

# Office of the City Manager Activities, Projects & Interactions

July 2024



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## Letter from the City Manager

It is with great enthusiasm and renewed energy that we head into August 2024. July provided us with opportunities for celebration and recreation, while we continued to provide world-class services and also advanced numerous infrastructure improvements and strategic initiatives.

The historic purchase of 243 acres in the West Innovation District drew much excitement from the community, our partners and the local news media. Encompassing SportsOhio, Shepherd Excavating and Carter Farms, this investment marks a significant step in our efforts to foster economic development, transportation enhancements and recreational expansions, while supporting Council's Visionary Goals and strategic plans.

We were thrilled City Council adopted the Envision Dublin Community Plan update, which officially takes effect August 1. This capped 18 months of cross-divisional work and community engagement led by our Community Planning & Development team. We are thankful for Council's leadership and participation in the process, as well as the dedication of our steering committee. This new plan will guide how Dublin grows, develops and changes over the next ten years.

As always, Dublin's Independence Day Celebration was a highlight, bringing together residents to celebrate our nation's freedom. It was wonderful to see so many friends at the fishing derby, parade and evening celebration. Thanks to the tireless efforts of various City divisions and dedicated volunteers, the event was a resounding success.

We also kicked off the Dublin Summer Fun Series, which is bringing fitness and activities to Riverside Crossing Park. Residents and visitors are enjoying Workout Wednesdays, Games on the Green and Cinema Saturdays, which all are activating our newest park and bringing even more vibrancy to Downtown Dublin.



The fun continues this month with the world-renowned Dublin Irish Festival. The Festival celebrates our City's cultural diversity and heritage and attracts visitors, entertainers and educators from all over the globe, including our first visit from the Ambassador of Ireland to the United States of America. Ambassador Geraldine Byrne Nason, along with Vice Consul General Ellen Flanagan and Irish Honorary Consul in Ohio Mark Owens, will join us for the Festival dedication. We are looking forward to the festivities and committed to providing an unforgettable and safe experience for all.

Finally, in recognition of exceptional financial stewardship, the City of Dublin has received the highest credit rating from S&P Global Ratings, Fitch Ratings, Moody's Investor Service and KBRA. This was the first year that the City was reviewed by KBRA, and their rating makes Dublin the first and only city in the United States to earn four AAA ratings.

Thank you for your engagement with our community, and I eagerly look forward to your continued collaboration. I am confident that our collective efforts will continue to propel Dublin forward as we embrace the opportunities that lie ahead.

*Megan O'Callaghan*

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City Manager

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Denotes innovative initiatives.

# 2024/2025 City Council Goals

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

**Status:** Construction continues in Phase 1. Permit review and approvals continue for future phases. [The construction phase planning map may be viewed here.](#) In addition to continued collaboration on the resident communication plan, altafiber has mailed general information postcards and is distributing door hangers. They also began direct marketing activities in July. The website has had 6,800+ project page views, 2,370+ residents have signed up for updates and now receive update newsletters, and a total of 1,416 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. The first release of doors will occur on Sept. 13, 2024. This means they will offer internet services to the first 3,000 potential customers.

## 2 Realize the Metro Center Revitalization Vision

**Status:** Staff and the consultant continue to refine the preferred scenario based on Council's feedback July 1 and outline the sequencing needed for implementation. The next anticipated review of information, including potential land acquisition discussion, is scheduled for August.

## 3 Implement the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

**Status:** City Council provided input on the 2025-2029 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) at the June 24 Council work session. The CIP includes funding for multiple larger-scale projects identified in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP), including the implementation of the DCRC Refresh, an update to the Riverside Crossing Park Master Plan and Amberleigh Park kayak launch renovations. At the July 1 City Council meeting, Council approved an historic strategic land acquisition of approximately 243 acres in the West Innovation District, which includes Carter Farms, Shepherd Excavating and SportsOhio. This land can be leveraged for several opportunities related to economic development, transportation enhancements and recreational expansions. Staff members continue working with the property owner to complete all tasks necessary for closing on the property. A steering committee is being formed to help guide the next steps to ensure optimal performance and sustainable operation of the sports complex.

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

**Status:** A contract with Yard & Co. for the Community Events Roadmap was executed in early July, followed by a kickoff meeting. Yard & Co. team members will attend the Dublin Irish Festival and meet with key technical staff. They will also visit the Dublin Market to survey residents about local events. A contract with Town Square was executed in July, and a launch meeting was held. The Dublin Summer Fun Series kicked off in July with the first Cinema Saturday. The fun will continue in August with more Games on the Green and Workout Wednesday classes.

# Key Project Updates

| PROJECT   | STATUS   |
|---|--|
| <b>Dublin Parks Accessibility Plan</b>  | Altura Solutions completed the park facility assessments in late June. An online survey is ongoing and has been shared with local organizations such as Adaptive Sports Connection, Dublin Special Olympics and Dublin Miracle League. A virtual public engagement session will be held in September. City staff members will present findings to City Council at various stages of the process and bring the plan to Council for adoption once it is complete. The plan will include an assessment report and a transition plan to remove any identified barriers. The plan is scheduled to be completed in Q4 2024.  |
| <b>Bright Road Corridor Improvements and the Emerald Parkway/ Mount Carmel Roundabout</b> | Construction began May 6 on both projects. Emerald Parkway roundabout construction has shifted traffic to the west and construction of the eastern half of the roundabout is nearing completion. Hardscape features are being installed. Bright Road construction is underway. Reconstruction of the southern half of the roadway and installation of underground utilities is ongoing. Emerald Parkway traffic has shifted into one lane in each direction for northbound and southbound travelers in the southbound lanes. Bright Road eastbound traffic will be detoured until September. Completion of the roundabout is planned for fall 2024 with the completion of the Bright Road Corridor following in fall 2025. |
| <b>COhatch Headquarters</b>   | City Staff and consultants have met onsite with representatives from the private utilities to discuss undergrounding utility lines. A preliminary outline of associated improvements, including the number and potential locations of new transformers, is being prepared. The roadway network and streetscape design concepts for the project area are being finalized in coordination with the COhatch team. They are expected to be completed in time for formal project reviews (rezoning, and preliminary and final development plans) which will commence in September and conclude in December.   |
| <b>Community Gateway Signs</b>  | The concepts have been revised based on the feedback received by the Community Development Committee. The consultants are working on creating a mockup of the aesthetic elements of the gateway sign and a complete fabrication of the entryway sign. The mockups are expected to be ready in early fall. Once available, staff members will bring designs to City Council in Q3 2024.   |
| <b>Community Health Needs Assessment</b>  | Working groups have been formed to address the four priority health needs as determined by the Advisory Committee and the CHNA report. These four working groups are focusing on: 1. Healthcare Navigation, 2. Transportation, 3. Youth Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse, and 4. Community Connections. The second round of meetings was held mid-June and focused on prioritizing action steps, setting goals and beginning to detail a plan for implementing the prioritized actions. A third round of working group meetings will be scheduled once the follow-up work on the prioritized objectives is complete. A final report is expected to be presented to Council in Q3 2024.                                |
| <b>Envision Dublin Community Plan Update</b>  | The Envision Dublin Community Plan update was adopted by City Council July 1 and will become effective Aug. 1. Staff and the consultant team are conducting a final review of the document for publishing. The Community Plan website will also be updated with an executive summary and digital document version.   |
| <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. The 90% report was submitted to the City and is under review. The final report is expected to be presented to City Council for review and adoption in October.  |

# Key Project Updates (Continued)

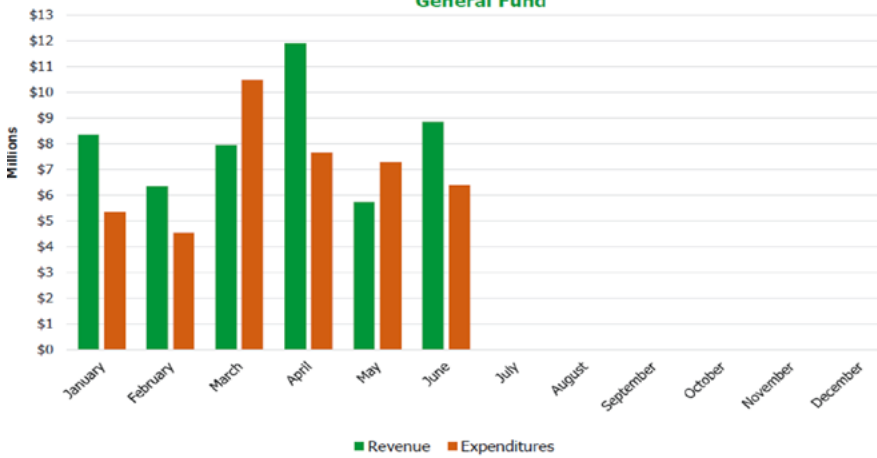
| PROJECT   | STATUS   |
|---|--|
| Dublin Community Recreation Center Refresh              | MSA Design continues to work on phasing recommendations. Phase 1 bid package to be posted in the fall with bid acceptance planned for early November.  |
| City of Columbus Fourth Water Plant - Transmission Main | Columbus Staff and their consultant team briefed Council on the alignment study process at the May 20 City Council meeting. A public meeting was held at the Dublin Community Recreation Center June 18. Dublin staff members will meet with the City of Columbus to coordinate the project with other CIP initiatives. Design of the first transmission main will begin this summer with construction planned to start in 2026 and end in 2028. Construction of the second transmission main is expected to start in 2027 and end in 2030.  |
| Curbside Management                                     | The initial 12-month technology pilot projects are wrapping up and the study is being completed. Staff members are working on a new proposal with Fybr to place sensors detecting occupancy, duration and double-parking violations along North High Street. Efforts are being coordinated with Dublin Police. Staff members are 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 and staff are reviewing the draft report. The project completion will be presented to Council in Q3. |
| Dublin Sustainability Plan                              | City Council reviewed the plan at the June 3 meeting. The consultant and staff members met to address comments from Council. The consultant provided a draft of an executive summary document for Council and the public. Staff members provided feedback on the executive summary and are awaiting the final version. The plan is expected to be reviewed by City Council for adoption in Q3.   |
| Post Road Interchange Construction                      | Construction is under way on the Post Road pavement under U.S. 33 and the U.S. 33 bridges over Post Road. The traffic signal at the Post Road and Hyland-Croy Road intersection was activated June 11. The new alignment of the U.S. 33 eastbound ramp to Post Road/S.R. 161 eastbound is open. Traffic will permanently use the Eiterman Road roundabout to access Post Road/S.R. 161 eastbound. Post Road/S.R. 161 is reduced to one lane in both directions underneath U.S. 33 through June 2025. Traffic on U.S. 33 is shifted while construction of the bridge takes place. All traffic movements will be available by the end of 2024. The project is anticipated to be completed by October 2025.   |
| Riverside Crossing Park Master Plan                     | Based on feedback from City Council at the May 6 meeting, renderings were updated and shown to community members on June 27 at a public open house. A Tell Dublin survey was launched that evening. The next public input session will be held in Riverside Crossing Park Aug. 29. Staff members will then review the results of the more than 500 Tell Dublin survey responses and public meetings and incorporate feedback into the next round of renderings. Updates to the plan based on this feedback will be presented to City Council in Q4 2024. Staff members are targeting completion of the plan in Q1 2025.  |
| The Emerald Connector                                   | Demolition of the structure at 4130 Tuller Road and final grading and seeding were completed in June. The consultant team submitted a grant application for Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) funding and for MORPC's attributable funds with ODOT and the City of Columbus. The consultant is preparing the 30% design submission for August. Next steps are expected to include a review by City Council at the Aug. 12 meeting. A public engagement meeting is scheduled for Sept. 12.   |

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

# Finance

## Highlights

2024 Revenue vs. Expenditures  
General Fund



### Highlights

General Fund Cash Balance: \$74,934,653

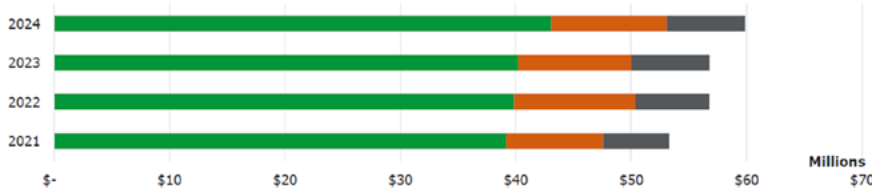
- 69.0% of actual expenditures
- \$20,656,011 in excess of 50% reserve level

Income Tax revenue was 5.4% above 2023 YTD levels, or \$3,923,658

- Receipts are 7.0% or \$3,923,658 ahead of budget
- Comparing YTD June 2023 versus June 2024:
  - Withholding increased 7.16%
  - Net profit revenue increased 2.0%
  - Individual revenue increased -0.13%

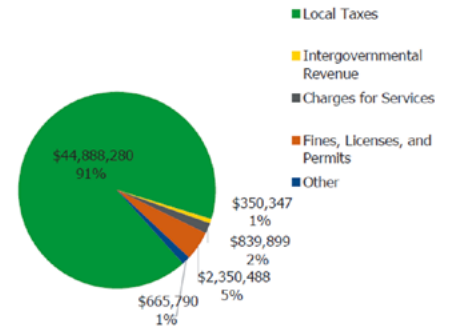
### Income Tax Collections

As of June 30, 2024, YTD income tax receipts totaled \$59,850,802, an increase of 5.4% over the same time in 2023. The 2024 budgeted income tax revenue is \$106,000,000.

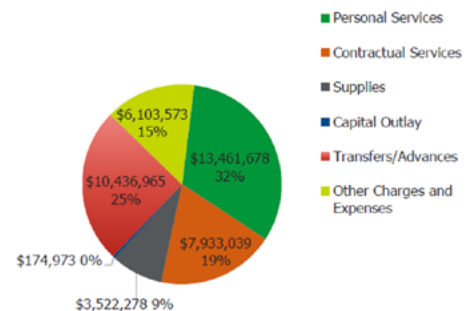


|              | 2021                 |                      | 2022                 |                      | 2023 |  | 2024 |  |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------|--|------|--|
| Withholding  | \$ 39,163,938        | \$ 39,823,240        | \$ 40,204,000        | \$ 43,083,094        |      |  |      |  |
| Net Profit   | \$ 8,397,755         | \$ 10,544,832        | \$ 9,802,152         | \$ 9,998,000         |      |  |      |  |
| Individual   | \$ 5,701,921         | \$ 6,389,813         | \$ 6,778,308         | \$ 6,769,700         |      |  |      |  |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$ 53,263,614</b> | <b>\$ 56,757,885</b> | <b>\$ 56,784,460</b> | <b>\$ 59,850,802</b> |      |  |      |  |

General Fund Revenue (by type)  
\$49,094,804



General Fund Expenses (by type)  
\$41,632,506



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

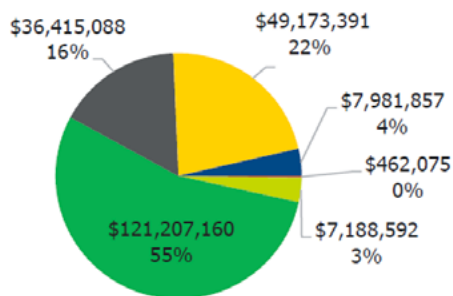
# Finance Update

## Fund Balance as of June 30, 2024

| Fund                                 | Month End Cash Balance | Fund                                | Month End Cash Balance | Fund                                 | Month End Cash Balance |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 101 - General Fund                   | \$74,934,653           | 419 - TIF Thomas/Kohler             | \$3,512,890            | 462 - TIF Nestle                     | \$270,845              |
| 201 - Street Maintenance and Repair  | \$1,967,545            | 421 - TIF McKittrick Project        | \$922,988              | 463 - TIF Bridge Park Blocks B & C   | \$2,384,314            |
| 202 - State Highway                  | \$599,910              | 425 - TIF Perimeter Center          | \$2,125,455            | 464 - TIF Innovation                 | \$454,406              |
| 225 - Recreation                     | \$3,147,460            | 426 - TIF Rings Road                | \$935,715              | 465 - TIF Riviera                    | \$796,629              |
| 226 - Pool                           | \$600,944              | 431 - TIF Perimeter West            | \$1,492,325            | 466 - TIF Penzone                    | \$353,539              |
| 231 - Permissive Tax                 | \$160,871              | 432 - TIF Upper Metro Place         | \$1,353,541            | 467 - TIF H2 Hotel                   | \$551,674              |
| 232 - Hotel/Motel Tax                | \$2,792,917            | 433 - TIF Rings/Frantz              | \$1,515,646            | 468 - TIF Bridge Park Block Z        | \$426                  |
| 241 - Safety                         | \$3,851,527            | 436 - TIF Historic Dublin Parking   | \$3,354                | 469 - TIF Block A                    | \$1,135                |
| 242 - Law Enforcement                | \$63,533               | 440 - TIF Emerald Parkway Phase 5   | \$22,107               | 474 - TIF Bridge Park Incentive Dist | \$32,680               |
| 243 - Mandatory Drug Fine            | \$2,939                | 441 - TIF Emerald Parkway Phase 8   | \$5,189                | 475 - TIF The Corners                | \$279,763              |
| 244 - Wireless 9-1-1 System          | \$716,875              | 442 - TIF Perimeter Loop            | \$13,930               | 591 - Cemetery Perpetual Care        | \$1,801,246            |
| 251 - Enforcement and Education      | \$78,750               | 443 - TIF Tartan West               | \$977,005              | 610 - Water                          | \$12,515,250           |
| 252 - Mayors Court Computer          | \$45,730               | 444 - TIF Shamrock Blvd.            | \$157,830              | 612 - Water Construction             | \$433,710              |
| 261 - Cemetery                       | \$126,721              | 446 - TIF River Ridge               | \$758,942              | 620 - Sewer                          | \$7,316,899            |
| 262 - Accrued Leave Reserves         | \$735,667              | 447 - TIF Lifetime Fitness          | \$547,824              | 623 - Sewer Construction             | \$1,852,404            |
| 263 - Rings Unitrust                 | \$1,000,000            | 449 - TIF Irelan Place              | \$26,246               | 701 - Self Insurance - Employee Bens | \$5,365,020            |
| 267 - Opioid Relief Fund             | \$48,060               | 450 - TIF Shier Rings Road          | \$70,661               | 703 - Self Insurance - Workers Comp  | \$240,523              |
| 299 - Occupancy Deposits             | \$253,000              | 451 - TIF Shamrock Crossing         | \$368,869              | 803 - Unclaimed Monies               | \$146,157              |
| 310 - General Debt Service           | \$1,488,075            | 452 - TIF Bridge and High Street    | \$275,652              | 804 - Visit Dublin Ohio              | \$85,224               |
| 311 - Econ Development Bond Retirmt  | \$777,234              | 453 - TIF Dublin Methodist Hospital | \$1,257,883            | 805 - Agency                         | \$4,762                |
| 320 - S.A. Debt Service              | \$20,938               | 454 - TIF Kroger Centre             | \$1,555,416            | 807 - C.O.I.R.S.                     | \$495,139              |
| 322 - 2001 S.A. Debt Service         | \$134,913              | 455 - TIF Frantz/Dublin Road        | \$113,166              | 817 - Property Assessed Clean Energy | \$5,057                |
| 401 - Capital Improvements Tax       | \$53,225,977           | 456 - TIF Delta Energy              | \$53                   | 821 - Building Standards Surcharges  | \$2,964                |
| 402 - Parkland Acquisition           | \$5,537,424            | 457 - TIF Bridge Street             | \$486,709              | 822 - Columbus Sewer Capacity        | \$24,352               |
| 404 - Capital Improvement Constructi | \$2,155,339            | 458 - TIF Vrable                    | \$604,687              | 823 - New Community Authority        | \$15,899               |
| 412 - TIF Woerner-Temple             | \$223,826              | 459 - TIF West Innovation           | \$6,865,494            | 831 - Law Enforcement Custodial Fund | \$406,684              |
| 415 - TIF Ruscilli                   | \$1,059,870            | 460 - TIF Ohio University           | \$13,844               | <b>Grand Total</b>                   | <b>\$221,717,469</b>   |
| 416 - TIF Pizzuti                    | \$369,296              | 461 - TIF Tuller                    | \$3,777,453            |                                      |                        |

## Investment Summary as of June 30, 2024

Total market value: \$222,428,162



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

## State & Federal Grant Funding Opportunities

### Grant applications submitted in July:

- Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission: Attributable Funds – Emerald Connector | \$12,750,000
- U.S. Department of Transportation: Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program | \$1,938,213.28
- Ohio Department of Commerce: Cemetery Grant Program | \$2,500

### Grants awarded in July:

- Ohio Department of Education & Workforce: City Staff Training focused on Technology | \$29,370

Grant applications submitted in 2024: 19

Grants/funding opportunities awarded in 2024: 7 projects for an award total of \$2,274,213

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



# Economic Development

## Highlights



### Business Retention & Expansion

On July 31, Economic Development and the Dublin Chamber of Commerce hosted the second annual Business Appreciation Event at Fado Pub & Kitchen. As a way to show appreciation and kick off the Dublin Irish Festival, attendees were provided complimentary tickets to the Festival.

City Council approved an Economic Development Agreement attracting Fallback Group LLC to Dublin. Fallback Group is a newly formed, Columbus-based motion picture company comprised of industry veterans and local investors. The project expects to create 49 jobs in the City of Dublin by Dec. 31, 2029.

Dublin-based businesses are encouraged to [request a meeting with our Economic Development Team](#) to learn more about the City's world-class amenities and concierge services.

### International Business Development

The Economic Development team continues to manage and cultivate new international business development relationships. As a follow-up to the June 2024 trip to Taiwan, the team continues to be engaged with JobsOhio and attended a networking event hosted by JobsOhio to meet with international business representatives from Germany, France, Belgium, Italy, Sweden, India, Japan and Taiwan.

### JobsOhio/One Columbus Leads

On June 13, the Economic Development team conducted a site visit for the SiteOhio certification program administered by JobsOhio. On behalf of JobsOhio, Insite Consulting provided valuable feedback to the City for the future positioning of sites in the West Innovation District. This process is also influential in the infrastructure grant application for the All Ohio Future Fund, which the City submitted to the Ohio Department of Development in mid-July for improvements in the West Innovation District.



### OhioHealth Announces Major Expansion

[OhioHealth announced a plan to launch an expansion of OhioHealth Dublin Methodist Hospital.](#) The project is the largest planned expansion of Dublin Methodist Hospital since it opened in 2008. It will increase the hospital's inpatient and critical care capacity, which will create 200 permanent clinical jobs as well as hundreds of construction jobs.

### Company News

- [Central Ohio suburbs take control of development through property acquisition](#)
- [Motion picture company plans to bring 'Hollywood-caliber' production facility to Dublin](#)

# Economic Development



## Events

- July 15: Dublin Chamber Golf Outing
- July 31: Business Appreciation Event



Montrose Group is finalizing the CIC's strategic plan to be presented to the Community Improvement Corporation's Board for review and consideration at the August meeting. The strategic plan includes a report for each phase of the process, "Learn, Listen, Do." The "Learn" phase focused on reviewing the code of regulations and benchmarking analysis. The "Listen" phase consisted of interviews with each Dublin City Council Member. The "Do" or "Action" phase identified the objectives and strategies to achieve the goal of the CIC.



On July 17, the NW 33 Council of Governments met and named Doug McCollough The Beta District's first-ever executive director. In this role, McCollough is responsible for implementing the district's strategic plan and will play a key role in shaping its future. Prior to this appointment, McCollough served as the City of Dublin's CIO.

Marketing activities continued, including the production of new videos to raise brand awareness. Social media performance remained strong with a 150% increase in reactions, 16% increase in comments and 186% increase in page views.

[Economic Development Performance Measures.](#)

# Community Development

## Boards & Commissions Activity

### Boards & Commissions Activity

The Planning and Zoning Commission heard three cases in July. One of those cases, Monterey Drive Concept Plan, is a proposed mixed-use development consisting of approximately 19,400 square feet of commercial space, 53 attached single-family units and associated site improvements. The 6.86-acre site is on both sides of Monterey Drive, south of the intersection with West Bridge Street. The site is zoned Bridge Street District-Historic Transition Neighborhood and has a recommended future land use of Mixed-Use Village Center, which is intended to provide commercial, office and mixed residential uses. The Commission recommended approval of the Concept Plan to City Council, citing support for the project and their appreciation for their engagement with the Waterford neighborhood.

The Architectural Review Board heard four cases in July. 16-22 N. High Street, proposing the construction of a new mixed use building in the Historic District consisting of one dwelling unit, a restaurant and office space. The 0.26-acre site is about 70 feet northeast of the intersection of North High Street and Bridge Street. Two historic buildings are on the site along with an existing shed and garage. The shed and garage would both be removed to make room for the new building. The new owner has been working carefully with staff to ensure that the proposed infill building is contextually appropriate with the National Register buildings already on the site. They are now making good progress, and this project provides an example of mixed-use infill development within the district.

The Administrative Review Team heard one case in July. This case was a minor project review for the removal of an existing ground sign and installation of a new 36 square-foot ground sign for an existing building in the Bridge Street District. It was approved at the ART meeting July 11.

The Board of Zoning Appeals did not meet in July.

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

[Community Planning & Development Performance Measures.](#)

### Regional Items of Interest

In July, the Logan-Union-Champaign Regional Planning Commission (LUCRPC), both the Zoning and Subdivision committees and the Executive Committee met. The City of Dublin is also a member of the Budgetary Committee and Visioning Committee, which meet as needed. At the July 11 meeting, the two committees heard seven cases on each agenda. Four were plats and three were text amendments. The plats are technical documents and were approved either as preliminary plats or final plats. The three text amendments were for communities that are not in proximity to the City of Dublin, but included two townships adopting solar regulations based on model text compiled by LUCRPC, and on code amendments amending definitions related to nursing care facilities.

The Delaware Regional Planning Commission heard five cases at the June 27 meeting. A 12-month extension filing for a final plat for Painter Farm in Concord Township was recommended for approval. Painter Farm is an eight-lot residential subdivision on a private road located off Concord Road. The four cases presented following the extension are not in proximity to the City of Dublin.

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

# Compliance & Enforcement

## Code Enforcement

### Ongoing Enforcement Efforts

Vehicle storage complaints, regarding RVs, boats and trailers in driveways or yards, are collected year-round, but are more commonly reported in warmer months as the owners transition storage arrangements. RVs and boats can be on a given site for a limited period before and after use with notification to City Staff. Visitors can store an RV in a driveway for 72 hours but cannot sleep in the vehicle. Code Enforcement works closely with homeowner and civic associations to review property maintenance and property condition issues. Code Enforcement also addresses exterior material storage violations that are visible from the right-of-way or adjacent properties. The team encourages property owners to report potential violations through the GoDublin app.

## Zoning & Code Compliance

### Daily Zoning Inspections

Forty-eight daily zoning inspections were performed in June. 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. Inspections assessed minor exterior alterations at 75 N. High St. and 6620 Mooney St. Since April, there has been an increase in daily zoning inspections given the development of the Hyland Glen subdivision.

### Routine Landscape Inspections

Eight landscape and six follow-up inspections were performed in June. Landscape inspections identify missing, dead or dying plant material and other zoning code violations.

### Certificate of Zoning Plan Approval (CZPA)

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

# Building Standards



## Commercial and Residential Plan Review

Total plan review numbers were typical for the month of June with a total of 69. May was the highest month in the last 12-month period with 134 plan reviews. Overall plan review numbers are expected to increase during the summer months. An average of 81 plan reviews were completed per month over the last year.

## New Building Permits Issued

Building permit issued numbers (that required plan review) totaled 36 permits in June. Numbers can fluctuate +/- 10% each month. The monthly average, over the last 12-month period, was 42 new building permits issued per month, which is slightly above average.

[Building Standards Performance Measures.](#)

## Certificate of Occupancy

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

- Gene's Restaurant, 91 S. High St.
- Pinot's Palette, 6381 Sawmill Road
- Towns on the Parkway Building 8, 6744 Holcomb St.
- The Ark Daycare, 5762 Wilcox Road

## Inspections

In June, the Building Standards team completed 634 inspections. Over the last 12-month period, the average number of inspections per month was about 600. The number of inspections in June 2024 was 3% higher than June 2023. Data indicates there is an upward trend in the number of inspections completed year over year. In 2023, the division completed 7,000 building inspections.

# Transportation & Mobility

## Highlights



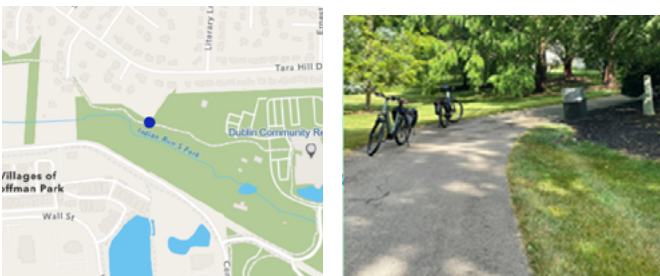
### Speed Management – Driver Feedback Signs and Speed Trailer Deployment

- Year to date, Transportation & Mobility (T&M) driver feedback signs have rotated among 31 locations throughout the Dublin community including Tara Hill Drive, Tullymore Drive, Sells Mill Drive and Avery Road.
- Of the locations, 80% are included in the annual driver feedback sign schedule, 13% are on-demand requests from residents and 7% are construction-related.
- The third set of driver feedback signs received this March has been used 67% of the time, while the first two sets continue to be deployed 100% of the time.
- In partnership with T&M, Dublin Police have completed 80 speed trailer deployments to date this year using seven speed trailer units.

### Bikeway Policy and Facilities Update



- T&M Staff completed a bikeway audit of the planned recreation bike loop to document existing signs and pavement markings; identify areas of safety concerns for the consultant on the project; and to pinpoint locations for removal of honeysuckle and hazardous tree branches. The route was selected based on past honeysuckle removals and to prepare for the deployment of secondary wayfinding signs and pavement markings.



The next bikeway audit is scheduled for Aug. 22, 2024, along the Emerald Trail.



### International Parking & Mobility Institute

Deputy Director Tina Wawszkiewicz and the consultant team presented the tech pilot portion of the curbside management project at the Parking & Mobility Conference in Columbus.

### Citywide Crash Data

(vehicles and all vulnerable road users)

|                   | Frequency | High Severity | Bike Ped |
|-------------------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| 2024 Year-to-Date | 275       | 9             | 2        |
| May               | 70        | 3             | 0        |

### Serious Injury Crashes:

1. A driver traveling east on Tuttle Road near Frantz Road lost control, struck a curb and veered off the road. The vehicle collided with a speed limit sign and a tree, resulting in a suspected serious injury.
2. A southbound driver on Cosgray Road near Churchman Road experienced a rear-end shift malfunction. The vehicle left the roadway, overturned and ended up in a ditch causing a suspected serious injury.
3. An eastbound driver on I-270 near milepost 19.4 left the road and collided with an unoccupied disabled vehicle leading to a suspected serious injury.

# Public Service

## Highlights



### Horticulture & Forestry

- Contractual street tree pruning is transitioning from the Brandon/Brandonway subdivision into Earlington Village.
- Dead tree and stump removals are ongoing in preparation for fall planting.
- Staff members are performing root fertilization to designated street trees.
- Fall plant and tree orders are being finalized.

### Streets

- Staff members performed set-up and tear-down event operations for the Independence Day Parade and Evening Celebration.
- Crew members repaired the bridge rails at Hutchins Open Space.
- Asphalt repair work was completed in Oak Park, and on Conley Lane and Wiltshire Drive.
- Concrete repair work was completed on the Avery Road bridge, Picardy Court and Prestwick Court.
- Staff members performed Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramp and mat replacement on Rushwood Drive and Dunnwood Court at Wiltshire Drive.
- Crew members performed ditch maintenance and cattail removal on Shier Rings Road.

### Dublin Irish Festival Preparations

Mulching, tree pruning and landscape bed maintenance preparations were completed in Coffman Park. Horticulture designed and assembled plant containers to be used throughout the Festival grounds. Crew members began installing orange fencing in and around Coffman Park and set up cement barricades along the Festival's perimeter as additional security. Sign installations are ongoing.

### Parks

- Staff members performed set-up and tear-down event operations for the Independence Day Parade and Evening Celebration.
- The north lawn at Riverside Crossing Park was aerated, seeded and fertilized.
- Irrigation maintenance and irrigation head replacements continue on park systems.
- Staff members continue to perform bike path trimming citywide.

### Sustainability

- Styrofoam collection boxes: To date, 5,220 pounds of Styrofoam have been diverted from the landfill.
- GoZero Composting: 29.48 tons of compost have been collected so far in 2024.
- Across the City's 21 electric vehicle charging stations, 36,593 gallons of gas have been saved to date in 2024. This equates to a greenhouse gas savings of 220,436 kilograms.
- The City-owned water refill station at the Independence Day Evening Celebration eliminated approximately 1,000 water bottles from the waste stream.
- Approximately 913 pounds of material was diverted from the landfill at the 2024 Independence Day Evening Celebration, nearly double the amount diverted at last year's event.

# Asset Management & Quality Assurance

## GoDublin

June saw 1,380 requests submitted for the month – a decrease from 1,552 last month. Of those requests, 941 (68%) were initiated through the GoDublin app. By comparison, there were 1,359 requests in June 2023. Top requests for June 2024:

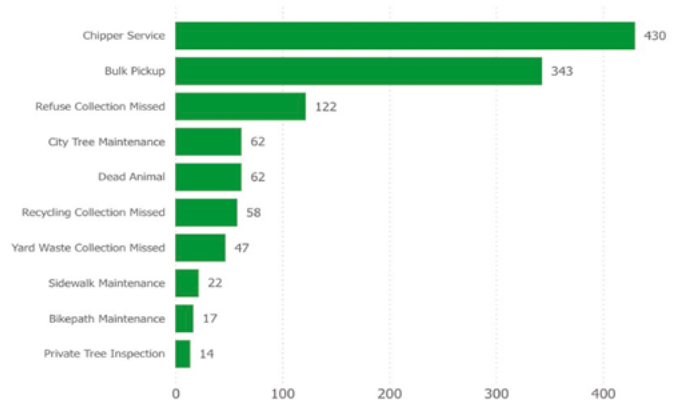
- Chipper service
- Bulk pickup
- Refuse collection missed
- City tree maintenance
- Dead animal

The top 10 requests generally account for 80% of all requests per month.

To view the condition assessment for each of the City's assets, visit <https://infrastructure-dublinohio.hub.arcgis.com>. All of Dublin's assets are currently meeting or exceeding the established goals as the City strives for continuous improvement.



Top 10 Request Types  
for selected criteria



## Inspections/Maintenance Work

- Inspections for pavement striping and marking inventory are ongoing.
- The 2024 pavement preventive maintenance program was updated and will tentatively start Aug. 19.
- Annual asset inspections continued through July.
- The bike path root-grinding pilot program began the week of July 22. This project grinds tree roots rupturing through the bike path asphalt to reduce or eliminate obstruction.
- Asset Management & Quality Assurance staff members are mapping the history of all resurfacing



## Court Services - Highlights

- Received 277 traffic cases, five operating a vehicle under the influence (OVI) cases and seven criminal/code enforcement cases.
- Received three juvenile criminal diversion cases, three juvenile traffic diversion cases and 36 adult traffic diversion cases.
- Collected \$52,079 in fines and court costs.
- Collected \$344.24 in restitution for victims of crime.
- Diversion participants completed 52 hours of community service work.

# Parks & Recreation

## Highlights

**DCRC Memberships: 7,811**

### Healthy Brochure

Heads up! The Fall 2024 Healthy Programs and Activities guide will be available to the public Aug. 6. Registration for Dublin and Dublin City Schools Residents begins Aug. 13, followed by nonresidents Aug. 20.

### Dublin Rec App

Dublin Rec App downloads total 2,965 since launching May 22. Top clicks are membership scan-ins, group fitness schedules, indoor pool schedules and outdoor pool information. The app is also being used to communicate any changes in operations or hours.

### Outdoor Pools | Season Passes Sold: 6,568

Dublin Community Pool-North was closed July 15 to host the N.E.W. League Championships.

### Summer Camps

The primary summer camp season ended July 26 for traditional summer camp and many specialty camp offerings. Extended week offerings will continue through Aug. 9. With full camp offerings for the first time since the pandemic, this summer season was a huge success. Staff members consistently heard positive feedback from the families of participants expressing their appreciation for the program and staff:

- “Our kids have been LOVING camp — everything from the counselors to the activities has been so wonderful. They’re excited to go each day and always come home telling us fun stories about the day!”
- “All the counselors, everyone at camp, are doing an amazing job!”
- “You are all amazing and [we are] blessed that the girls are having fun and [are] in great hands with you!”
- “This is our first year using Wyandot summer camp and I just wanted to send a quick note to say GREAT JOB and THANK YOU!!”



### Programs

Parks and Rec Month was a success with 21 different programs highlighting the variety of opportunities available to the community. Programs included a water fitness sampler, Workout Wednesdays at Riverside Crossing Park, two Nature’s Classrooms and more.

July programs continue to be strong, with various new programs beginning. Adult and older adult programming featured pickleball instruction, painting, ceramics and drumming for health. Notable highlights from preschool, youth and teen programming include Minecraft Camp, Ferris Wright: Ancient Ohio Survival and Learn from the Masters: Art Camp.

### Abbey Theater of Dublin

Seven productions of “James and the Giant Peach Junior” took the stage July 18-21.

August is jam-packed in the Abbey, kicking things off with an encore of “Moby Dick’s Gone Missing” as part of the Dublin Irish Festival, followed by “Alice by Heart” and “American Idiot,” two pre-professional shows running Aug. 8-17.





# Police & Safety

## Highlights

### Critical Incidents & Major Crimes

- June 30, a motorcyclist crashed into a post on Riverside Drive traveling southbound at State Route 161; the driver is expected to recover from their injuries.
- Two missing Dublin minors were found safe and returned home; the suspect was charged with interference with custody.

### Police Reports & Crime Trends

- The Community Impact Unit (CIU) continues investigations and prosecution of vehicle theft suspects in Delaware County.
- July 4, officers used the Flock camera system to locate and arrest a suspect wanted for domestic violence charges in Dublin.
- Officer Gwen Whittaker investigated a report of a nearly \$600,000 theft scam.
- Investigators worked a human trafficking interdiction operation at Red Roof Inn based on tips and online activity.
- CIU traffic stop at Extended Stay America Columbus Tuttle resulted in six charges for felony possession of narcotics, including fentanyl, cocaine and methamphetamine.

### Safety Messaging

- Promoted Vehicle Theft Prevention Month with tips and video on social media
- Shared traffic, parking and safety messages about the Independence Day Celebration
- Shared fireworks safety messages, noting sale, discharge and possession of commercial-grade fireworks are prohibited in Dublin, and use of novelty fireworks should be monitored during dry weather conditions
- Closed Citizens' Police Academy applications; class to start in late August
- Posted Slow Down Dublin video series installment about the Traffic Toolkit



### Misc.

- July 12, Officers Karla Sullivan, Jack McCrory, Alec Romer and Hunter Dietz graduated from the Columbus Division of Police Academy and immediately began Dublin Police's field training program.

| Statistics                     | 2022 YTD | 2023 YTD | 2024 YTD |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Part 1 Violent Crimes Reported | 13       | 23       | 17       |
| Theft Offenses                 | 212      | 265      | 159      |
| Thefts from Vehicles           | 108      | 131      | 52       |
| Motor Vehicle Thefts           | 20       | 41       | 29       |
| Burglaries/B&Es                | 21       | 30       | 27       |
| Traffic Crashes                | 286      | 344      | 351      |
| Serious Injury Crashes         | 7        | 7        | 11       |
| OVI Related Crashes            | 6        | 11       | 11       |
| OVI Arrests                    | 30       | 86       | 105      |
| Traffic Stops                  | 2236     | 3637     | 5231     |
| Speeding Citations             | 218      | 481      | 1372     |

### Community Outreach & Engagement

- Dublin Police Professional Standards Manager Whitney Aebker and Director of Law Enforcement Services Ed Burkhammer met with the Chief's Advisory Committee members to discuss policing accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies and the statewide pilot program.
- Chief Justin Páez and Mayor Chris Amorose Groomes opened the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio annual conference at Marriott Columbus Northwest.
- Officers hosted a self-defense course for the public.

### Police Responses to Issues of Community Concern

#### Speed Management

- Speed enforcement campaigns conducted
  - June 26 speed operation in District 2 (area east of Scioto River, not including Bridge Park) resulting in a total of 23 stops and 13 citations
  - July 12 nighttime speed operation on I-270 resulting in a total of 30 stops and 25 citations with support from the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)
  - July 18 multi-agency daytime speed operation on I-270 resulting in a total 86 stops and 60 citations from: Dublin Police, Hilliard Division of Police and Franklin County Sheriff's Office with OSHP support
- Q2 speed enforcement on Riverside Drive from Tuller Road to Martin Road (25 mph zone near Bridge Park)
  - 465 stops and 193 speeding citations
- The department distributed 40 AirTags as part of a donation from the Dublin Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association to help residents prevent theft by tracking their vehicle's location.
- The City announced Dublin Food Pantry as a new Safe Space Dublin location.
- Special Event Security
  - Officers provided security for the Independence Day Celebration in partnership with Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

# Human Resources

## Highlights



### Culture Playbook Citywide R-Factor Training

The final group of R-Factor training has been completed. Dublin Police officers and Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center employees will take R-Factor training later this fall. The training, along with the City's Culture Playbook rollout, provides Team Dublin tools and strategies to navigate challenges, foster a culture of accountability and optimize individual and team performance.



### Kindness Challenge

As part of the City's Healthy By Choice wellness initiative, City employees joined in a Kindness Challenge July 22 through Aug. 9. Participants earned HBC points as they worked to develop habits of kindness, including yoga and dance, to explore the transformative power of mindfulness, where acts of kindness and mindful movement contribute to well-being.

### Recent Hires



**Jason Webster**  
**Position:** Construction Manager  
**Division:** Engineering



**Erin Scholey**  
**Position:** Accounting Specialist  
**Division:** Finance



**Craig Stevens**  
**Position:** Court Administrator  
**Division:** Court Services

### Recent Retirement



**Lisa Wilson-Schoning**  
**Position:** Director of Court Services  
**Division:** Court Services (34 years)

### Recruitment

- Chief Innovation & Technology Officer
- Civil Engineer I
- Deputy Chief of Police
- Deputy City Manager
- Director of Information Technology
- Fleet Technician
- Maintenance Worker (Engineering and Facilities & Fleet Management)
- Police Officer

# Outreach & Engagement

## Highlights



### Independence Day Celebration Volunteer Support

More than 150 volunteers gave nearly 400 hours of their holiday time for the City of Dublin's Independence Day Celebration. Volunteers served in all aspects of the day. The follow-up surveys indicated strong satisfaction with the impact of volunteering for this event.

- “Many thanks to our City volunteer coordinators!”
- “I absolutely loved working the ticket counter at the Kid Zone and will gladly do it again.”
- “Appreciate the cooling neckbands, too. Thanks for such a well-coordinated event!”

### Summer Youth Service Series

This new youth service day kicked off July 12, with 41 volunteers between the ages of 10 and 14 at Coffman Park. The youth volunteers met with the Dublin Historical Society to work on projects at the Coffman Homestead, tended the Giving Garden, supported OneDublin and helped set up the Dublin Irish Festival Volunteer Kickoff event.

### Forever Dublin Teen Buddy Celebration

To combat isolation and create intergenerational connections, 50 Dublin teens volunteered their time this year by pairing up with local older adults. In July, 25 of the teens gathered for an ice cream social.

### Ferris-Wright Open Houses

Four open houses at Ferris-Wright welcomed residents celebrating Parks and Rec Month with history tours and activities. Ferris-Wright gardeners continue to maintain the interpretive beds at the park and have been watering the four new heritage trees planted in honor of the Ferris-Wright-Holder family. They also take the garden's produce to the Dublin Food Pantry.

### Water Quality Measurement Team



Outreach & Engagement and Engineering have partnered to work with MAD Scientists and community volunteers who will visit 12 sites along Indian Run and take water quality measurements. This will provide data on stream health for the City's reporting needs.

### Nature Docents

Nature docent volunteers led two educational programs for residents interested in finding out more about Dublin's natural environment. Twenty-five people registered for the two courses to learn about healthy streams and native bees.

### Dublin Irish Festival Preparation

On Saturday, July 27, approximately 600 volunteers attended the Dublin Irish Festival Volunteer Kickoff. The morning featured an overview training of the event with assignment breakout sessions to prepare volunteers for the signature weekend.



### Dublin Market at Bridge Park

The City had a presence at the Dublin Market at Bridge Park in July to promote the Dublin Irish Festival.

# Communications & Marketing

## Highlights

### July's Communication Strategy

- July's strategic topics included highlighting the Independence Day Celebration; promoting Parks & Rec Month, featuring the new Dublin Summer Fun Series; continuing Slow Down Dublin messaging; and ramping up messaging about the Dublin Irish Festival.
- Review the results from [June's overall communications metrics](#) and [City Council's communications efforts](#). [Review the complete Contact City data here](#).

### Sustainable Dublin Communications

- Shared the City's economic development agreement with Fallback Studios, an innovative motion picture company dedicated to promoting Central Ohio as a filmmaking destination
- Continued to promote Dublin's economic vitality through the "Why Dublin" series that features a different Dublin business each week
- Conducted a hanging basket competition on social media for followers to pick their favorite arrangement, which featured the City's horticulture team's talent

### Connected Dublin Communications

- Announced the strategic land acquisition in the West Innovation District
- Produced a video for the Dublin Summer Fun Series that featured atafiber as the sponsor of the Cinema Saturdays events
- Continued messaging the Dublin Rec mobile app to allow members to easily access the Dublin Community Recreation Center classes, scheduling and digital membership cards
- Shared updates on the newly approved Envision Dublin plan
- Featured the Mobility Concierge hours at The Dublin Link on Fridays in July
- Promoted Transportation & Mobility technology and data used to create safer roads

### August Lookahead

- Share communications and information about the Dublin Irish Festival
- Promote community cultural events including the Japanese Obon Festival and Indian Independence Day
- Continue Dublin's Backyard with Barbara Ray series
- Promote the Dublin Police's Aug. 6 National Night Out event

### Internal Branding

- Design concepts were finalized and are being developed for final approval, production and installation. The concepts will cohesively bring Dublin's brand to life in all City buildings and support the City of Dublin Culture Playbook. Final design is under way and implementation is expected to begin in Q4.



### Resilient Dublin Communications

- Shared ways the City of Dublin is accessible to residents and visitors during Disability Pride Month, including sharing the Dublin Parks Accessibility Plan survey to gather community input
- Celebrated the graduates of Citizen U Jumpstart
- Shared a recap video of the Brown-Harris Cemetery dedication ceremony
- Supported regional communications, in partnership with area law enforcement, on I-270 speed enforcement campaigns
- Created a short-form video on theft prevention during Vehicle Theft Prevention Month, encouraging residents to remember to take their key fob with them when leaving their vehicle
- Promoted the distribution of dozens of AirTag trackers to residents to reduce vehicle theft and assist in recovering stolen property; all AirTags were distributed in one day
- Continued promoting Slow Down Dublin with a video reminding drivers to watch their speed in neighborhoods
- Promoted Independence Day Celebration event schedule, traffic impacts and more
- Continued to share Dublin Irish Festival messages leading up to the event, including a video series titled "Irish Fest Flashbacks"

### Link Ahead Podcast

- 28,274 listens (an increase of 5,618 listens since the June report)
- The July Link Ahead podcast featured a conversation with Dublin Irish Festival artist Enda Scahill, founder of We Banjo 3 and member of GADAN.
- Upcoming topics and guests include Ohio State Women's Basketball coach and Dublin resident Kevin McGuff and Community Planning & Development Director Jenny Rauch to discuss the Envision Dublin Community Plan and Metro Center Revitalization.

# Community Events

## Highlights



### Independence Day

- Dublin’s exceptional community celebrated Independence Day in style. Julie Erwin Rinaldi, who is retiring as CEO of Syntero, served as the Grand Marshal and presided over the day’s events.
- The day kicked off with the Sherm Sheldon Fishing Derby at Avery Park with 99 individual participants and 85 families in attendance.
- More than 10,000 people watched the parade travel through Downtown Dublin.
- The Evening Celebration welcomed 10,000 people inside the stadium and approximately 10,000 watching from the grounds of Dublin Coffman High School while enjoying performances from Martina McBride, Karissa Ella and the Mighty Troubadours.
- A fantastic fireworks show wrapped up the day’s celebrations.



### Summer Fun Series

The summer event series kicked off in July with movies, exercise and games. Nearly 300 people attended the first movie night July 6. There were about 30 people at each of the Workout Wednesdays. Instructors from Life Time Fitness will lead the August and September classes. Games on the Green were consistently busy throughout the evening and will continue through Aug. 22.

### Dublin Irish Festival

- Preparations for the Dublin Irish Festival were in high gear throughout July.
- Tents started going up the week of July 8 and construction of the infrastructure for the world-class event continued throughout the month.
- The Honorary Chair Dinner, in honor of Riverside Bank of Dublin Board Director Brian Kelleher, was held July 25 at Fado Pub & Kitchen.

### Permitted Events

The summer continues to be the busiest time for permitted events. Below are some highlights:

- Tier 1 events: 1; Tier 2 events: 11
- The Nationwide Children’s Hospital Duck Race took place July 20 in Riverside Crossing Park for the third year. This event brings approximately 1,000 visitors to Dublin for the day.
- Arthritis Charity Auto Show brought 5,000 people to Metro Center from July 18 to 20.
- Buckeye Classic Archery Tournament was held at Darree Fields from July 26 to 28. This event has an estimated attendance of 1,000 people.
- The West Plaza of Riverside Crossing Park hosted the second West Plaza Block Party July 12.
- Over the past month, Community Events received two new community event permit applications for the fall.

### July Sponsorship Update

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

#### Dublin Irish Festival

- |                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| • Guinness                  | \$25,000      |
| • Coors                     | \$20,000      |
| • White Claw                | \$15,000      |
| • Jameson Irish Whiskey     | \$15,000      |
| • Bassett Services          | \$7,500 (NEW) |
| • NRG                       | \$7,500 (NEW) |
| • Slane Irish Whiskey       | \$3,500 (NEW) |
| • Dead Rabbit Irish Whiskey | \$3,500 (NEW) |

#### Spooktacular

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|----------------------------------|---------------|
| • The Yellow Door Design Company | \$1,000 (NEW) |
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# Legislative

## Update

### Legislative Timeline

Both the Ohio House and Ohio Senate have recessed for the summer with plans to return in November after the general election takes place. While the House has not released their official schedule for the remainder of the General Assembly, the Senate is scheduled to return on Wednesday, Nov, 13 to kick off the lame duck session.

#### **House Bill 491 – Requires Political Subdivisions to Participate in Ohio Checkbook Program**

State Representative Tom Young (R-Dayton) and State Representative Bob Peterson (R-Sabina) introduced legislation that would mandate participation from cities and other political subdivisions in the Ohio Checkbook program. The bill has had two hearings in the House State & Local Government Committee. There has not been any proponent testimony, but the Ohio Rural Water Association provided opponent testimony on June 11.

Spearheaded by former State Treasurer Josh Mandel nearly 10 years ago, the program aims to increase government financial transparency. Currently, participation from cities and other political subdivisions is voluntary. According to the bill sponsors' testimony, about 26% of Ohio's local governments have previously submitted expenditure data for publication on the website. Representative Peterson said that he views the legislation as a step toward improving relationships between Ohioans and the local governments that serve them.

#### **House Bill 573 – Increases the Local Government Fund**

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

### Pending Housing-Related Legislation

#### **Senate Bill 244**

Senate Bill 244 (Reynolds, Craig) has had two hearings in the Senate Ways & Means Committee. During the first hearing, 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.”

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#### **Senate Bill 245**

Senate Bill 245 (Reynolds, Craig), the Consumer Protection Bill, has had three 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.

The Ohio Real Estate Investors Association (OREI) is currently the only group that has provided opponent testimony. OREIA Director of Government Affairs Dan Acton wrote in his opponent testimony: “OREIA appreciates the ongoing efforts of the sponsors and the committee to address the many housing issues facing Ohioans today. ... However, OREIA has significant concerns with the bill's provisions eliminating the privacy and security protections afforded by legal LLC structures, and the potential unintended consequences of expanding eviction stays and record sealings. OREIA believes it is imperative that these issues be addressed before moving forward with the legislation.”

#### **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

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| 11<br>Coffman Homestead Open House<br>Alice by Heart<br>Green Day's American Idiot | 12<br>Dublin City Council                | 13   | 14<br>Food Truck Wednesdays<br>Yoga with Life Time Fitness<br>Green Day's American Idiot        | 15<br>Chief's Advisory Committee<br>Indian Independence Day Celebration<br>Pooch Pond<br>Alice by Heart   | 16<br>Mobility Concierge<br>North Market Wine Fest<br>Green Day's American Idiot | 17<br>The Dublin Market at Bridge Park<br>North Market Wine Fest<br>Alice by Heart<br>JASCO Summer Festival                     |
| 18   | 19<br>Dublin City Council – Work Session | 20   | 21<br>Food Truck Wednesdays<br>Yoga with Life Time Fitness<br>An Umbrella on a Rainy, Rainy Day | 22<br>Games on the Green<br>Planning & Zoning Commission  | 23<br>Mobility Concierge   | 24<br>The Dublin Market at Bridge Park<br>Northwest Chapel Community Outreach<br>Book Bash at the Bridge<br>Speeding to Read    |
| 25<br>Arbaeen Walk   | 26<br>Dublin City Council                | 27<br>Sells Middle School Cross Country Meet<br>Community Inclusion Advisory Committee | 28<br>Food Truck Wednesdays<br>Yoga with Life Time Fitness<br>Architectural Review Board        | 29<br>Riverside Crossing Master Plan Community Input Session 2<br>Board of Zoning Appeals   | 30<br>Mobility Concierge   | 31<br>Dublin Charity Cup<br>The Dublin Market at Bridge Park  |

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

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