sewer Construction	\$2,112,593
267 - OPIOID RELIEF FUND	\$42,801	449 - TIF Irelan Place	\$22,454	701 - Self Insurance - Employee Bens	\$5,642,013
299 - Occupancy Deposits	\$334,250	450 - TIF Shier Rings Road	\$54,884	703 - Self Insurance - Workers Comp	\$221,027
310 - General Debt Service	\$11,956,993	451 - TIF Shamrock Crossing	\$230,233	803 - Unclaimed Monies	\$137,065
311 - Econ Development Bond Retirmt	\$2,770,786	452 - TIF Bridge and High Street	\$283,686	804 - Visit Dublin Ohio	\$112,602
320 - S.A. Debt Service	\$17,659	453 - TIF Dublin Methodist Hospital	\$1,244,327	805 - Agency	\$9,405
322 - 2001 S.A. Debt Service	\$134,913	454 - TIF Kroger Centre	\$1,337,634	807 - C.O.I.R.S.	\$436,763
401 - Capital Improvements Tax	\$46,869,503	455 - TIF Frantz/Dublin Road	\$113,166	817 - Property Assessed Clean Energy	\$626
402 - Parkland Acquisition	\$4,809,636	456 - TIF Delta Energy	\$53	821 - Building Standards Surcharges	\$3,487
404 - Capital Improvement Constructi	\$2,647,797	457 - TIF Bridge Street	\$486,709	822 - Columbus Sewer Capacity	\$22,324
412 - TIF Woerner-Temple	\$223,788	458 - TIF Vrible	\$109,300	823 - New Community Authority	\$14,798
415 - TIF Ruscilli	\$716,821	459 - TIF West Innovation	\$5,180,115	831 - Law Enforcement Custodial Fund	\$113,957
416 - TIF Pizzuti	\$246,647	460 - TIF Ohio University	\$13,844	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$216,472,477</b>

## Income Tax Collections

As of October 31, 2023, YTD income tax receipts totaled \$91,718,255, an increase of 1.4% over the same time in 2023. The 2023 revised budgeted income tax revenue is \$104,000,000.



	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Withholding	\$ 61,916,936	\$ 66,939,570	\$ 67,037,454	\$ 68,146,122
Net Profit	\$ 7,698,040	\$ 11,858,554	\$ 14,734,669	\$ 14,539,916
Individual	\$ 6,880,499	\$ 7,334,881	\$ 8,703,608	\$ 9,032,217
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 76,495,475</b>	<b>\$ 86,133,006</b>	<b>\$ 90,475,732</b>	<b>\$ 91,718,255</b>

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



# Economic Development

## Highlights

### Business Retention & Expansion

- Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) visits are strong this month at 197 on track to meet the annual goal of 225.
- The Economic Development team has continued conducting field research on office vacancies in the City's business districts.



A rendering of DG Perry's new office space at Bridge Park

### Attraction & Marketing Projects

- [614Startups Feature: Nymbi Systems](#)
- [614Startups Feature: Cloud Propeller](#)
- [614Startups Feature: Soar](#)
- [Accounting firm DG Perry moving Columbus office to Bridge Park in Dublin](#)
- [Dublin, downtown most popular office spots in Central Ohio](#)

### JobsOhio/One Columbus Leads (2)

- The Economic Development team has submitted two sites for the SiteOhio program administered by JobsOhio. This program certifies sites in the state of Ohio as shovel ready for development.

### Local Business Retention and Expansion Leads (5)

### Company News

Quantum Health, the leading consumer healthcare navigation and care coordination company, was selected by Fortune and Great Place To Work US® for the 2023 Fortune Best Workplaces in Health Care™ List. Earning this honor qualifies Quantum Health as one of the best companies to work for in the entire country.

Headquartered in Dublin, Quantum Health has more than 1,800 “healthcare warriors” on staff who help self-insured employers and their staffs better manage their healthcare benefits programs.

### Innovation & Entrepreneurship

The Economic Development Team and COHatch Dublin will host a meet and greet with all COHatch Boost Scholars Dec. 7. The Boost Scholarship program focuses on local start-ups with an emphasis on minority and women entrepreneurs.

### Workforce Development

The City of Dublin sponsored the fall Dublin Talent Connect event the week of Oct. 30.

The event had:

- 1,656 candidates signed up
- 500 connections made
- 16 employers with at least one chat

The Economic Development team has received positive feedback from the business community expressing their appreciation for the City's sponsorship of the event to help promote resources and connections with talent in Central Ohio.

On Nov. 7, Economic Development Staff attended Amazon Web Services' Information Infrastructure Workshop, hosted by Tolles Career & Technical Center. This event brought together educators and economic development professionals to learn about internet infrastructure careers.

# Economic Development

## Strategic Initiatives

City Council adopted the Economic Development Strategy Oct. 23. Economic Development hosted a launch event in partnership with Planning Nov. 16 at The Exchange. This event showcased the new strategy and also provided an update on the Envision Dublin Community plan. In addition, updates to the City's Economic Development website that were recommended in the Plan were unveiled at the event. The event drew around 175 businesses partners and community members from Dublin and the Columbus Region. The Economic Development team has begun strategic plan implementation and will report on outcomes as they are completed.



## Dublin Community Improvement Corporation

In 2022, the Dublin CIC expanded its powers for the purpose of advancing, encouraging and promoting the economic, commercial, and civic development of the community. The next Dublin CIC meeting will be held Dec. 4 to consider four commercial façade improvement grant applications, establish a budget and a logo.



## The BETA District

The BETA District continued marketing activities aimed at brand awareness and business leads. Its LinkedIn page continues to see strong follower growth and earned more than 22,000 post impressions in November, up 154% from the previous month. The BETA District Economic Development Advisory Team met and updated its inquiry protocols. DriveOhio's connected vehicle research study, which includes Connected Dublin and Connected Marysville, added 35 participants for a total of 150 drivers testing connected vehicle technology in The BETA District. The next BETA District Council of Governments meeting is scheduled for Dec. 6, at which time several grant opportunities will be considered.

# Community Development

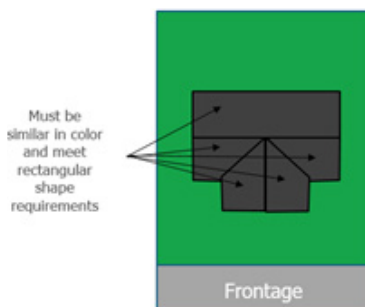
## Boards & Commission Activity

### Solar Code Changes

Since the adoption of regulations regarding renewable energy equipment for solar on June 12, Planning Staff received 25 applications for the installation of solar panels for residential properties and one application for a non-residential property. Planning and Building Standards is working collaboratively to review applications and ensure compliance with the adopted regulations, primarily focused on locational and aesthetic requirements. After several months of reviewing permits, it was identified that the aesthetic requirements incorporated into the update code have created significant challenges in the approval of solar installation and resulted in more permits denied than under the previous code. Staff provided an update to the Planning and Zoning Commission Nov. 9, 2023, and presented the challenges faced with the updated regulations. Staff requested feedback on whether the current regulations achieve what was intended or additional code modifications should be considered. Based on the Commission's feedback, staff has drafted an amendment to the Zoning Code for Council consideration that modifies the restrictions related to color and configuration. The first reading of the amendments occurred Nov. 27, the second reading is Dec. 11, when staff recommends approval.

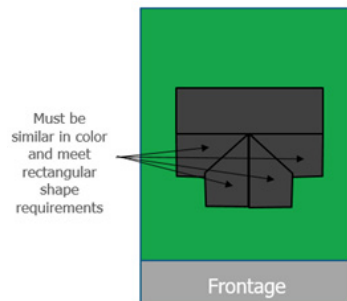
#### Current Code

Permitted: All elevations  
Color: Similar to roof color, all sides  
Shape: Rectangular, all sides



#### Proposed Amendment

Permitted: All elevations  
Color: Similar to roof color, front only  
Shape: Rectangular, front only



### Planning & Zoning Commission

Nov. 9

- [Towns on the Parkway, Section 3 Preliminary Plat](#)
- [Towns on the Parkway, Section 3 Final Plat](#)
- [Penzone Base One Amended Final Development Plan](#)
- [Historic District Code Update](#)

Dec. 7

- [The Overlook at Tartan Ridge](#)
- [Monterey Proposal](#)
- [Penzone Live/Work](#)

### Administrative Review Team

Nov. 9: canceled

Dec. 7

- [Sycamore Ridge Dog Park](#)

### Architectural Review Board

Nov. 15

- [Kne Residence Informal Review](#)
- [Tucci's Master Sign Plan](#)
- [16-22 N. High Street Informal Review](#)
- [119 S High Outbuilding Demolition](#)

Dec. 13

- [The Apothecary & Uncorked – Final Development Plan](#)
- [119 S. High St. Demolition](#)

### Board of Zoning Appeals

Nov. 16: canceled

Dec. 14

- [The Village at Inverness – ROW Improvements](#)



# Compliance & Enforcement

## Zoning & Code Compliance

### Daily Zoning Inspections

- 33 daily zoning inspections were performed in October. These daily inspections ensure compliance with zoning codes for completed construction projects including pool installations, decks, new homes and commercial additions.

### Routine Landscape Inspections

- 12 landscape inspections were performed in October. These inspections occurred within the Perimeter Center West and Riverside North districts with 10 of these sites found to be compliance. Letters were sent to two sites to address minor issues. Re-inspection has been scheduled for May 1, 2024.
- 28 follow-up inspections were performed in October. Many occurred on Tuttle Crossing Boulevard and Bradenton Avenue. As a result of inspections, 48 trees and 49 shrubs have been replaced on commercial sites.

## Code Enforcement

- October marks the end of the grass & weed enforcement period (by code from March 1 to Oct. 31). This year, the total number of cases was 157, comparable to 165 cases in 2022. Typically, about 75-80% of the cases are filed before the end of June. More than 95% of the cases are resolved by the homeowner within the period suggested by Code Enforcement in the initial non-compliance mailed letter, or by door tag notification.
- Vehicle Storage complaints (RVs/boats/trailers in driveways) are filed year-round but are more commonly submitted in the spring and fall as the owners transition from storage arrangements. RVs/boats can be on site for a limited period before and after use with notification. Visitors can store an RV in a driveway for 72 hours but cannot sleep in the vehicle.
- Code Enforcement Officers regularly participate in educational training classes to maintain Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector certification. Sessions are held quarterly through the Ohio Code Enforcement Officer Association and annually at the American Association of Code Enforcement conference.
- The absence of leaves on trees can lead to citizen calls and emails about possible violations that were unseen during the summer months. These are often about the storage of materials on a property or unpermitted construction of additions/structures. Our inspection standard is determined by what is visible from the right-of-way or in plain sight as we do not use drone or aerial imagery to find or issue violations. We do not walk all the way around a house unless it is vacant, and only then to ensure that it is secure, safe and compliant with our vacant structure ordinance.

# Building Standards

## Certificate of Occupancy

Forty-three Certificates of Occupancy were issued this month, including the following:

- The Theodore Building – 6640 Mooney Street
- Crosby Court Warehouse – 6777 Crosby Court
- Mango's Place Daycare – 5600 Rings Road
- Higher Ground Montessori – 6000 Memorial Drive



The Theodore Building



Crosby Court Warehouse

## Commercial and Residential Plan Review

Total plan review numbers have decreased this month by approximately 14% compared to September. The highest month this year was 134 plan reviews in May. Overall plan review numbers are expected to stay fairly steady as we move into fall/winter. The average is 107 plan reviews per month so far this calendar year.

## Plan Review Turnaround Times

Commercial plan reviews are generally consistent at a 10 +/- calendar day turnaround. The month of October was below that number at 9 days. Residential reviews are at a 5.77 calendar day turnaround this month. The numbers are significantly better than the target of 14 calendar days.

## New Building Permits Issued (Requiring Plan Review)

Building permits issued (requiring plan reviews) were the highest this month for the entire year, with 51 permits this month. Numbers can fluctuate +/- 10% each month. The monthly average, over the last 12-month period, is approximately 40 new building permits issued per month requiring plan reviews.

## Total Square Footage of Building Permits

February, September and October have been the highest months this year in terms of total square footage, totaling approximately 795,000 square feet. Square footage this month was one of the steadiest months at 55,887 square feet. The monthly average over the last 12 months is approximately 105,000 square feet per month. During the last 12-month period, the total square footage number for permits issued is approximately 1,250,000 square feet.

## Inspections

October numbers are solid (609) and are above average so far this year. October numbers for this year are 9% lower than last October's corresponding numbers.

# Transportation & Mobility

## Highlights

### Bird Scooters

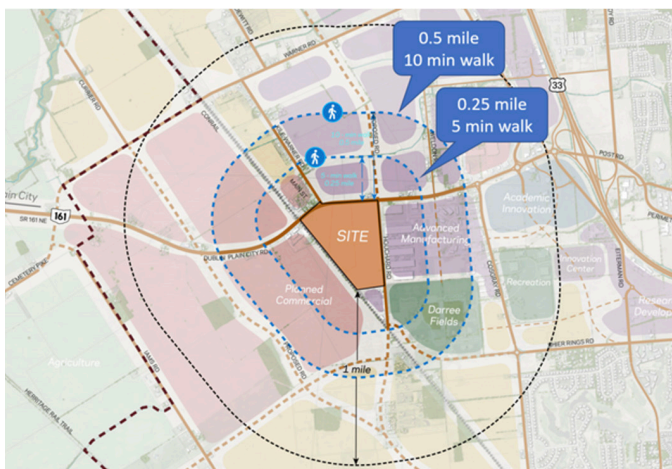
- 3,649 unique riders since January – 9% increase in October
- 6,701 rides since January – 9% increase in October
- 13,544 miles traveled on scooters since January – 9% increase in October
- 1.95 metric tonnes of CO2 saved since January – 8% increase in October

### Dublin Connector

- 10,033 rides since January
- 186 unique riders since January
- 9,470 pounds of CO2 emissions saved year to date
- View the [Dublin Connector Dashboard](#) and [Monthly Mobility Report](#).

### Grant Submissions

Transportation & Mobility Staff led the submission of a grant application for the Ohio Rail Development Commission Grade (ORDC) Crossing Elimination Program for the SR 161 railroad crossing near Kileville. The ORDC is seeking applications to identify projects in Ohio that have the best chance of competing for federal funds and assisting communities in developing competitive federal grant applications.



### Citywide Crash Data (vehicles and all vulnerable road users)

	Frequency	High Severity	Bike/Ped
YTD	489	6	9
September	53	0	1

There was one pedestrian-related crash in September at the Avery and Brand roads roundabout. The pedestrian was walking from north to south within the west roundabout crosswalk. An eastbound right-turning vehicle failed to yield to the pedestrian causing minor injury. No other vehicles were involved.



### Outreach Efforts

Director of Transportation & Mobility Jeannie Willis hosted the DriveOhio STEM Collaboration meeting with Dublin City Schools students at the Columbus Metropolitan Library – Dublin Branch and a tour of technology in and around Bridge Park. The student visit helped generate ideas for ways to improve transportation safety in our community using data and sensor technology.



# Public Service

## Highlights



### Horticulture & Forestry

- Staff members continued to plant trees, shrubs and perennials this month.
- Holiday decorations were installed at BriHi Square, including a small holiday tree.
- Staff members installed the holiday greenery in the Historic Dublin planters.



### Parks

- Winterization of water features, fountains and irrigation systems continued.
- Turf core aerating has started on the athletic fields.
- Two CEORA robotic mowers have been installed at Avery Park. Staff members will be working to fine tune the mowers and boundaries within the park this fall with full deployment in the spring of 2024.

### Streets

- Staff members are continuing with citywide leaf collection. An estimated 112 tons have been collected so far this year.

### Wildlife Management

At their Nov. 27 meeting, City Council approved Ordinance 47-23 to prohibit the feeding of wild animals or animals running at-large.



### Sustainability

- Styrofoam collection boxes: 3.19 tons of Styrofoam have been recycled so far in 2023.
- GoZero Composting: 42.57 tons of compost have been collected to date in 2023.
- Pumpkin Composting: 12,580 pounds of pumpkins have been diverted from the landfill this year.
- Across the City's 21 electric vehicle charging stations, 35,753 gallons of gas have been saved so far in 2023.
- For the first time, the City of Dublin hosted a drop-off location for election signs. 305 pounds of plastic, cloroplast, metal and paper were delivered to SWACO for recycling.



# Asset Management & Quality Assurance

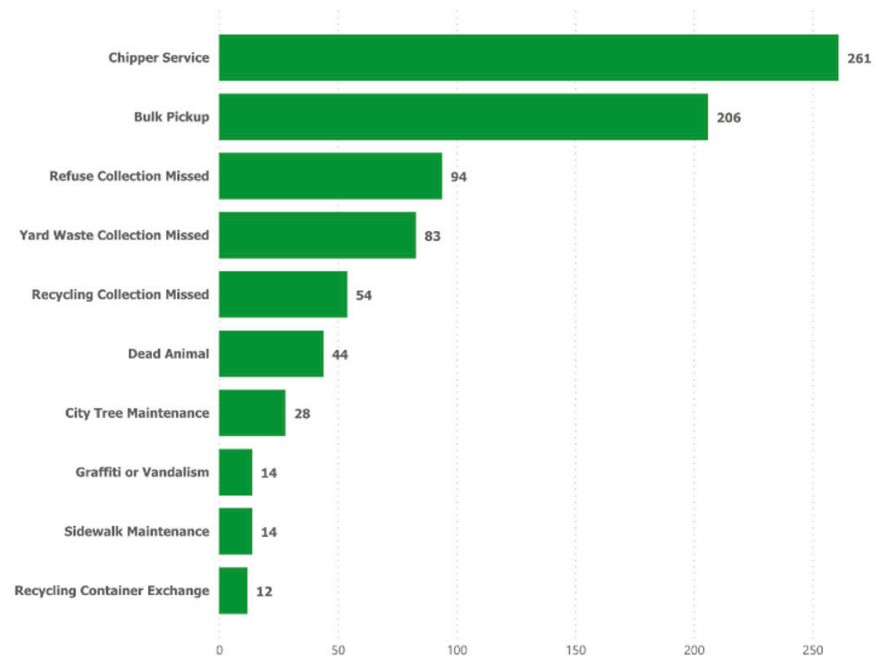
Year

2023

Month

October

## Top 10 Requests for Month



Total Requests

924

GoDublin Initiated

545

## GoDublin

- 924 requests were submitted in October, down from 1,225 in September.
- Of those requests, 545 (59%) were initiated through the GoDublin app.
- By comparison, there were 885 requests in October 2022.
- Top requests in October:
  - Chipping service
  - Bulk pickup
  - Refuse collection missed
  - Yard waste missed
  - Recycling collection missed
- City tree maintenance dropped out of the top five this month.
- Top 10 requests generally account for 80% of all requests per month.

[View the condition assessment for each of the city's assets.](#)

All of Dublin's assets are meeting or exceeding the established goals. The adopted five-year Capital Improvement Program provides funding for the continued focus on maintenance of all assets.



# Parks & Recreation

## Highlights

### DCRC Memberships: 7,554

- The Dublin Community Recreation Center membership is exceeding pre-COVID numbers. Memberships are stable.



### Emerald Fields Bike Pump Track

Construction on the new bike pump track at Emerald Fields Park is complete and the track is open for use. A ceremony celebrating one of the newest additions to Dublin parks is planned for May to coincide with National Bike Month.

### Adaptive Programming

Adaptive programming kicked off its seasonal preparation for “Holiday Adaptive Extravaganza.” The program is specifically designed to include individuals of all abilities. Rehearsals were held throughout November. Participants could choose and choreograph their own festive act, with the support of Adaptive and Abbey Theater Staff. This holiday extravaganza will culminate in a performance Dec. 10 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets to the performance are available to the public for \$5.

### Dublin Community Senior Citizens (DCSC)

In partnership with eight local sponsors, the DCSC Let’s Be Thankful Luncheon was held Monday, Nov. 13. Members gathered for entertainment and special thanks were given to veterans.

### DCRC Fitness Floor Updates

New fitness equipment has been delivered and the new rubber flooring on the fitness floor is in place, further expanding the free weight area. Upgrades have been made to the Pilates studio and Classroom C to improve the aesthetics and functionality of the spaces. Improvements to the stereo system in Studio 1 will be installed in the next few weeks.

### Winter Happenings

The Downtown Dublin Strategic Alliance, which is comprised of representatives from Visit Dublin, Crawford Hoving, the Historic Dublin Business Association, Dublin Arts Council, Chamber of Commerce and City staff members, partnered to coordinate a unified night to light up Downtown Dublin. Historic Dublin, Riverside Crossing Park and Bridge Park all turned on their holiday lights Nov. 16 to mark the unofficial start to the holiday season. The temporary ice rink opens Dec. 1 for its third season at Riverside Crossing Park. Visitors can enjoy skating together until mid-March. The remaining citywide holiday lights were lit Nov. 30 in coordination with the Holiday Tree Lighting event.



### Abbey Theater

“We Are Monsters” was presented Nov. 18-19. The Abbey welcomes Dublin Dance Center’s “The Nutcracker” for two performances Dec. 2. The Abbey rounds out 2023 with nine performances of “Elf, Jr.,” Dec. 8-17, which is based on the cherished holiday movie.

# Police & Safety

## Highlights

### Critical Incident & Major Crimes

- Officers Reeb and Gundelfinger identified and charged four juvenile suspects involved in a purse snatching robbery at Goodwill.
- The Community Impact Unit coordinated with Columbus Police to locate and arrest a felony domestic violence suspect who fled from a Dublin residence.

### Police Reports & Crime Trends

- Police shared crime prevention notices with Dublin auto dealers concerning trends in stolen vehicles from dealerships.
- Sergeant Kovacs and School Resource Officer Scott Brown identified and charged juvenile suspects involved in vandalism at Indian Run Falls Park and Veterans Park.
- Officer Robinson's traffic stop, and subsequent investigation, resulted in two teens safely returned to parents and an adult suspect charged with contributing to the delinquency of a child and drug offenses.

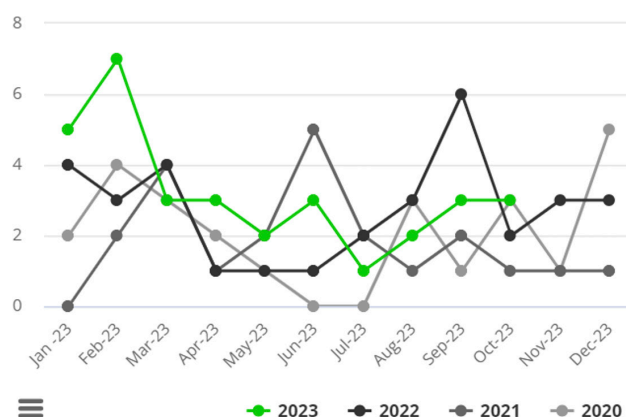


### Community Outreach & Engagement

- Citizens' Police Academy: 2023 class graduated Nov. 9.
- School Resource Officers Cochrun and Nicholson demonstrated drone unit capabilities for Tolles Tech students.
- Chief Paéz and Mayor Fox attended Turkish American Association of Central Ohio's 100th anniversary of the Republic of Turkey celebration.
- Police shared Safe Space Dublin overview at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for United Religion's Initiative 2023 Ohio regional conference.
- Look-ahead: Fill-A-Cruiser Holiday Toy Drive Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dublin Justice Center.

Statistics	2021 YTD	2022 YTD	2023 YTD
Part 1 Violent Crimes Reported	20	28	32
Theft Offenses	279	378	424
Thefts from Vehicles	135	205	196
Motor Vehicle Thefts	20	46	98
Burglaries/B&Es	39	31	42
Traffic Crashes	521	510	587
Serious Injury Crashes	9	13	11
OVI Related Crashes	23	13	18
OVI Arrests	86	72	150
Traffic Stops	5,036	4,069	6,086
Speeding Citations	1,355	413	1,177

Total Part 1 Violent Crimes Historically



### Safety Messaging

- Promoted free lock boxes: safe storage for firearms and medications available at Dublin Justice Center.
- Shared safety messaging in conjunction with Franklin County DUI Taskforce patrols.
- Self-defense class was held at Dublin Justice Center Nov. 8.

### Police Responses to Issues of Community Concern

- Speed Management: speed enforcement campaign on U.S. 33 eastbound with Ohio State Highway Patrol aviation unit Nov. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Drug Take Back event at Dublin Justice Center collected 78 pounds of unused medications from 56 people.



# Court Services - Highlights

- Received 201 traffic cases, eight operating a motor vehicle under the influence (OVI) cases and 10 criminal/code enforcement cases.
- Received two juvenile criminal diversion cases, three juvenile traffic diversion cases and 14 adult traffic diversion cases.
- Collected \$46,114 in fines and court costs.
- Collected \$230 in restitution for victims of crime.
- Diversion participants completed 51.5 hours of community service work.

# Human Resources

## Highlights



### Veteran Luncheon

In honor of Veterans Day and in appreciation for their dedication to our nation, the City held a lunch Nov. 9 to recognize and thank our 39 team members who are also military service veterans.

### New Hire Orientation

On Nov. 7, the City held a meet and greet event for six full-time staff members hired since Aug. 30. The group and our City Manager gathered to connect with new colleagues, learn more about Dublin and exchange insights to foster a stronger internal community.

### Culture Playbook Update

The Stakeholders team that includes employees at all levels reconvened Nov. 7 for the second half of the “R” Factor training. 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. The Stakeholder team approved the draft version of the Culture Playbook and the citywide rollout will occur at the City’s End of Year Celebration Dec. 7.

### 2023 Municipal Equality Index (MEI)

For the second consecutive year, The Human Rights Campaign has awarded the City of Dublin a perfect score of 100. This accolade underscores our unwavering commitment to inclusivity for LGBTQ+ individuals within our community, as reflected in our laws, policies and services.

### Recent Promotions

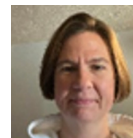


**Kris Harris**  
Communications  
Systems Specialist

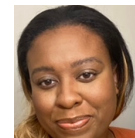


**Casey Kirk**  
Corporate Tax  
Auditor

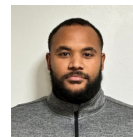
### Recent Hires



**Jamie DeCarlo**  
Recreation  
Program  
Supervisor



**Sharnae Snowden**  
Court Clerk



**Thomas Fuqua**  
Civil Engineer I

### Recruitment

- City Forester
- Civil Engineer II
- Civil Engineer I
- Communications Manager - NRECC
- Communications Technician - NRECC
- Engineering Technician I - Engineering
- Maintenance Worker – Engineering/Utilities
- Operations Administrator – Facilities Maintenance
- Operations Manager - NRECC
- Police Officer
- Recreation Program Coordinator – Aquatics
- Senior Civil Engineer – Engineering
- Tax Manager

# Outreach & Engagement

## Highlights



### Evening of Gratitude

Two hundred people came together at The Exchange at Bridge Park for an evening of camaraderie. Invitees included board and commission members and key leadership volunteers. Interactive stations reflecting our community's diversity included a henna station, an origami table and a limerick writer. Staff received numerous thank you acknowledgements, including:

- "It was a wonderful experience all around!" — Christine Sturmi
- "Your event was awesome! The food was delicious. Loved the slide show. I had my first henna application, which is lovely. The flowers were a perfect ending to a spectacular gathering! Don and I had a wonderful time. Thank you." — Ann King

### Leadership Dublin Day in the City

The City hosted 22 members of the Leadership Dublin Class of 2024 for a day. After a presentation and discussion on form of government and general finance overview, the class members met with numerous work units including Public Service, Transportation & Mobility, Planning, Economic Development, Communications & Public Information and more.

### Heritage Interpreter Season Wrap-up

Heritage Interpreters concluded their open house season at Ferris-Wright Park and Earthworks. They hosted 19 open houses and led educational tours for a total of 555 visitors. Winter study modules and planning for new team members will take place December 2023 through March 2024.

### New Nonprofit Presence in Dublin: Festa

Festa, a Hilliard-based nonprofit organization, has opened a new Dublin location, offering three-generation English as a Second Language courses. Open Monday and Wednesday evenings, Festa is located in Indian Run United Methodist Church and meets a growing need in the community and workforce for English as a Second Language training.



### Professional Presentations

Nature Education Coordinator Barbara Ray presented to statewide peers at the Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association Conference on regulations, capture, testing, restraint and exposure protocol of rabies vector species.

Director of Outreach & Engagement Christine Nardecchia presented to Central Ohio peers on staying ahead of trends in citizen engagement and the positioning of the volunteer management profession at the November session of the Volunteer Administrators Network of Central Ohio, hosted in Dublin Nov. 16.

# Communications & Public Information

## Highlights

### November's Communication Strategy

- The City of Dublin's communication goals include increasing meaningful engagement with all Dublin audiences, supporting the City's Strategic Framework, and educating the public about new initiatives and ongoing services.
- November's strategic topics included Election Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and shopping local.
- Review the results from [November's overall communications metrics](#) and [City Council's communications efforts](#). [Review the complete Contact City data here](#).

### Sustainable Dublin Communications

- Promoted pumpkin composting and election sign recycling.
- Continued the "Dublin's Backyard with Barbara" YouTube series with a video about birds, which followed videos on deer management and coyotes.
- Continued fall leaf collection communications.
- Promoted Small Business Saturday and shopping local.
- Communicated about Dublin services for America Recycles Day.

### Connected Dublin Communications

- Dublin Connector: rider stories
- Promoted public meeting for Economic Development Strategic Plan and Envision Dublin; refreshed the Economic Development website (ThriveInDublinOhio.com) with new home page and property search pages and provided other communications and marketing support for the rollout.
- Continued Slow Down Dublin speed management campaign to encourage safer driving.
- Why I Serve Video with Mayor Jane Fox, connecting people to their democracy
- Routine updates/public relations for Fiber to the Home, including announcing the involvement of Dublin company Expedient



### Link Ahead Podcast

- 15,543 listens (an increase of 875 listens since the September report)
- Topics included honoring Dublin veterans with Stephen Dickman and holiday happenings in Downtown Dublin

### Resilient Dublin Communications

- Promoted the Veterans Day event and new veterans card.
- Recognized the Citizens' Police Academy graduating class.
- Shared diverse community recognitions and events, including Diwali.
- Promoted Fill-A-Cruiser toy drive event.
- Communicated about automated external defibrillators (AED) in Dublin parks.
- Opening of seasonal ice rink at Riverside Crossing Park
- Tree Lighting

### December Lookahead

- Preparations for snow event/SnowGo communications
- End of fall leaf collection
- Rollout of the new "No Feeding Wildlife" ordinance with emphasis on oversized deer population



# Community Events

## Highlights

### Permitted Events

- Crawford Hoying hosted the annual Harvest Market event Nov. 11.
- The Flying Feather Four Miler served as a healthy kick-off for Thanksgiving Day.
- There were four permitted events in November, including two tier-2 events and two tier-1 events.

### Parks Shelters & Pavilions

- Reservations for park shelters and pavilions closed Nov. 1. These facilities can still be used throughout the winter months on a first-come, first-served basis. The reservation period opens again April 1. The total number of rentals was 1,200 compared to 1,240 from 2022. Revenue from rentals increased 2% from \$61,583 to \$62,665.



### Tree Lighting

- Dublin's Tree Lighting event returned to Coffman Park and was held Nov. 30.
- Activities at the event included dancers, choirs, games, letters to Santa and a visit with the big man himself.

### Veterans Day

- Veterans Day, a collaboration between the City and Wesley G. Davids Dublin Post 800 of the American Legion, was held outside this year on a beautiful Friday, Nov. 10.
- This year's keynote speaker was Lieutenant Colonel Carol Jaeger who served in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps for seven years and as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserves for 23 years.



# Legislative

## Update

### Election Updates

#### Issues 1 & 2 Results

Issue 1 (Reproductive Rights Proposed Constitutional Amendment) – PASSED 56.6%-43.4%

- Establish in the Ohio Constitution, an individual right to one's own reproductive medical treatment, including but not limited to abortion.
- Create legal protections for any person or entity that assists a person with receiving reproductive medical treatment, including but not limited to abortion.
- Prohibit the state from directly or indirectly burdening, penalizing or prohibiting abortion before an unborn child is determined to be viable, unless the state demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means.
- Despite the overwhelming passage of the issue, state lawmakers, including House Speaker Jason Stephens and Senate President Matt Huffman vowed to explore other means to repeal or replace the amendment.

Issue 2 (Legalize and Tax the Adult Use of Cannabis/Marijuana in State Law) – PASSED 57%-43%

- Legalize and regulate the cultivation, processing, sale, purchase, possession, home grow and use of cannabis/marijuana by adults at least 21 years of age.
- Provide for taxation of 10% on the sale of adult use cannabis by dispensaries in addition to usual sales taxes and require that all monies collected from the 10% will be distributed as follows:
  - 36% to the cannabis social equity and jobs fund
  - 36% to the host community cannabis facilities fund
  - 25% to the substance abuse and addiction fund; and
  - 3% to the division of cannabis control and tax commission fund
- The law will become effective 30 days after the election.
- Senate President Huffman - "The state may consider amending the statute to clarify the questionable language regarding THC and tax rates as well as other parts of the statute."
- House Speaker Jason Stephens noted that it's time to "lead on how best to allocate tax revenues while responsibly regulating the industry."

#### 2024 Filing Deadline

- Partisan candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. House, Ohio Senate and Ohio House are to file their petitions by Dec. 20, 2023.

#### 2024 Ohio Primary Election

- March 19, 2024

### Redistricting Ballot Initiative for 2024

#### Background

Referred to as the "Citizens not Politicians Amendment" and is being advanced by former GOP Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor and others.

The proposal would:

- Create a Citizens Redistricting Commission, comprised of five Democrats, five Republicans and five Independents, to take up mapmaking.
- Bar current and former politicians, candidates and lobbyists from serving on the new panel tasked with drawing district maps that "correspond closely to the statewide partisan preferences of the voters of Ohio."
- Establish a screening panel consisting of two retired Democratic judges and two retired Republican judges to review applicants for the redistricting commission. Appointment of the judicial panel would be overseen by the Ballot Board.
  - The screening panel would then seek a professional search firm to solicit applications for the redistricting commission, create a pool of 90 qualified applicants, interview the candidates and select 45 finalists – 15 Democrats, 15 Republicans and 15 Independents. Of those 45, six would be randomly selected to serve on the redistricting commission at a public meeting.
- The initial members of the group would fill out the remaining slots via majority vote at a subsequent public meeting.

#### Status of Ballot Initiative

- On Oct. 12, the Ohio Ballot Board unanimously found that the proposal constituted a single issue.
- On Oct. 25, Citizens not Politicians realized that the summary language included the wrong date for when congressional and state legislative plans must be finished. Because of this mistake, the group will need to collect another 1,000 signatures and resubmit the language to Ohio Attorney General David Yost's office for approval before they can move forward.

[View Tracked Legislation](#)

# Calendar

December 2023

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27 Dublin City Council	28	29	30 Tree Lighting	1	2 Fill-A-Cruiser
3	4	5	6 Dublin Community Recreation Center Refresh Engagement Meeting	7 Records Commission Planning & Zoning Commission	8	9
10	11 Dublin City Council	12 Community Services Advisory Commission	13 Architectural Review Board	14 Board of Zoning Appeals	15	16 Drug Take Back Event
17	18	19 Community Inclusion Advisory Committee	20	21 Chief's Advisory Committee	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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