

# Office of the City Manager Activities, Projects & Interactions

May 2024



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## Letter from the City Manager

As I write this letter, it is officially tournament time in Dublin! On May 30, the FORE! Miler kicked off the 49th playing of the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday. The world's best golfers are ready to compete June 3-9 at Muirfield Village Golf Club, and our city is ready to welcome them, along with tens of thousands of spectators and media from all over the world. Dublin is looking pristine, safety preparations are being finalized, and an abundance of events are planned for this important event that puts us in the global spotlight each year.

In addition to preparing for the Tournament, the Dublin team has been busy with several other community events. May began with our Sustainable Saturday event and the Dublin Chamber of Commerce's Community Service Day, which highlighted our community's spirit and commitment to sustainability and service. Experience Public Works Day was a huge success, taking the touch-a-truck concept to the next level and showcasing our Public Service team, their equipment and our valued partners.

Other notable events included the Bike Road-eo and dedication of the new Pump Track at Emerald Fields Park, which were two of the ways we celebrated bike month and our cherished Silver Level Bicycle Friendly Community status.

May also marked the graduation of the McDaniel Citizen U class. Participants took part in this nine-week immersive course in which they learned all about City operations. We are now recruiting for Citizen U Jumpstart, our summer program for high school students, and I encourage all interested students to apply.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Police Memorial Service, a solemn event that honored law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The community also honored members of the U.S. military who died serving our country at the annual Memorial Day procession and ceremony.

On May 8, we welcomed nearly 150 new United States citizens from dozens of countries in a naturalization ceremony. The City of Dublin was honored to host a special session of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio at the Abbey Theater, where 147 individuals who took the Oath of Allegiance. This inspiring ceremony showcases Dublin's dedication to being a diverse and inclusive city.



In the spirit of continuous improvement, we are making significant progress in our efforts to streamline the development processes. I want to thank Council for designating representatives to participate in these facilitated process improvement sessions. Their insights are helping to enhance our procedures and improve efficiency.

Several City representatives, including council members and staff, participated in a focus group convened by Dublin City Schools to gain public feedback on how to best handle growing enrollment. The District is exploring options, with projections indicating an increase of nearly 2,200 students in grades 9-12 over the next decade.

Regionally, we saw progress in the transformational transportation and infrastructure initiative known as LinkUS. The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) Board approved ballot language, and the issue will be on the ballot this November.

As we head into the busy summer months, I want to express my gratitude to each of you for your contributions to making Dublin an exceptional community. Together, we will continue to uphold our city's standard of excellence, service and hospitality.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan O'Callaghan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Megan O'Callaghan  
City Manager

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Denotes innovative initiatives.

# 2023/2024 City Council Goals

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

**Status:** Construction has begun in the Tara Hill/Downpartrick/Coffman Reserve/Forest Run and the Post Preserve Boulevard areas. altafiber's first round of permits have been approved by Engineering and the next round is being reviewed. 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. The website has had 4,950+ project page views, 2,000+ residents have signed up for updates and a total of 1,071 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 tentatively scheduled for July 1.

## 3 Strengthen the Stewardship and Vitality of our Historic District Core

**Status:** Staff members provided an update on the status of the goal to City Council at their retreat April 5, with the overall outcome that this goal has been substantially achieved with the work completed and in progress. Staff presented the recommended approach for the phase two amendments to the Code and Guidelines to the Architectural Review Board at a special meeting April 17 and are working on draft language for the Board's review in June.

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

**Status:** A selection committee met May 14 to review the five responses received for the Holiday Market Feasibility Study Request for Proposal (RFP) and a shortlist of respondents. The two shortlisted respondents participated in virtual interviews May 23. A separate selection committee comprised of stakeholders from the City of Dublin, Visit Dublin Ohio and the Downtown Strategic Alliance met May 9 to review the four responses to the RFP for potential firms to partner to develop an events program and management roadmap. The two shortlisted respondents participated in in-person interviews May 30. In collaboration with the Downtown Dublin Strategic Alliance, staff members have also developed a plan for activating Riverside Crossing Park with various smaller-scale events and activities this summer. Details will be shared at the June 3 City Council meeting.

# Key Project Updates

PROJECT	STATUS
<b>ADA Park Evaluation and Transition Plan</b>	<p>As required by the Parks and Recreation Department CAPRA Accreditation best practices, the City has initiated the 2024 ADA Self-Assessment and Transition Plan process for all of the City’s parks and amenities. This important process ensures the identification and removal of barriers associated with access to various programs, policies and activities, which include physical assets, services and methods of communication. In January 2024, the City entered into a contract with Altura Solutions which specializes in these assessments and plan development for several other municipalities across the country. Following a kick-off meeting in February, Altura representatives conducted interviews with key staff and have completed approximately 33% of park facility assessments. These assessments are scheduled to be 100% complete by July. The first public engagement session is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25 and an online survey will be initiated to seek additional input from the community. As reports and results are received, staff members will present the findings to City Council at various stages of the process, with the adoption of the final plan by City Council. The completion of the plan will include a report on the assessments and provide a transition plan to remove any barriers necessary. The project is to be completed in Q4 2024.</p>
<b>Bright Road Corridor Improvements and the Emerald Parkway/ Mount Carmel Roundabout</b>	<p>Construction began May 6 on both projects. Emerald Parkway roundabout construction has shifted traffic to the east and construction of the western half of the roundabout has commenced. Clearing and grubbing, temporary traffic signal installation and utility relocation is under way along Bright Road and Sawmill Road. Emerald Parkway traffic has shifted into one lane each for northbound and southbound traffic. Two-way traffic is being maintained via flaggers on Bright Road during intermittent daytime lane closures. 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.</p>
<b>COhatch Headquarters</b>	<p>Regular meetings between the COhatch and City teams and consultants are ongoing to ensure coordination with the surrounding street improvements and Riverside Crossing Park. A traffic study is nearing completion, while street network concepts and utility planning are in the early design stages with an expected early July completion date. Applications for rezoning and preliminary development plans for the COhatch project are expected to be submitted in August for consideration by the Architectural Review Board in September (with subsequent reviews by the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council). Final Development Plan approval is anticipated in November or December, consistent with the Development Agreement. .</p>
<b>Community Gateway Signs</b>	<p>The Community Development Committee reviewed concepts provided by the consultant and requested the consultant develop mock-ups of the sign aesthetic elements. The CDC recommended the concepts be brought back to City Council with their feedback included. Staff members anticipate bringing this topic back to City Council in the coming months once the mock-ups are available.</p>
<b>Community Health Needs Assessment</b>	<p>City Staff has identified members for the working groups that will address the four priority health needs as determined by the Advisory Committee and the CHNA report. These four working groups will focus 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 groups will meet two to three more times to develop strategies and action steps to address the priority areas. The CHNA draft report was presented to City Council May 20. The final report is expected to be reviewed again by Council in Q3 2024 for approval.</p>
<b>Envision Dublin Community Plan Update</b>	<p>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 will proceed to Council and is tentatively scheduled for a first reading June 17 and adoption July 1.</p>

# Key Project Updates (Continued)

PROJECT	STATUS
<b>EV Infrastructure Comprehensive Plan</b>	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. Staff members met with the consultant team April 15 and provided comments. The consultant is currently working to address those comments. A revised report is expected to be submitted to the City this summer. Staff members plan to present the draft report to City Council for review and adoption in Q3 2024.
<b>Dublin Community Recreation Center Refresh</b>	The DCRC Refresh continues to progress through phase three. Staff members presented the project to City Council May 6. Council referred the funding plan for this project to the Finance Committee for review June 11. MSA Design will continue to work on phasing recommendations in collaboration with City staff members.
<b>City of Columbus Fourth Water Plant - Transmission Main</b>	Columbus held an Advisory Committee meeting with Staff of impacted jurisdictions May 8. Columbus Staff and their consultant team briefed Council on the alignment study process at the May 20 City Council meeting. They also indicated they are planning a public meeting in late June in Dublin. Columbus Staff shared that final design will begin this summer, with construction planned to start in 2027 and end in 2030. (Columbus is still working on the construction schedule.) Dublin staff members are reviewing Dublin's five-year Capital Improvements Program to identify opportunities to leverage and coordinate infrastructure improvements.
<b>Curbside Management Plan for Bridge Park &amp; Historic Dublin</b>	Staff members are working on a proposal with Fybr to place sensors detecting occupancy, duration and double-parking violations along North High Street. Efforts are being coordinated with DublinPolice. Staff is also working with 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 in Bridge Park to improve curbside operations and reduce double parking conflicts. Staff members are using data from Automotus, a technology parking company included as a partner in the pilot project phase of the Curbside Management Plan, to analyze parking behaviors and durations to determine 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.
<b>Dublin Sustainability Plan</b>	The Plan was reviewed by the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio. All recommended changes from SWACO were reviewed and incorporated into the Plan. The final draft of the plan will be reviewed by City Council at the June 3 meeting.
<b>Post Road Interchange Construction</b>	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 is expected to be complete by June 2025. The westbound ramp of Post Road/S.R. 161 to U.S. 33 eastbound is closed through spring 2024. Traffic will use the Eiterman Road roundabout to access the U.S. 33 eastbound ramp. The new alignment of the U.S. 33 eastbound ramp to Post Road/S.R. 161 eastbound has opened. Traffic will permanently use the Eiterman Road roundabout to access Post Road/S.R. 161 eastbound. The Hyland-Croy intersection will remain right-in, right-out only until late 2024. The Post Preserve Boulevard intersection has been permanently converted to right-in, right-out.
<b>Riverside Crossing Park Master Plan</b>	The consultants and staff members met at the west bank of the river to discuss potential concepts based on the layout and input received from the Parks and Recreation Master Plan process. An update on this project and initial concepts were presented to City Council at the May 6 meeting. Updates are being made based on Council's feedback and a public meeting date is scheduled for June 27. A survey will begin once the City receives the updated renderings from the consultant. Staff members are targeting completion in Q1 2025.
<b>The Emerald Connector (Tuller Road/Emerald Parkway Over 270 Crossing)</b>	Demolition of the structure at 4130 Tuller Road was completed in May. Grading and seeding is underway. The consultant team is working on developing a grant application for TRAC and MORPC attributable funds and is coordinating with ODOT and the City of Columbus. Survey letters were sent to property owners and the consultant is preparing the 30% design submission for August. A public engagement plan is being developed.

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

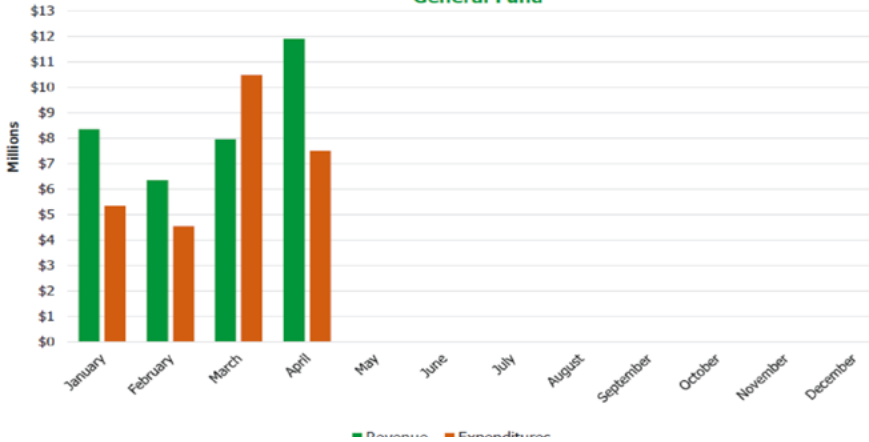
# Finance

## Highlights

### General Fund Information

Total GF Revenue: \$34,517,631  
 Total GF Expenditures: \$27,839,348

2024 Revenue vs. Expenditures  
 General Fund



### Highlights

General Fund Cash Balance: \$74,979,003

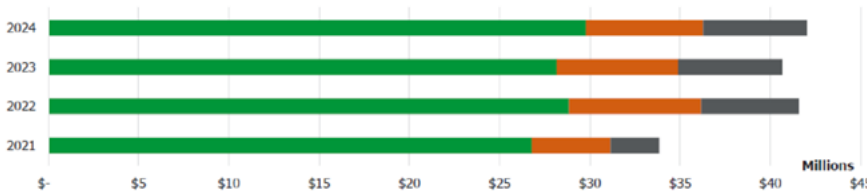
- 71.5% of actual expenditures
- \$22,581,343 in excess of 50% reserve level

Income Tax revenue was 3.3% above 2024 YTD levels, or \$1,361,762

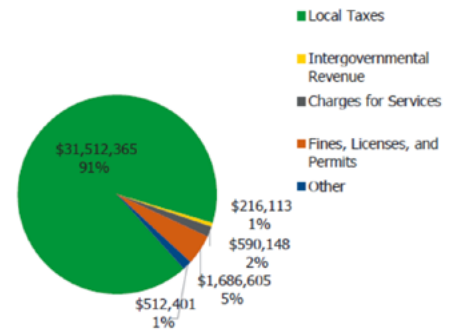
- Receipts are 4.9% or \$1,975,385 ahead of budget
- Comparing YTD April 2023 versus April 2024:
  - Withholding increased 5.77%
  - Net profit revenue increased -3.72%
  - Individual revenue increased -.18%

### Income Tax Collections

As of April 30, 2024, YTD income tax receipts totaled \$42,016,487, an increase of 3.3% over the same time in 2023. The 2024 budgeted income tax revenue is \$106,000,000.

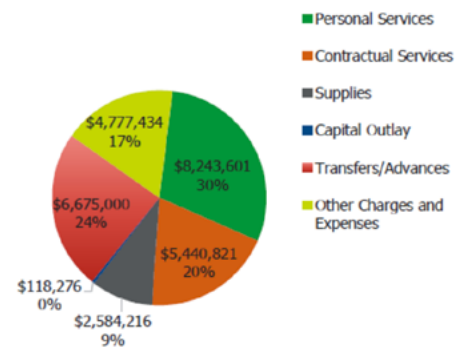


### General Fund Revenue (by type) \$34,517,631



	2021	2022	2023	2024
Withholding	\$ 26,804,634	\$ 28,839,440	\$ 28,157,584	\$ 29,780,931
Net Profit	\$ 4,338,777	\$ 7,327,419	\$ 6,741,758	\$ 6,490,762
Individual	\$ 2,691,497	\$ 5,425,450	\$ 5,755,383	\$ 5,744,794
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 33,834,908</b>	<b>\$ 41,592,308</b>	<b>\$ 40,654,725</b>	<b>\$ 42,016,487</b>

### General Fund Expenses (by type) \$27,839,348



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

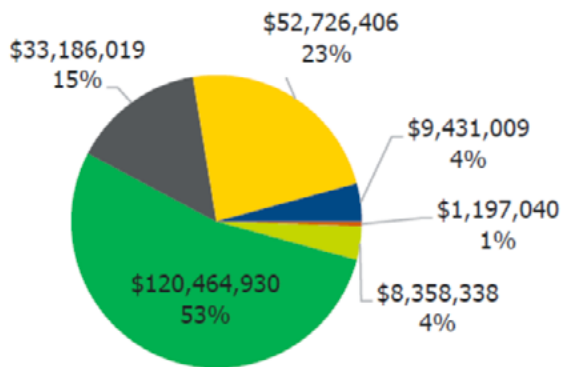
# Finance Update

## Fund Balance as of April 30, 2024

Fund	Month End Cash Balance	Fund	Month End Cash Balance	Fund	Month End Cash Balance
101 - General Fund	\$74,979,003	419 - TIF Thomas/Kohler	\$3,547,579	462 - TIF Nestle	\$270,845
201 - Street Maintenance and Repair	\$1,945,848	421 - TIF McKittrick Project	\$1,278,926	463 - TIF Bridge Park Blocks B & C	\$2,987,271
202 - State Highway	\$566,099	425 - TIF Perimeter Center	\$2,125,455	464 - TIF Innovation	\$454,406
225 - Recreation	\$3,552,579	426 - TIF Rings Road	\$935,715	465 - TIF Riviera	\$796,629
226 - Pool	\$572,129	431 - TIF Perimeter West	\$1,605,845	466 - TIF Penzone	\$353,539
231 - Permissive Tax	\$139,253	432 - TIF Upper Metro Place	\$1,353,541	467 - TIF H2 Hotel	\$551,674
232 - Hotel/Motel Tax	\$2,672,381	433 - TIF Rings/Frantz	\$1,551,006	468 - TIF Bridge Park Block Z	\$426
241 - Safety	\$5,632,823	436 - TIF Historic Dublin Parking	\$78,354	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	\$1,795,031
251 - Enforcement and Education	\$78,575	443 - TIF Tartan West	\$977,005	610 - Water	\$12,917,119
252 - Mayors Court Computer	\$40,070	444 - TIF Shamrock Blvd.	\$157,830	612 - Water Construction	\$716,649
261 - Cemetery	\$152,685	446 - TIF River Ridge	\$820,822	620 - Sewer	\$7,695,522
262 - Accrued Leave Reserves	\$801,490	447 - TIF Lifetime Fitness	\$623,818	623 - Sewer Construction	\$1,864,081
263 - Rings Unitrust	\$1,000,000	449 - TIF Irelan Place	\$26,246	701 - Self Insurance - Employee Bens	\$5,462,102
267 - OPIOID RELIEF FUND	\$48,060	450 - TIF Shier Rings Road	\$70,661	703 - Self Insurance - Workers Comp	\$254,148
299 - Occupancy Deposits	\$248,500	451 - TIF Shamrock Crossing	\$368,869	803 - Unclaimed Monies	\$145,991
310 - General Debt Service	\$1,944,665	452 - TIF Bridge and High Street	\$347,583	804 - Visit Dublin Ohio	\$32,324
311 - Econ Development Bond Retirmt	\$777,234	453 - TIF Dublin Methodist Hospital	\$1,257,883	805 - Agency	\$3,625
320 - S.A. Debt Service	\$20,938	454 - TIF Kroger Centre	\$1,555,416	807 - C.O.I.R.S.	\$409,468
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	\$54,745,000	456 - TIF Delta Energy	\$53	821 - Building Standards Surcharges	\$3,869
402 - Parkland Acquisition	\$5,464,024	457 - TIF Bridge Street	\$486,709	822 - Columbus Sewer Capacity	\$66,968
404 - Capital Improvement Constructi	\$3,237,203	458 - TIF Vrible	\$654,687	823 - New Community Authority	\$13,015
412 - TIF Woerner-Temple	\$223,826	459 - TIF West Innovation	\$6,977,492	831 - Law Enforcement Custodial Fund	\$411,830
415 - TIF Ruscelli	\$1,059,870	460 - TIF Ohio University	\$13,844	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$229,692,004</b>
416 - TIF Pizzuti	\$369,296	461 - TIF Tuller	\$4,078,940		

## Investment System Summary as of April 30, 2024

Total market value: \$225,363,742



- Cash Equivalent/Short Term
- Cash Equivalents/Commercial Paper
- US Treasuries and Agency Obligations
- Corporate Obligations
- Star Ohio
- U.S. Bank - City Operating Account (+Sweep)

## Statewide and Federal Grant Funding Opportunities

Transportation and Mobility, in collaboration with Finance, applied for a \$4,000 grant to the Dublin-Worthington Rotary IMPACT Club for the procurement of eBike charging equipment and bike racks to be placed on Mill Lane in support of the Mobility Boulevard.

Grants/Funding Opportunities submitted in 2024: 15  
Grants/Funding Opportunities awarded in 2024: 1 for a total of \$32,843

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



# Economic Development

## Highlights

### Business Retention & Expansion

Economic Development completed over 40 business retention visits with existing businesses in 2024. These visits are critical to supporting our existing businesses and maintaining our development momentum. We look forward to meeting with your Dublin-based company soon! You can also request a meeting with the Economic Development Team at your convenience.



City Manager Megan O'Callaghan named a Woman of Influence by Columbus Business First

### JobsOhio/One Columbus Leads

Economic Development continues to work through the SiteOhio certification program administered by JobsOhio. A site visit has been rescheduled for early June and is a necessary step before certification by the State of Ohio as shovel-ready for development.



Jeremiah Gracia named in Columbus Business First's Power 125



Cenovus, a subsidiary of a Canada-based energy company is looking to move its Dublin regional headquarters to Bridge Park

### Company News

- [Cenovus Energy subsidiary eyes Bridge Park for Dublin regional headquarters](#)
- [Mount Carmel Health's new CEO is the first Black woman to hold the role](#)
- [Dublin Talent Connect Event Seeks to Connect Job Seekers with Employers](#)
- [Dublin Economic Director named to The Power 125 most influential people in Central Ohio](#)

# Economic Development



Jeremiah Gracia and Jenny Rauch present to CREW Columbus

## Events

- April 29-May 2: Ohio Economic Development Basic Course – Economic Development Administrator Jenna Goehring spoke on the Community Development panel and Economic Development Administrator Luke Fleming attended the full event
- May 2: CREW Columbus – Director of Economic Development Jeremiah Gracia and Director of Community Planning & Development Jenny Rauch presented on Envision Dublin and Economic Development Strategic Plan
- May 3: Mid-Ohio Development Exchange (MODE) Program on Tax Increment Financing (TIF)
- May 15: Dublin Chamber Women in Business Luncheon
- May 16: Central Ohio IT Leaders presentation on the Economic Development Strategic Plan
- May 16: BMI FCU Partner Appreciation Luncheon
- May 20-24: Dublin Talent Connect Event
- May 21: Development Opportunity Forum 2024 by the Montrose Group
- May 22: Japan America Society of Central Ohio (JASCO) Economic Forecast Event - A Look Forward for Manufacturers



The Dublin CIC's next meeting will take place in June where the CIC will review the first draft of the Strategic Plan drafted by Montrose Group. 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. While the "Do" or "Action" phase identified the objectives and strategies to achieve the goal of the CIC.



In early May, the NW 33 Innovation Corridor Council of Governments (COG) submitted a \$35 million grant application through Ohio Department of Development's Innovation Hub program. This initiative aims to further and enhance Ohio as a national leader in automotive and innovation by fostering world-class research and industry-aligned platforms that leverage the state's strong industrial and research base to create new job and business opportunities. The project's mission is to serve as an incubator, commercialize advanced automotive technologies, and deliver robust workforce development initiatives to the local community. The objective is to create a state-of-the-art collaborative environment that will spearhead innovations in connected vehicles; vehicle-to-everything; fleet and logistics management; telecommunications; electrification; and associated technologies, including the development of necessary infrastructure for connected vehicle communications. In partnership with leading technology firms and academic institutions, the project will cultivate a skilled workforce ready to propel technological advancement in Ohio and specifically along the Beta District.

# Community Development

## Boards & Commissions Activity



### Development Review Process

In furtherance of the Economic Development Strategy, the City of Dublin is undertaking a comprehensive review of the development review process. An initial workshop including members of City Council, Boards and Commissions, developers, design professionals and staff took place May 10 where the group provided feedback about the current review process, what is working well, opportunities for improvements, and benchmarking examples. Staff members then conducted a detailed analysis of the review process from project idea through constructions and identified short- and long-term opportunities for improvement. The feedback from this initial session will be used to define a detailed plan of action and steps to improve the review process which will take be developed over the next few months.

### Boards & Commissions Activity

The Planning and Zoning Commission heard three cases in May and unanimously recommended approval of the Envision Dublin Community Plan to City Council. The Community Plan is now scheduled to go to City Council for first reading on June 17. Additionally, The Bailey, located in Bridge Park's Block F, received approval with conditions for their master sign plan. [Find a list of the May caseload and upcoming cases here.](#)

The Architectural Review Board heard seven cases in May. [Find a list of the May caseload and upcoming cases here.](#)

The Board of Zoning Appeals heard three variance requests. One of which was for a pool, and the others pertained to setback and building footprint conditions in the Historic District. [Find a list of the May caseload and upcoming cases here.](#)

The Administrative Review Team did not meet in May. [Find a list of the May caseload and upcoming cases here.](#)

### Regional Items of Interest

In May, the Logan-Union-Champaign Regional Planning Commission reviewed four plats, a zoning text amendment and a parcel amendment. The Courtyards of Hyland Meadows is a 64-single-family residential lot proposal between Hyland-Croy Road and Ewing Road. It was denied, although conditions to incorporate Staff and reviewing agency comments may have been accomplished on final plat mylar by the May 29 LUC meeting, the Engineer's Office indicated there is not current, adequate right-of-way available for the split to occur. If the applicant wishes to table this application until the June 2024 LUC meeting, a request to table is needed. The Jerome Township parcel amendment was denied. The general concept is close to or within the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan, however, the extent of modifications LUC Staff recommended to the Zoning Text is significant. The recommendation is based on requirements in the Jerome Township zoning resolution and the Township Comprehensive Plan (2008).

The Delaware Regional Planning Commission (DRPC) voted to approve two final plats in Liberty Township. They also considered a preliminary plat in Berlin Township. One of the final plats approved was for 38 residential lots at Liberty Grand Road and Steitz Road. The second was for 67 residential lots at Hyatts Road, east of US 23. The consideration of a preliminary plat applied to 350-residential lots at Hollenback and South Old State Roads.

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



City staff members and the Metro Center Revitalization consultant team reviewed three implementation scenarios at the May 13 City Council work session. A preferred scenario was identified by Council.

# Compliance & Enforcement

## Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement is responsible for ensuring compliance with a broad range of public health and safety regulations, including property maintenance and condition issues; zoning violations; public safety; vehicle storage restrictions; illegal signage; and public nuisance complaints, as well as monitoring many other City Code violations. Code Enforcement officers regularly participate in educational training classes to maintain property maintenance and housing inspector certifications. Sessions are held quarterly through the Ohio Code Enforcement Officer Association (OCEOA) and annually at the American Association of Code Enforcement (AACE) conference. Additionally, a 15-hour online training is available through Code Enforcement Officer Safety Foundation (CEOSF) to receive a Safety Specialist designation.

## Ongoing Projects

An April review of primary retail shopping centers was completed to ensure compliance with City sign codes and sign standards, alongside the property-specific development sign codes that applied to each. The team worked with property managers and individual store owners or managers, to bring our retail destinations into compliance. The result is a more consistent appearance when observing the sites from parking areas and at the entrances to various shops. The overall condition of the parking areas was another component of the review. Property owners are expected to make timely repairs to potholes and general asphalt damage from the winter months, as well as ensure regular sealing and striping of the lot. Trees in the islands are replaced as needed to maintain the original landscape plans.

## Zoning & Code Compliance

### Daily Zoning Inspections

Thirty daily zoning inspections were performed in April. 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 exterior alterations at 35 North High Street and minor modifications at 6544 Longshore Street.

### Routine Landscape Inspections

Seven landscape inspections were performed in April. Landscape inspections identify missing, dead or dying plant material as well as other zoning code violations.

Ten follow-up inspections were also scheduled for April 23. New trees were planted to replace missing, dead or dying ones as a result of these inspections.

### Certificate of Zoning Plan Approval (CZPA)

Twenty-five CZPA inspections were performed in April to confirm compliance with approved CZPA permits.

# Building Standards

## Certificate of Occupancy

Thirty-seven Certificates of Occupancy (C of O) were issued this month.

## Inspections

April numbers were 585 completed, which is right on average for the last 12-month period. Our April numbers for this year, are 5% higher than last April's corresponding numbers, a slight increase year over year. In 2023, we completed 7,000 building inspections.

## Commercial and Residential Plan Review

Total plan review numbers were normal in April at 79. Our highest month this past year was May 2023 with 134 plan reviews. Overall plan review numbers are expected to increase as we move into summer. We are averaging approximately 95 plan reviews per month over the last 12 months.

## New Building Permits Issued

Building permits issued numbers (that required plan review) are at 68 permits in April. That is our highest monthly number in over two years. Numbers can regularly fluctuate +/- 10% each month. The monthly average, over the last 12-month period, is approximately 42 new building permits issued per month (that required plan review), so we were considerably above average in April.

# Transportation & Mobility

## Highlights

### Speed Management

Transportation & Mobility is collaborating with Dublin Police to summarize metrics for the new 25 mph speed limit along Riverside Drive. Since the change was made, officers in Dublin have made about 800 stops and have written 375 citations since Nov. 6. Sgt. Gatterdam was featured May 8 in a 10TV News feature segment highlighting Dublin’s efforts towards speed management.

The dashboard, which displays fatal and serious injury crashes, monthly speeding citations issued and total monthly traffic stops can be viewed here. [View the dashboard.](#)

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

	Frequency	High Severity	Bike Ped
2024 Year-to-Date	155	4	2
March	39	1	0

March Fatal and Serious Injury or Vulnerable Road User Crashes:

- A driver heading north on Avery Road tried to turn left onto Shier Rings Road, but didn’t yield to a southbound vehicle, leading to a head-on collision. The impact caused the northbound vehicle to spin and hit a third vehicle stopped at a red light, resulting in a serious injury.

### Shared Use Path Signing and Striping Standards Update

The review of shared use path signing/striping standards is included in the 2024 Transportation & Mobility general task order contract. The current policy was shared with the consultant, Strand Associates Inc., to evaluate and use as a starting point. The study is scheduled to begin this spring with a projected completion by year-end. Recommendations from the study will be included for physical updates.

[View the Dublin Connector Dashboard](#)

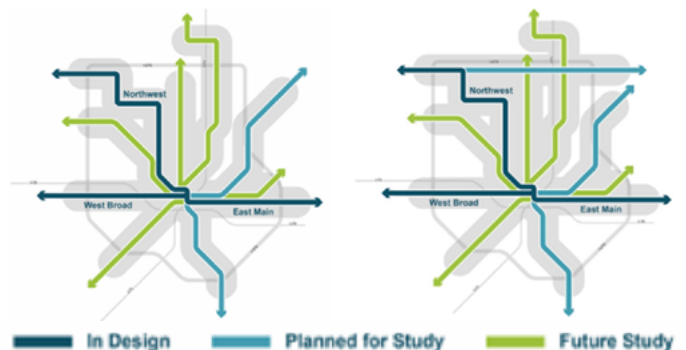
[May Mobility Report](#)

### Traffic Operations

Continuing the City’s commitment to deploy innovative technologies, Transportation & Mobility implemented Miovision video detection at Riverside Drive and Emerald Parkway. This detection system is new to Dublin and provides analytics, signal performance measures, volume by mode data and more. This data will help inform decisions to make this intersection safer and more efficient for all road users.

### LinkUS

The LinkUS Rapid Transit Vision map now includes the Northern East-West Workforce Connector, funded by a \$1.26 million grant from ODOT’s Ohio Transit Partnership Program. This connector aims to improve transit for workers between Dublin and the new Intel development in Licking County. Unlike traditional hub and spoke models, it focuses on linking suburban job centers like Dublin Methodist Hospital, Bridge Street District, Easton Town Center, Morse Road corridor and the New Albany International Business Park, including Intel. The goal is to assess transit needs, program outputs and cost benefits for the fast-growing job market in northern Central Ohio. The Transit Supportive Infrastructure Leadership Committee, chaired by City Manager Megan O’Callaghan, recently approved the Policies for the Administration of the LinkUs Transit Supportive Infrastructure Program. The COTA Board unanimously approved language to place the levy on the Nov. 5 ballot to create a dedicated funding stream for LinkUs.



The original LinkUS Rapid Transit Vision is on the left and the updated version with the Northern East-West Workforce Connector on the right.

# Public Service

## Highlights



### Memorial Tournament Preparation

Staff members performed berm cleaning operations on the U.S. 33 East and I-270 interchange ramps. Concrete island and brick paver washing was completed on Sawmill Road, Muirfield Drive and Emerald Parkway. Staff members assisted with ornament sign installation. Mulching and landscaping preparations were completed at Riverside Crossing Park, along Muirfield Drive at Indian Run Meadows Park, Scottish Corners Park, Dublinshire Park and along Brand Road at Bristol Park. Tree pruning was completed on Muirfield Drive in Muirfield.

### Horticulture & Forestry

- Staff members planted 178 street trees this spring.
- The Dublin Cemetery was mulched, and summer annuals were installed.
- Staff members started Emerald Ash Bore treatments. Five hundred sixty-eight ash trees are scheduled to be treated this year.
- Contractual large street tree pruning has begun in non-residential areas.
- Informal Q&A sessions were held with both Donegal Cliffs and Amberleigh neighborhoods on landscaping education and tips.

### Streets

- Staff performed multiple concrete curb and sidewalk panel repairs, along with pouring a new compressed natural gas pump station pad, at the Fleet building.
- Additional ADA mats were replaced at Coffman Road, Hospital Drive and Perimeter Drive.

### Parks

- Staff members performed the start-up operations to the Ballantrae Splash Pad and Riverside Crossing Fountain.
- Staff members prepared the Dublin Cemetery and the Grounds of Remembrance for Memorial Day ceremonies.
- Fence repairs were completed at Mt. Zion Cemetery, South Pool and Bishops Run Park.
- Baseball fields were prepped at Avery Park, Darree Fields and Emerald Fields for Memorial Day Weekend baseball tournaments.

### Sustainability

- Styrofoam collection boxes: To date in 2024, 3,276 pounds of Styrofoam have been diverted from the landfill.
- GoZero Composting: 18.1 tons of compost have been collected so far in 2024.
- Across the City's 21 electric vehicle charging stations, 24,328 gallons of gas have been saved to date in 2024. This equates to a greenhouse gas savings of 146,554 kilograms.
- The Sustainable Saturday event took place May 4. Crew members assisted more than 1,300 cars through the event, which included e-waste collection, composting, Styrofoam collection, prescription drug take-back, textile recycling, document destruction and household hazardous waste disposal. Staff members are finalizing the tonnages of material diverted.



### Experience Public Works Day

- Public Service staff members kicked off National Public Works Week by hosting Experience Public Works Day at the Service Center May 18. More than 700 guests had a “truckload” of fun getting to see the trucks and equipment used by the City and its partners to keep Dublin a sustainable, safe and resilient city.

# Asset Management & Quality Assurance

## GoDublin

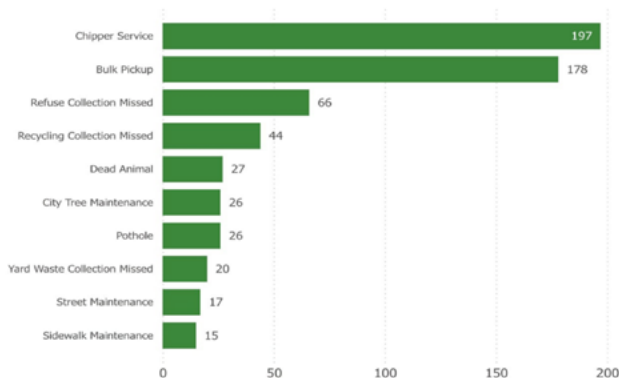
April saw 1,210 requests submitted for the month, an increase from 749 last month. Of those requests, 706 (58%) were initiated through the GoDublin app. By comparison, there were 1,169 requests in April 2023. Top requests last month:

- Chipper service
- Bulk pickup
- Refuse collection missed
- Yard waste collection missed
- Recycling collection missed

Chipper service remained the top request in April. 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



Before



After

## Inspections/Maintenance Work

- The concrete sidewalk-lifting pilot program was successfully completed. This will be used as an additional tool in sidewalk projects moving forward.
- The light pole painting project was awarded to Brian Bros at the May 20 City Council meeting. Work will begin soon.
- Staff members updated the pavement striping and marking inventory and will perform inspections in the coming weeks with the Asset Management and Quality Assurance (AMQA) intern's help.
- The 2024 Pavement Preventive Maintenance Program was updated and will start this summer.
- The 2025-2029 Street Maintenance Program was updated based on recent pavement data from 2023.
- The downtown brick sidewalk maintenance program has been completed.
- Annual asset inspections will be starting in May with assistance from AMQA's intern.

## Court Services - Highlights

- Received 311 traffic cases, five operating a motor vehicle under the influence (OVI) cases and three criminal/code enforcement cases.
- Received 36 adult traffic diversion cases, one adult criminal diversion case, three juvenile traffic diversion cases and two juvenile criminal diversion cases.
- Collected \$54,732 in fines and costs.
- Collected \$542 in restitution for victims of crime
- One staff member attended the Association of Mayor's Court Clerks of Ohio (AMCCO) spring conference.
- One staff member hosted and attended the Ohio Juvenile Diversion Association (OJDA) quarterly meeting/training.

# Parks & Recreation

## Highlights

**DCRC Memberships: 8,004**

**New Dublin Rec App is Live**



The new Dublin Rec app launched in late May. The app makes checking in for workouts or outdoor pool visits easier. Users have quick access to sign up for activities, find gym schedules, purchase tickets to an Abbey Theater production, rent a shelter house, locate group fitness schedules and much more. With one touch, users can access their membership barcode and scan in at the DCRC or outdoor pools, reducing the need for plastic cards and key fobs. Plus, users can stay informed with important announcements.



### HeyGen AI

Recreation Services is currently working on translating 12 Connect with the Rec video series into four languages. These videos are used to explain how different areas of recreation work and are tied to the virtual tour webpage and used for social media promotions.



**Outdoor Pool Season Passes: 4,471**

Outdoor pool season began May 25. As of May 15, outdoor pool passes are at 4,471, trending slightly ahead of sales at this point in 2023. The Aquatics team is fully staffed and ready for another successful pool season.



### Programs and Events

The Adult Travelers' Club had two successful trips this month to experience the COSI Titanic exhibit and Veterans Memorial.

The Dublin Community Senior Citizens gained 165 new members this year, bringing the total of 55+ DCSC activity passes up to 648.

The preschool, youth and teen team completed camp Staff training for the 120 counselors and supervisors on board for the season. Summer camps kick off June 3 with 1,328 youth participating in traditional summer camps and 462 in specialty camp offerings.

### Abbey Theater

More than 400 tickets were sold across seven shows of "Van Gogh's in the Attic," which took place April 4-14 in the Abbey Theater of Dublin.

The Abbey produced "A Walk in the Woods," May 17-19. The Columbus Dispatch ran an advanced feature for the Sunday Arts cover May 12 and Broadway World Columbus published an interview with the playwright, Lee Blessing and Theater Supervisor Joe Bishara. The play was nominated for a Tony award in 1988 and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1987.

Up next at the Abbey is the Otterbein Playwrights Collective, June 14-16.



# Police & Safety

## Highlights

### Critical Incidents & Major Crimes

- April 29, officers arrested a man for shooting a firearm five times into the ceiling of his home to substantiate threats to kill his wife and himself. He was charged with domestic violence-menacing, aggravated menacing and using weapons while intoxicated. Sgt. Nate Hysell and third-shift officers Ignacio Pizano, Reece Berry, Jeremy Reeb, Joe Szabo and Ronald Robinson notably addressed this urgent matter through a coordinated response, sound tactics and teamwork.
- May 6, patrol officers responded to a vehicle fire in Bridge Park, arresting a woman for arson after setting her car on fire. Det. Dave Aronovic is working with Washington Township Fire Department investigators to prepare charges.
- May 15, investigators received a tip about suspicious activity on Hampton Green Place and conducted surveillance, which led to the arrest of a person for felony probation warrants related to drugs, theft and possessing weapons under disability charges.

### Police Reports & Crime Trends

- April 26, Community Impact Unit investigators worked in partnership with the Union County Drug Task Force to execute a search warrant at Extended Stay on Metro Place after an overdose in Union County. Three individuals were arrested for warrants and charges related to the overdose.
- Investigators and patrol officers recovered a stolen motorcycle April 30.

### Safety Messaging

- Promoted Drug Take Back service as part of Sustainable Saturday, May 4
- Promoted May 14 Dublin Police self-defense course
- Alerted the public about the May 17 multi-agency speed operation, the results, and how to connect with Slow Down Dublin
- Shared suicide prevention and other support resources, including a video about the department's public safety services liaison role, for Mental Health Month
- Shared Bike Month safety reminders
- Shared National Police Week messaging, including information about the Dublin Police Memorial Service

### Misc.

- Officer Jeremy Miller was selected as a member of the Community Education Unit and will serve as a School Resource Officer at Karrer Middle School for the 2024-25 school year.
- Communications Technicians Lennie Hunt and Brittany Smith received the Kyle Plush Answer The Call Foundation challenge coin. This is an acknowledgment of their swift response to a 911 call that helped a 13-year-old in March.

Statistics	2022 YTD	2023 YTD	2024 YTD
Part 1 Violent Crimes Reported	11	18	9
Theft Offenses	138	146	98
Thefts from Vehicles	68	65	37
Motor Vehicle Thefts	16	17	18
Burglaries/B&Es	16	26	17
Traffic Crashes	173	205	223
Serious Injury Crashes	4	3	7
OVI Related Crashes	3	9	6
OVI Arrests	9	60	69
Traffic Stops	1160	2354	3479
Speeding Citations	112	217	961

### Community Outreach & Engagement

- Sgt. Dave Gatterdam interviewed with 10TV on May 8 about the Slow Down Dublin campaign and with NBC4 on May 17 about the multi-agency speed operation led by the department.
- During the May Chief's Advisory Committee, command staff shared a review of City event safety protocols.
- Officers hosted the annual Dublin Police Memorial Service at the Justice Center to honor fallen Central Ohio officers in conjunction with National Police Week.
- Sgt. Ian Kovacs participated in the City's annual Bike Rodeo to share safety tips.
- Sgt. Kovacs honored fallen officers during the May 8 Light Ohio Blue Cruiser Caravan, a procession from Lancaster to downtown Columbus.
- Officer Scott Brown met with the Dublin ACT Coalition to discuss youth vaping trends.
- Deputy Chief Greg Lattanzi attended the East Dublin Civic Association quarterly meeting to address traffic concerns, theft prevention and the Business District unit development.

### Police Responses to Issues of Community Concern

#### Speed Management

- Speed enforcement campaigns conducted
  - May 1 on Woerner Temple Road resulting in 18 stops and seven citations
  - May 16 multi-agency speed operation on I-270 resulting in 65 stops, 57 citations, five additional citations for drivers without a license/under suspension, and one stolen vehicle recovered by Columbus Division of Police
    - Dublin Police officers thank their local partners on this patrol: Hilliard Division of Police, Columbus Division of Police, Franklin County Sheriff's Office and the Ohio State Highway Patrol

#### Special Event Security

- Officers provided security for the City-hosted naturalization ceremony and during the Memorial Day procession.

# Human Resources

## Highlights



### Ride for Health

In celebration of Bike to Work Day May 17, employees were encouraged to bike to work and then enjoyed a lunchtime bike ride from the DCRC to Emerald Fields. A second employee bike ride was held May 31 to maximize employee participation.



### May R Factor Training

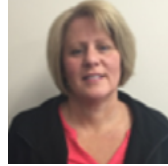
In May, two additional cohorts completed R Factor training. All full-time employees will complete R Factor training by end of 2024, with the majority completing the sessions before July.

### Alternative Standard Program

For employees and spouses who had the opportunity to engage in the Alternative Standard Program after the Healthy By Choice (HBC) screenings in April, we are excited to share that Human Resources used a new and exciting AI tool DeScript. This product was used to generate an ultra-realistic AI voice for the Alternative Standard videos on health and wellness.



### Recent Promotions



Susan Burns  
**Position:** Part-time Reservations Specialist  
**Division:** Recreation Operations Specialist

### Retirement



Brandi Fox  
**Position:** Administrative Support III  
**Division:** Information Technology



Tracy Hrusovsky  
**Position:** Recreation Operations Specialist  
**Division:** Recreation Services



William Morris  
**Position:** Police Sergeant  
**Division:** Police



Bruce Runyon  
**Position:** Maintenance Worker  
**Division:** Facilities and Fleet Maintenance

### Recruitment

- Chief Innovation and Technology Director
- Deputy Chief of Police
- Director of Information Technology
- Construction Manager
- Police Officer

# Outreach & Engagement

## Highlights

### Volunteerism

Get Connected via Galaxy Digital, a complete changeover of a digital volunteer management system, has been implemented to allow volunteers, students and service learners to self-manage their service profiles and use an app for better service communication and management.

Outreach & Engagement staff members assisted with Leadership Dublin's Community Service Day May 4, providing space, communications support, volunteer recruitment and various supplies.

A group of 20 volunteers from Dublin A.M. Rotary worked with Outreach & Engagement and Asset Management and Quality Assurance to map locations along Dublin's shared use path system to identify tree root growth. The digital map has created the basis for a contractor to repair the identified areas this coming summer.

More than 15 Kids in Dublin Service (volunteers in grades K-5) volunteered at Dublin Glenn Memory Care to clean up their courtyard areas, and plant, mulch and beautify the space for residents.

Fifteen volunteers assisted with Sustainable Saturday, Experience Public Works Day and Memorial Day events.

Corporate volunteers from Safeware planted and prepared the Giving Garden. Community volunteers will tend to and harvest the plants to donate to the Dublin Food Pantry.

In addition to hosting the first open houses, Heritage Interpreters welcomed 50 fourth-grade students from Abraham Depp Elementary. Students learned about the Hopewell culture and explored the park during a scavenger hunt.



McDaniel Citizen U graduates celebrated completing their nine-week immersive experience where they learned all about City of Dublin operations. Council Member Amy Krumb and City Manager Megan O'Callaghan helped honor the class graduates.



### Engagement

Nearly 150 petitioners became United States citizens at a naturalization ceremony May 8. Conducted by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, petitioners represented 51 countries and ranged in age from 19 to 76.

The City hosted its first of nine scheduled Saturdays May 11 at the Dublin Market at Bridge Park to connect with residents. Engineering opened the summer, offering information and engagement on the construction season and healthy waterways at the City's booth.



### Forever Dublin

Outreach & Engagement and Syntero, which houses the Forever Dublin Hub and Forever Dublin Hub Navigator, met in May to strategize future steps to address aging in place topics. Syntero is recruiting a second part time Navigator – with no increase in budget – to address resident inquiries. To date, the top three assistance categories sought by residents include 1) Housing 2) Caregiving and 3) Transportation. Outreach & Engagement will develop a new Forever Dublin Ambassador role this summer. Resident Ambassadors will work with the Forever Dublin Hub and the City to develop key initiatives, awareness and age friendly advocacy.

# Communications & Marketing

## Highlights

### May's Communication Strategy

- The City's communication goals include increasing meaningful engagement with all Dublin audiences; supporting the City's Strategic Framework, including the Culture Playbook; and educating the public about new initiatives and ongoing services
- May's strategic topics included highlighting Bike Month and Police Week; promoting events such as Sustainable Saturday, Bike Rodeo, Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony, Experience Public Works Day, Bike Pump Track Dedication and Memorial Day Ceremony
- [Review the results from April's overall communications metrics](#) and [City Council's communications efforts](#)
- Review the complete [Contact City data here](#)

### Sustainable Dublin Communications

- Promoted Sustainable Saturday
- Shared the news that Council approved six Beautify Your Neighborhood grants requests
- Emphasized the no feed ordinance as part of the video series "Dublin's Backyard with Barbara Ray"

### Connected Dublin Communications

- Launched the Dublin Rec mobile app
- Promoted Dublin Talent Connect, a virtual hiring event that links Dublin-area businesses to potential candidates
- Multimedia Communications Strategist Shirley Blaine virtually attended the Government Social Media Conference. Topics included how to use analytics to inform your social media strategy; how to incorporate pop culture and trends into your social media content; and how to use our channels as a news source to amplify our messages
- The Link Ahead podcast was a finalist for Best Podcast at the Government Social Media Golden Post Awards
- Promoted EverythingDublin.com merchandise as a great gift for recent graduates
- Shared designs and renderings for the Riverside Crossing Park Master Plan to gather feedback from the community
- The C&M team received nine top-place PRISM awards from the Central Ohio Public Relations Society of America, recognizing multiple programs and citywide initiatives: Safe Space Dublin, the Link Ahead podcast, Dublin Talent Connect, Forever Dublin's "Am I a Senior?" magazine article in Dublin Life, a trendy Instagram campaign for stormwater maintenance, and a video about the City's preparation for the Memorial Tournament

### June Lookahead

- Share communications and information about the Memorial Tournament
- Share information about Pride Month
- Promote the Independence Day Celebration



### Resilient Dublin Communications

- Shared information regarding the Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony during National Police Week
- Led regional communications, in partnership with area law enforcement, on an I-270 speed enforcement campaign
- Continued promoting Slow Down Dublin with a video to remind drivers to slow down in school zones
- Shared the Naturalization Ceremony on social media
- Promoted Independence Day table sales for the evening celebration event and concert
- Featured several City events for the Dublin community including Sustainable Saturday, Bike Rodeo, Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony, Experience Public Works Day, Bike Pump Track Dedication and Memorial Day Ceremony



### Link Ahead Podcast

- Link Ahead celebrated its 50th episode
- 20,522 listens (an increase of 864 listens since April)
- May topics included a conversation with Abbey Theater Supervisor Joe Bishara about the 2024 season and a discussion with Judge Edmund Sargus and Vita Lambillotte about new Americans
- Upcoming topics and guests include Jack Nicklaus II as a lead-in to the Memorial Tournament and a discussion with COTA's new CEO Monica Tellez-Fowler about the collaborative initiative LinkUS

# Community Events

## Highlights



### Memorial Day Ceremony

The Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony had approximately 500 attendees. Speakers included Council Member John Reiner; retired Lt. Colonel Jeff Noble; Amber Hudson Clark, a veteran of the U.S. Navy Reserves and founder of the Military and Service Heroes (M.A.S.H); and Gold Star Family member Pamela Baragona. The ceremony was followed by a community picnic in Monterey Park.

### Sponsorship Update

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

#### Independence Day

In-kind

- OhioHealth \$5,000
- Shyre Realty \$1,000
- HEGG Windows and Doors \$1,000
- Goldfish Swim School \$1,000

In-kind

- Live Technologies \$15,000
- Tim Hortons \$500

#### Dublin Irish Festival

- OhioHealth \$30,000
- G&J Pepsi \$15,000
- Giant Eagle \$10,000
- Columbus Blue Jackets \$7,500

In-kind

- Live Technologies \$30,000
- SuperGames \$13,200
- G&J Pepsi \$10,000
- Giant Eagle \$9,500
- Nothing Bundt Cakes \$1,200
- Tim Hortons \$1,200

### St. Patrick's Day

[View the 2024 St. Patrick's Day Report.](#) Some highlights include:

- Asch and Kate Mikhail were honored as the Grand Leprechauns.
- More than 9,000 guests attended.
- Volunteers contributed 250 hours of service.

### Independence Day

- Julie Rinaldi was announced as the 2024 Grand Marshal for the Independence Day Celebration
- There were 220 tables sold in the first two days of sales. 74 remain as of May 28. If all tables are not sold by June 11, sales will open to the public.

### Dublin Irish Festival

- The 2024 Festival app was released May 1.
- Whiskey tasting tickets will go on sale in early June and include two new options – a cocktail mixing class and a super-premium tasting opportunity.



### Permitted Events

May is one of the busiest months in Dublin for permitted events. Below are some of the highlights:

- Tier 1 events: 3; Tier 2 events: 12; City events: 3 (Bike Rodeo, Experience Public Works Day and Memorial Day)
- The Dublin Market at Bridge Park and North Market Bridge Park Night Market kicked off their seasons.
- Three different sports tournaments were held throughout City parks – the Ohio Middle School Lacrosse Tournament, Ohio State Cup Soccer Tournament and the Wayne Williams Memorial Baseball Tournament.
- Both Dublin Jerome and Dublin Coffman held their senior parades.
- Memorial Tournament festivities kicked off with the FORE!Miler taking place at Muirfield Village Golf Club.

### DORA

City Council approved expanded hours for the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA). The expanded DORA hours in Downtown Dublin were extended and are now 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. daily to provide consistency.

# Legislative

## Update

### **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 one hearing in the House State & Local Government Committee.

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.

### **Issue 2 Updates – Recreational Marijuana**

The Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) approved the first batch of recreational marijuana rules. The rules were submitted by the Ohio Department of Commerce's Division of Cannabis Control and mostly address dual-use licenses, which will allow cultivators, processors, testing laboratories, and dispensaries to work with both medical and recreational products. According to the rules, entities that already hold medical marijuana licenses will have the first opportunity to apply for a dual license no later than June 7, 2024.

JCARR Chair Jamie Callendar (R-Concord) said that he expects rules for new license applications will come "fairly soon" and although he no longer sees the need for a full legislative fix of the entire constitutional amendment language, he does think that the legislature should address issues such as packaging and child safety. Public smoking is still an issue that has not been addressed, although the Division of Liquor Control and the Department of Public Safety recently issued notices to Ohioans and businesses that marijuana use is still prohibited in areas where there are liquor permits. Chair Callendar has said that the law for smoking marijuana publicly should mirror tobacco laws. He also indicated that they're exploring the best path to address the issue, whether it be through rules or legislation.

### **HB 499 - Incentivizes Municipalities to Adopt Pro-Housing Policies**

Representative Adam Mathews (R-Lebanon) and Rep. Dani Isaacsohn (D-Cincinnati) have introduced legislation (HB 499) that incentivizes municipalities to adopt pro-housing policies that best fit their needs, with the intention of increasing housing supply across the state and encouraging a healthier housing market in Ohio. The legislation has had 2 hearings in the House Government Oversight Committee.

The bill creates the state-funded Ohio Housing Fund of up to \$200 million per year dedicated exclusively to providing grants to municipalities, townships and villages that adopt a minimum number of pro-housing policies. The awarded grant funds will only be allowed to be utilized for pro-housing spending. Applicants will need to submit evidence for the pro-housing policies they've enacted and explain how the grant funds will be utilized, if awarded.

The \$200 million per year allocation will be funded by eliminating the non-business credits given to owners of multiple properties as individual homeowners irrespective of owner occupancy.

Ohio Housing Fund grant dollars can be used for the following:

- Capital for housing development through equity, grants, or loans.
- First time homeownership support.
- Home repairs for low-income homeowners.
- Multi-family building improvements for low- and middle-income landlords.
- Housing code enforcement.
- Anti-housing discrimination enforcements.
- Tenant protection and empowerment.
- Site acquisition of pre-development.
- RAD conversions through the Public Housing Authority.

Allocated based on population and number of policies adopted.

### **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 been scheduled for a hearing yet.

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# Calendar

June 2024

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Rugby Ohio Buckeye Invitational	Dublin City Council		Food Truck Wednesdays	Dublin Corporate Charity Cup Chief's Advisory Committee The Dublin Night Market Planning & Zoning Commission	International Day of Yoga Dublin Corporate Charity Cup	The Dublin Market at Bridge Park Take Steps Crohn's & Colitis Walk
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Community Inclusion Advisory Committee Sunny 95 Block Party	Food Truck Wednesdays Architectural Review Board	Board of Zoning Appeals		The Dublin Market at Bridge Park
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Food Truck Wednesdays	Independence Day Celebration		The Dublin Market at Bridge Park

- Advisory Committees
- Boards & Commissions
- Council Meetings
- City/Community Events
- Permitted Events
- Abbey Theater

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