

# Office of the City Manager Activities, Projects & Interactions

September 2024



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## Letter from the City Manager

The leaves are changing colors, residents are ready to rake them right, and parents are putting the finishing touches on costumes for this year's Spooktacular. That can only mean one thing – fall is upon us in Dublin! With a successful September behind us, I want to pause and reflect on some significant accomplishments from the past month.

We marked a major milestone in the Fiber to Every Home initiative, with the first Dublin homes now able to connect to the new multi-gig network! We celebrated this achievement with "Connect Dublin," a STEM-focused family fun day at the Coffman Pavilion. It was a fantastic event, bringing together families and showcasing the technological advancements shaping our community.

The City also strengthened international relations through our sponsorship of the Midwest U.S.-Japan Association Conference in Columbus. Council Members Jane Fox and John Reiner, along with our economic development team and myself, attended the conference, and the City of Dublin and The Beta District were prominently featured in the exhibit hall and throughout the itinerary. The event provided a valuable opportunity to connect with partners from Japan and across the U.S., strengthening our relationships and fostering economic growth.

In furtherance of the strategic land acquisition in the West Innovation District, we finalized the purchase of 243 acres that will be used to bolster economic, transportation and recreation opportunities. We held our first steering committee meeting and have been collaborating with the SportsOhio team on messaging and marketing. These efforts have set the stage for future successes.



Looking ahead to October, I look forward to working with Council to finalize the 2025-2029 Capital Improvements Program, which includes key projects over the next five years. We will also be further discussing the 2025 Operating Budget. Our budget processes support our goals of transparency and fiscal sustainability while providing and maintaining world-class infrastructure.

Thank you all for your continued commitment to our exceptional community. As I mark my two-year anniversary as your City Manager, I remain deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve Dublin. Guided by Council's vision and alongside an outstanding team of professionals, we will continue to make Dublin a thriving and vibrant community together.

Sincerely,

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.

# 2024/2025 City Council Goals

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

**Status:** Construction continues in Phase 1. [The permit status map can be viewed here](#). altafiber has mailed two general information pieces and is distributing door hangers. They also began direct marketing activities in July. Yard signs and a City of Dublin flyer have also been added as communication methods. The website has had 9,400+ project page views, 2,500+ residents have signed up for updates and now receive update newsletters, and approximately 1,800 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 occurred Sept. 13. This means altafiber internet services are available to the first 3,000 potential customers. A fiber splicing event took place Sept. 14 in the Coffman Park Pavilion. Attendees enjoyed a live fiber splicing demonstration and hands-on STEM activities.

## 2 Realize the Metro Center Revitalization Vision

**Status:** Staff members and the consultant continue to refine the preferred scenario based on Council's feedback July 1 and outline the sequencing needed for implementation. City staff members continue to engage with stakeholders in the area within and around Metro Center. Sasaki presented highlights of the draft revitalization and design framework plan to City Council on Sept. 30.

## 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 and Aug. 19 Council work sessions. The CIP includes funding for multiple larger-scale projects identified in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, including the implementation of the DCRC Refresh, an update to the Riverside Crossing Park Master Plan and Amberleigh Park kayak launch renovations. The DCRC Refresh Phase 1 bid acceptance is planned for approval at the Dec. 9 City Council meeting. An updated Riverside Crossing Park Master Plan draft, reflecting public input, is anticipated to be presented to Council for review and additional feedback in Q4 2024. Construction on the Amberleigh Park kayak renovation will begin as soon as the appropriate permits are received. 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. On Sept. 17, Staff convened the first steering committee meeting to provide an overview of the acquisition, review how it aligns with several strategic plans, discuss current operations and explore future third-party management opportunities. The meeting also included a tour of the property. The steering committee will play a key role in guiding the next steps to ensure optimal performance and sustainable operation of the sports complex. The City closed on the acquisition Sept. 25.

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

**Status:** Yard & Co. returned to Dublin Sept. 12 and 13 to interview City Council Members and additional stakeholders, including representatives from Crawford Hoying, the Historic Dublin Business Association and the Dublin Arts Council. A community survey was also conducted, receiving 94 responses. Yard & Co. has since provided Staff with a summary of understanding marking the completion of the Explore Phase of the project. Town Square will be visiting Dublin Oct. 1 and 2 to visit potential locations for a market and to interview key stakeholders, including partner organizations and Council Members. Town Square and Yard & Co. participated in a joint meeting Sept. 9 to coordinate work, including the sponsorship model review to inform a pro forma for a potential holiday market. Both projects are expected to be complete in Q1 2025. The Summer Fun Series wrapped up in Riverside Crossing Park with the final Workout Wednesday class Sept. 25.

# Key Project Updates

PROJECT	STATUS
<b>Dublin Parks Accessibility Plan</b>	Altura Solutions completed the park facility assessments in late June. An online survey has been shared with local organizations such as Adaptive Sports Connection, Dublin Special Olympics and Dublin Miracle League. A virtual public engagement session was held Sept. 25. The plan will include an assessment report and a transition plan to remove any identified barriers. Staff members will present the project’s purpose and preliminary findings at the Oct. 29 Community Inclusions Advisory Committee meeting. The plan is scheduled to go before Council for adoption in Q1 2025.
<b>Bright Road Corridor Improvements and the Emerald Parkway/ Mount Carmel Roundabout</b>	Construction began May 6 on both projects. The Emerald Parkway roundabout fully opened to traffic in all lanes and directions the week of Sept. 16. Bright Road construction is underway. Reconstruction of the southern half of the roadway and installation of underground utilities is ongoing. Many utilities are actively performing their relocations along Bright Road in preparation for the next project phase. Bright Road opened to two-way traffic on the new eastbound lane in September. These two lanes will temporarily carry traffic in both directions while the northern lanes are constructed. The northern lanes are expected to be completed and opened in November 2024. Completion of the Bright Road Corridor will follow in fall 2025.
<b>COhatch Headquarters</b>	On Sept. 25, the Architectural Review Board (ARB) reviewed and approved with conditions a preliminary development plan submitted by COhatch. The plan includes the renovation and adaptive reuse of four existing historic structures and the construction of a new 14,250 square-foot building on the east side of North Riverview Street. Also included are various public spaces, including a plaza with a European-style kiosk. ARB also reviewed and recommended approval of the rezoning of all development parcels from historic residential and historic public to historic core. The rezoning request will be considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council in October and November, respectively. City staff members and the consultant team are continuing to develop the public improvement details around the project area, which will be presented to City Council for input. The roadway network and streetscape design concepts are nearing completion, and coordination with area infrastructure improvements is ongoing.
<b>Community Gateway Signs</b>	Concepts were revised based on the feedback received by the Community Development Committee. The consultants and sign fabricators are currently working on finalizing shop drawings and creating a mock-up of the aesthetic elements of the gateway sign and a complete fabrication of the entryway sign. The mock-ups are expected to be ready this fall. Once available, staff members will bring the designs to City Council in Q4 2024.
<b>Community Health Needs Assessment</b>	Working group meetings and, in some cases, sub-group meetings and potential partner conversations, are being held 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 working group meeting discussions are focused on outlining specific tasks and actions that will aim to address the prioritized objectives determined by the groups. A final report is expected to be presented to City Council in Q4 2024.
<b>Envision Dublin Community Plan Update</b>	The Envision Dublin Community Plan update was adopted by City Council July 1 and became effective Aug. 1. City staff members and the consultant team are conducting a final review of the document for publishing. The Community Plan website was 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 final report is expected to be presented to City Council for review and adoption at the Oct. 7 meeting.

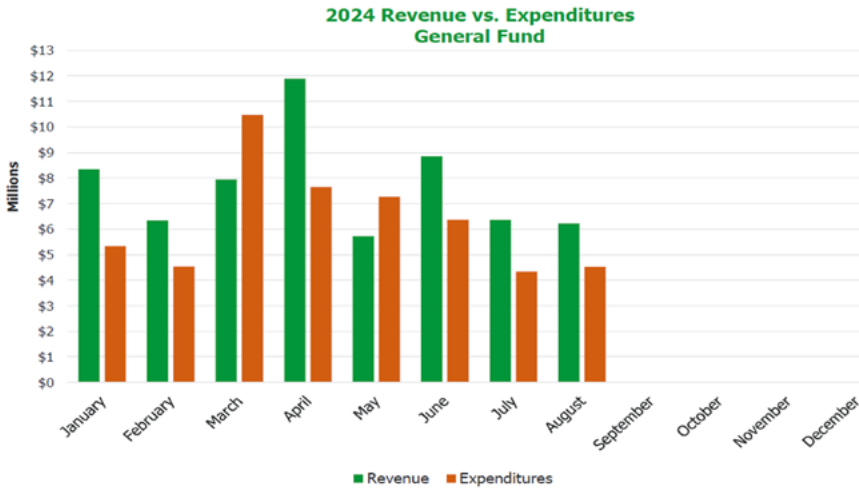
# Key Project Updates (Continued)

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<b>Dublin Community Recreation Center Refresh</b>	MSA Design continues to work with Dublin staff members on phasing recommendations and sequencing work in preparation for bid package development. The Phase 1 bid package includes the renovation of the existing Teen Lounge and Senior Lounge areas, which are currently in further design with bid acceptance planned for the December Council meeting. Renovations are planned to begin in January 2025.
<b>City of Columbus Fourth Water Plant - Transmission Main</b>	The City of Columbus established two recommended transmission main routes. The first transmission route within the City of Dublin corporate limit utilizes Muirfield Drive to Ashbaugh Road, Brand Road, Coffman Road, Emerald Parkway, Woerner-Temple Road/Rings Road and Frantz Road. The second transmission route is along Muirfield Drive to Post Road, Emerald Parkway, Dublin Road, Tuller Road, Dublin Center Drive and Sawmill Road. City staff members continue to engage in monthly progress meetings. Staff members met with the City of Columbus to coordinate the project with other CIP initiatives. Thirty percent design plans of the first transmission main are expected to be submitted to Dublin for review in October with construction planned for 2026-2028. Construction of the second transmission main is expected for 2027-2030. All work is anticipated to be within public right-of-way. Postcards were recently mailed to affected residents. In the event access to private property is required, the City of Columbus project team will notify and coordinate with property owners prior to initiating any work. A public meeting is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the DCRC.
<b>Curbside Management</b>	Upcti cameras were installed on Longshore and North High streets in August for occupancy, duration, violations, vehicle and mode types and sound level data. Fybr pucks were also installed on North High Street near the west plaza for occupancy, duration and double-parking information. Kickoff meetings were held with both companies and dashboards are being developed for Dublin. Based on early recommendations in the draft curbside management plan, Longshore Street signs have been updated to include more active loading areas, reduce double parking and improve pedestrian flows. The most recent report is under review. Project completion is scheduled for Q4 2024 followed by a presentation to City leadership.
<b>Dublin Sustainability Plan</b>	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 met to refine the executive summary to bring the plan back to Council. The plan is expected to be reviewed by City Council for adoption in Q4 2024.
<b>Post Road Interchange Construction</b>	Construction is underway on the Post Road pavement under U.S. 33 and the U.S. 33 bridges over Post Road. The traffic signal at the Post and Hyland-Croy roads intersection was activated June 11. The new alignment of the U.S. 33 eastbound ramp to Post Road/S.R. 161 eastbound is open. The Post Road/S.R. 161 westbound ramp to U.S. 33 eastbound is closed until October 2024. Traffic will permanently use the Eiterman Road roundabout to access Post Road/S.R. 161 eastbound. The Post Road/S.R. 161 eastbound ramp to U.S. 33 westbound is closed until October 2024. Traffic will need to detour onto U.S. 33 eastbound, exit at Avery-Muirfield and then use the on-ramp to U.S. 33 westbound. U.S. 33 traffic is shifted while construction of the bridge over Post Road takes place. Post Road is anticipated to be fully open by the end of 2024. Traffic impacts will continue on U.S. 33 through summer 2025. The project is anticipated to be completed by October 2025.
<b>Riverside Crossing Park Master Plan</b>	Based on feedback from City Council at the May 6 meeting, renderings were updated and shown to community members June 27 at a public open house. A Tell Dublin survey was launched that evening. Staff members met with residents from the Bridge Park West condominiums July 25 at the request of the residents to discuss the draft plan and answer questions. A second public input session was held in Riverside Crossing Park Aug. 29. A second survey is currently underway to solicit public preference for six potential amenities. Over 900 community responses with feedback continue to be reviewed, and further updates will be made to the plan before presenting it to City Council in Q4 2024.
<b>The Emerald Connector</b>	Demolition of the structure at 4130 Tuller Road was completed in June. The consultant team submitted a grant application for ODOT TRAC funding and an application for MORPC attributable funds and is coordinating with ODOT and the City of Columbus. The consultant submitted the 30% design submission in August and the third-party reviewer provided comments in September. City Council received an update and reviewed aesthetic treatment options at the Aug. 12 meeting. The City received 53 comments during the TRAC application funding input period, which closed Aug. 16. A public input session was held Sept. 12, and a survey is open through Oct. 12.

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

# Finance

## Highlights



### Highlights

**General Fund Cash Balance: \$78,195,811**

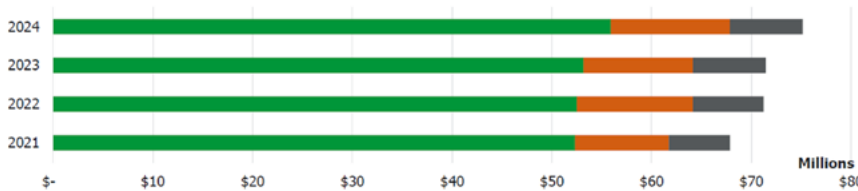
- 72.0% of actual expenditures
- \$23,917,168 in excess of 50% reserve level

**Income Tax revenue was 5.2% above 2023 YTD levels, or \$3,697,123**

- Receipts are 6.8% or \$4,775,596 ahead of budget
- Comparing YTD Aug. 2023 versus Aug. 2024:
  - Withholding increased 5.19%
  - Net profit revenue increased 8.47%
  - Individual revenue increased 0.08%

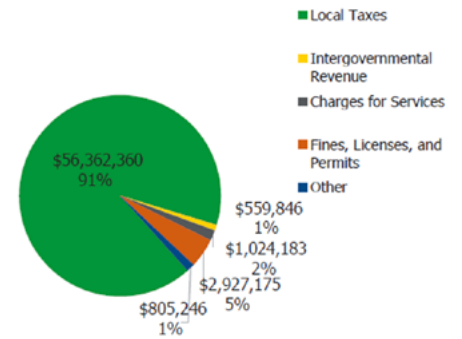
### Income Tax Collections

As of August 31, 2024, YTD income tax receipts totaled \$75,149,814, an increase of 5.2% over the same time in 2023. The 2024 budgeted income tax revenue is \$106,000,000.

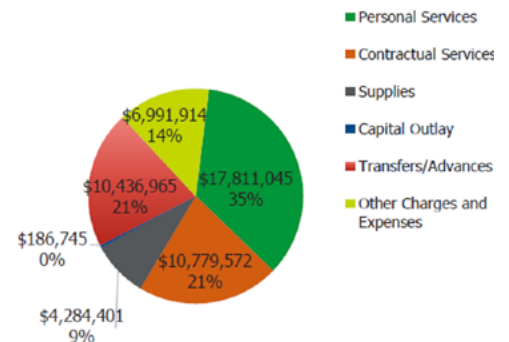


	2021	2022	2023	2024
Withholding	\$ 52,335,180	\$ 52,513,517	\$ 53,179,920	\$ 55,939,717
Net Profit	\$ 9,408,798	\$ 11,650,195	\$ 10,992,444	\$ 11,923,921
Individual	\$ 6,098,995	\$ 7,085,341	\$ 7,280,327	\$ 7,286,177
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 67,842,973</b>	<b>\$ 71,249,053</b>	<b>\$ 71,452,691</b>	<b>\$ 75,149,814</b>

### General Fund Revenue (by type) \$61,678,810



### General Fund Expenses (by type) \$50,490,642



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

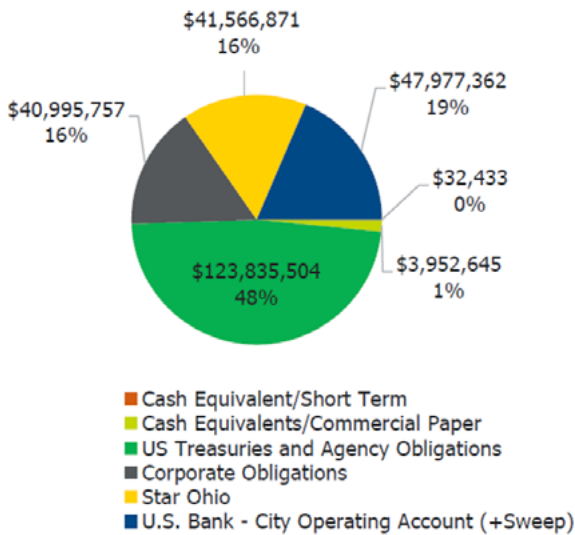
# Finance Update

## Fund Balance as of August 31, 2024

Fund	Month End Cash Balance	Fund	Month End Cash Balance	Fund	Month End Cash Balance
101 - General Fund	\$78,195,811	416 - TIF Pizzuti	\$491,750	461 - TIF Tuller	\$4,759,303
201 - Street Maintenance and Repair	\$1,985,490	419 - TIF Thomas/Kohler	\$3,833,643	462 - TIF Nestle	\$288,359
202 - State Highway	\$633,936	421 - TIF McKittrick Project	\$1,173,540	463 - TIF Bridge Park Blocks B & C	\$4,377,800
225 - Recreation	\$1,911,466	425 - TIF Perimeter Center	\$2,374,398	464 - TIF Innovation	\$489,600
226 - Pool	\$86,713	426 - TIF Rings Road	\$1,018,946	465 - TIF Riviera	\$1,022,912
231 - Permissive Tax	\$181,322	431 - TIF Perimeter West	\$2,300,048	466 - TIF Penzone	\$440,725
232 - Hotel/Motel Tax	\$2,653,789	432 - TIF Upper Metro Place	\$1,493,448	467 - TIF H2 Hotel	\$688,487
241 - Safety	\$1,344,536	433 - TIF Rings/Frantz	\$1,613,685	468 - TIF Bridge Park Block Z	\$404
242 - Law Enforcement	\$63,274	436 - TIF Historic Dublin Parking	\$40,031	469 - TIF Block A	\$1,135
243 - Mandatory Drug Fine	\$2,939	440 - TIF Emerald Parkway Phase 5	\$22,107	474 - TIF Bridge Park Incentive Dist	\$32,680
244 - Wireless 9-1-1 System	\$740,757	441 - TIF Emerald Parkway Phase 8	\$5,189	475 - TIF The Corners	\$279,763
251 - Enforcement and Education	\$79,000	442 - TIF Perimeter Loop	\$19,462	591 - Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$1,809,971
252 - Mayors Court Computer	\$49,466	443 - TIF Tartan West	\$1,465,493	610 - Water	\$1,499,404
261 - Cemetery	\$97,172	444 - TIF Shamrock Blvd.	\$201,268	612 - Water Construction	\$1,340,674
262 - Accrued Leave Reserves	\$696,297	446 - TIF River Ridge	\$820,325	620 - Sewer	\$2,771,582
263 - Rings Unitrust	\$1,000,000	447 - TIF Lifetime Fitness	\$607,996	623 - Sewer Construction	\$4,522,664
266 - Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	\$14,000	449 - TIF Irelan Place	\$33,033	701 - Self Insurance - Employee Bens	\$5,709,353
267 - Opioid Relief Fund	\$110,098	450 - TIF Shier Rings Road	\$85,836	703 - Self Insurance - Workers Comp	\$162,484
299 - Occupancy Deposits	\$117,500	451 - TIF Shamrock Crossing	\$468,508	803 - Unclaimed Monies	\$146,317
310 - General Debt Service	\$1,962,100	452 - TIF Bridge and High Street	\$339,482	804 - Visit Dublin Ohio	\$98,805
311 - Econ Development Bond Retirmnt	\$777,234	453 - TIF Dublin Methodist Hospital	\$1,428,912	805 - Agency	\$3,015
320 - S.A. Debt Service	\$21,851	454 - TIF Kroger Centre	\$1,744,339	807 - C.O.I.R.S.	\$487,874
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	\$52,811,153	456 - TIF Delta Energy	\$53	821 - Building Standards Surcharges	\$2,032
402 - Parkland Acquisition	\$5,984,659	457 - TIF Bridge Street	\$486,709	822 - Columbus Sewer Capacity	\$24,352
404 - Capital Improvement Constructi	\$41,361,617	458 - TIF Vrable	\$909,385	823 - New Community Authority	\$15,112
412 - TIF Woerner-Temple	\$375,779	459 - TIF West Innovation	\$7,725,119	831 - Law Enforcement Custodial Fund	\$406,684
415 - TIF Ruscilli	\$1,356,722	460 - TIF Ohio University	\$13,844	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$256,965,857</b>

## Investment Summary as of August 31, 2024

Total market value: \$258,360,572



## State & Federal Grant Funding Opportunities

### Grant Applications Submitted in September:

- Ohio Public Works Commission: Clean Ohio Conservation Program – Site 28 of the Waterways Maintenance Program Year 2 (2025) Project | \$200,000
- CyberOhio Local Government Grant Program – Five Strategic Initiatives | \$20,000

### Grant applications submitted in 2024: 23

Grants/funding opportunities awarded in 2024: 8 projects for an award total of \$2,364,213

- 7 awarded to Dublin totaling: \$2,274,213
- 1 awarded to MORPC (Including Dublin as a partner) totaling: \$15,000,000 (\$90,000 to Dublin)

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



# Economic Development

## Highlights

### JobsOhio/One Columbus Leads

The Economic Development team and members of leadership attended the Midwest U.S.-Japan Association Conference, hosted in Columbus Sept. 8-10. Nearly 400 people were in attendance from Japan and throughout the Midwest. New connections were made and existing relationships were reengaged over the course of the event.



As a global city of choice, Dublin was proud to sponsor the Midwest U.S.-Japan Association's 55th annual conference in Columbus, Sept. 8-10. Council Members Jane Fox and John Reiner; City Manager Megan O'Callaghan; and our Economic Development team participated in the annual event. This year's theme was "Building an Ecosystem for Innovation, Growth & Sustainability."



The next Dublin CIC meeting will take place on Oct. 21 to review and approve implementation items related to the recently adopted Dublin CIC Strategic Plan.

### Business Retention & Expansion

So far in 2024, the Economic Development team has completed more than 100 business visits with Dublin-based companies.

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

### Company News

- [Dublin-based IGS Solar to build array to power Dayton nonprofit](#)
- [Techstars Columbus at Ohio State picks Dublin NIL startup for second class](#)
- [In first year, CEO steers Northwoods in a new direction](#)
- [New plan for Historic Dublin's Riverview Village project includes more public-facing amenities](#)
- [Welcome to Boomtown - City of Dublin Economic Development Director, Jeremiah Gracia, discusses local and regional development with 10TV](#)

### Events

- Sept. 4-5: Mobility In Color, hosted at Brick House Blue
- Sept. 4-6: OEDA Annual Summit, Toledo, OH
- Sept. 8-10: Midwest U.S. Japan-Association Conference
- Sept. 11: CREW Columbus – An Introduction to C-PACE with Nuveen Green Capital
- Sept. 15-18: IEDC Annual Conference, Denver, CO
- Sept. 16-20: Dublin Talent Connect Event
- Sept. 19: Pepper Construction Networking Event
- Sept. 25: Dublin Chamber of Commerce Women In Business Luncheon with Dr. Whitney Raglin Bignall

# Economic Development



The Beta District hosted the second annual Mobility in Color event on September 4-5 at Bridge Park. This two-day gathering brought together a diverse group of business leaders to explore opportunities for investment and partnership in The District. More than 35 participants attended, delving into emerging trends in smart mobility, electrification and advanced air mobility. Attendees enjoyed the amenities at Fado for the pre-event cocktail reception and Brick House Blue for the main event. Engaging panel discussions, an hour of energetic speed networking, and informative “Beta Block” presentations from industry experts made this event a highlight of the year.



## Economic Development Strategy, Envision Dublin, & Metro Center Updates

Please join us 4-6 p.m. Oct. 3 at The Exchange as the City of Dublin Economic Development and Planning Divisions share updates on Economic Development Strategy, Envision Dublin Community Plan and Metro Center Revitalization.

[Register now and connect](#) with City staff members, business leaders and key stakeholders.

The Beta District leadership team also participated in the Midwest U.S. - Japan Association (MWJA) Conference in Downtown Columbus. Fifty members of the Japanese delegation joined The Beta District for a guided bus tour of Dublin and Marysville, highlighting the U.S. 33 Smart Mobility Corridor, the Automotive & Mobility Innovation Center (AMIC) and the Transportation Research Center (TRC).

The September events led to a strong online performance. The Mobility in Color event recap post had a 34% engagement rate, significantly surpassing the typical 2-6% engagement rate on posts. Additionally, LinkedIn page visits have increased by 19% since MWJA.

# Community Development

## Boards & Commissions Activity

### Boards & Commissions Activity

The Planning and Zoning Commission heard seven cases in September. One of those cases, Bridge Park Block H, was an informal review for the development of 42 single-family townhomes and associated site improvements on two parcels. The 2.24-acre site is zoned Bridge Street District – Scioto River Neighborhood (BSD-SRN) and is located southeast of the intersection of John Shields Parkway and Mooney Street within Bridge Park. This case was approved by the commission.

The Architectural Review Board heard three cases in September. The COhatch Riverview Village case was a review for a preliminary development plan for a combined 2.16-acre mixed-use development currently zoned Historic District – Historic Residential (HD-HR). New office space was proposed for construction, in addition to restoration of houses located at 37, 45, 53 and 62 N. Riverview St. The site is located on both sides of North Riverview Street, south of North Street and north of Wing Hill Lane.

The Administrative Review Team heard one case in September. The case pertained to an AT&T antenna swap and was a review of an application to remove and replace antennas and equipment on an existing wireless tower. The site is located southwest of the roundabout at Brand and Avery roads. This case was approved.

The Board of Zoning Appeals did not meet in September.

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

### Regional Items of Interest

The Logan-Union-Champaign Regional Planning Commission (LUCRPC) met Sept. 12 convening the Budgeting Committee; Zoning and Subdivision Committee; Executive Committee; and Visioning Committee. Dublin Senior Planner Tammy Noble attended the Zoning and Subdivision Committee and the Executive Committee meetings. There were four cases on the agenda for the Zoning and Subdivision Committee and Executive Committee, all of which were preliminary plats in Jerome Township. The most significant plat was for a project identified as Del Marr, which is a proposed residential subdivision including 711 residential units and 188 acres of open space. The site is located between U.S.42/ Mitchell-Dewitt Road and between Industrial Parkway/Currier Road in Jerome Township, Union County.

The LUCRPC also provided model text language for medical and adult use cannabis. The model language will provide draft language for communities to consider for the potential production and/or sale

of cannabis. The draft model text language was approved by both committees. Jurisdictions may consider adoption of the language for their communities.

The Delaware Regional Planning Commission approved three cases in adjacent jurisdictions at its Aug. 29 meeting. The commission approved a final plat for Woodcrest Crossing, Section 6 in Liberty Township at Steitz and Hyatts Roads encompassing 49 lots on 45.5 acres. Also approved was a plan for Nelson Farms North in Liberty Township on Liberty Road south of Hyatts Road, with 37 lots on 40 acres and Clarkshaw Crossing, Section 1 in Liberty Township south of Clark Shaw Road and east of Sawmill Parkway for 47 lots on 29 acres.

The Jerome Township Community Plan Open House on Wednesday, Sept. 25, was attended by Community Planning & Development staff members. The plan is being developed by MKSK, a consulting firm, with adoption expected by the end of 2024. The plan guides future growth and development of Jerome Township. The plan has a similar structure as the Envision Dublin Community Plan and focuses on key areas such as quality of life, natural resources, economic development and quality of development. The plan includes more than 1,000 comments from stakeholders and residents.

The plan's Future Land Use Map shows proposed land use classifications for Jerome Township, which include different types of residential uses, employment uses, a commercial corridor along S.R. 161, small commercial areas along S.R. 42 and three areas of focal development, mainly along S.R. 42. The plan's land use recommendations are mostly compatible with Envision Dublin, except for the area north of S.R. 161 along U.S. 33, where Jerome Township proposes regional retail and Dublin proposes neighborhood/suburban office.

The Community Plan does not have a Thoroughfare Plan, and the City of Dublin is asking whether the Union County Thoroughfare Plan should be referenced. City Transportation & Mobility staff members also asked if the township has considered additional pedestrian or bike facilities. Additionally, the Parks Drilling site is within the "Focus Area" designation, which includes three township areas of New California Interchange, U.S. 42 and "Old Jerome".

One significant metric listed in the plan is that 12.2% of Dublin City School students live in Jerome Township, which shows the impact of increased residential development on the school district. MKSK will hold future meetings to present modifications and updates as the plan moves forward in the approval process. Future updates will be provided in this report.

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

# Compliance & Enforcement



## Code Enforcement

As an election cycle approaches, Code Enforcement staff members are aware of the increasing number of temporary signs around the city. Candidate signs, local levy information and statewide ballot issues will encapsulate the majority of topics seen on temporary signage. Staff members enforce the following rules through Election Day: Non-compliant signs in the public right-of-way or improperly displayed will be removed. The City requests that residents locate a sign to a compliant zone beyond the sidewalk. All signs should be removed immediately after the election.

## Zoning & Code Compliance

### Daily Zoning Inspections

Forty-three daily zoning inspections were performed in August. 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 newly constructed Neuro Transitional Rehabilitation Center, 6640 Perimeter Drive, and a building addition to Dublin Methodist Hospital, 7450 Hospital Drive.

### Routine Landscape Inspections

Eight landscape inspections were performed in August. Landscape inspections identify missing, dead or dying plant material, as well as other zoning code violations. Inspections focused on the Perimeter Center area.

### Certificate of Zoning Plan Approval (CZPA)

Eighteen CZPA inspections were performed in August to confirm compliance with approved CZPA permits.

# Building Standards



## Certificate of Occupancy

Thirty-eight certificates of occupancy were issued in August. Three of interest were:

- The Bailey at Bridge Park, 4455 Winder Drive
- Media Source, 7001 Discovery Blvd.
- BOHO 72, 55 S. High St.

## Inspections

In August, Building Standards completed 665 inspections. Over the last 12-month period, the average number of inspections per month was 606. The number of inspections in August 2024 was 2% lower than August 2023. Data indicates there is an upward trend in the number of inspections completed year over year. In 2023, the division completed 7,000 building inspections.

## Commercial and Residential Plan Review

Total plan review numbers were 87, which is typical for August. May was the highest month in the last 12-month period with 134 plan reviews. Plan review numbers are expected to increase during the summer months. An average of 78 plan reviews were completed per month over the last year.

## New Building Permits Issued

Building permits issued (that required plan review) totaled 40 permits in August. Numbers can fluctuate +/- 10% each month. The monthly average, over the last 12-month period, was 43 new building permits issued per month, which is slightly above average.

# Transportation & Mobility

## Highlights



Tullymore Drive at Shanagan Street.

### Speed Management

#### Speed Warning Cameras

- The new speed warning cameras went live Sept. 16. The cameras are currently placed at the following locations:
  - Tara Hill Drive near Raymond Drive
  - Memorial Drive near Kirkwall Court
  - Wall Street near Carson Way
  - Tullymore Drive near Newgrange
- Through this effort, 194 number of letters have been sent to registered vehicle owners.

### Tactical Urbanism

The second location of tactical urbanism was installed in September at Tullymore Drive at Shanagan Street. Features of this location include white edge lines outlining steering wheel patterned color blocks, sloth icons at the entry/exits to the crosswalks and the Slow Down Dublin icon approaching the intersection on Tullymore Drive.



### Citywide Crash Data

(vehicles and all vulnerable road users)

	Frequency	High Severity	Bike Ped
2024 Year-to-Date	337	12	5
July	42	0	2

#### Fatal and Serious Injury or Pedestrian Involved Crashes:

- Two pedestrians were crossing North Street on the west side of North High Street and were struck by an eastbound driver, resulting in minor injury. The driver fled the scene.
- A motorcyclist lost control on the I-270 northbound ramp to the U.S. 33 westbound ramp and left the roadway, resulting in a minor injury.



### Professional Development

T&M Director Jeannie Willis attended the ITS World Congress in September in Dubai, UAE, to speak about Smart Infrastructure Deployments for Increased Safety and Mobility in the US and UAE. Her session covered AI-powered sensors and V2X communication technologies to address challenges in various transportation modes, including pedestrian and vulnerable road user safety, efficient traffic control and emergency vehicle preemption.

### Micro-transit Service Study Open House

During an Aug. 22 open house, current riders discussed how the Dublin Connector meets their needs, suggested improvements for micro-transit services, and identified the best service options for the community. More than 40 attendees highlighted the need for extended service hours and access beyond Dublin. A survey on the City's Tell Dublin web page, promoted via social media, will be posted to gather additional input from potential riders.

[Speed Management Dashboard](#) | [Dublin Connector Dashboard](#) | [September Mobility Report](#)

# Public Service

## Highlights



### Streets

- The City of Dublin was honored with two American Public Works Association awards at the recent Public Works Expo. The City received the Technical Innovation Award for the implementation and usage of a new road weather information system using Vue Robotics weather camera stations. Operations Administrator Gary Browning received the Excellence in Education Award, recognizing his work in delivering educational opportunities for all levels of public works.
- The annual SnowGo Road-eo was held Sept. 17. Staff members competed in several skill events, including the snowplow road-eo, to prepare for winter snowfall. Staff members also tested the operational readiness of the SnowGo system by performing a training run of the snow routes.
- Staff members began laying the concrete at Emerald Fields Park to support the combined trash/recycling receptacles.

### Parks

- Staff members continue to trim vegetation on bike paths citywide.
- Coffman Park turf repairs from the Dublin Irish Festival have been completed.
- Split-rail fence replacement is ongoing in M.L. “Red” Trabue Park.
- Pond maintenance is ongoing as staff members continue to battle the hot and dry conditions.
- Park property line vegetation trimming and sidewalk edging is ongoing throughout the park system.
- Staff members continue to respond to multiple hornet nest removal requests citywide.

### Sustainability

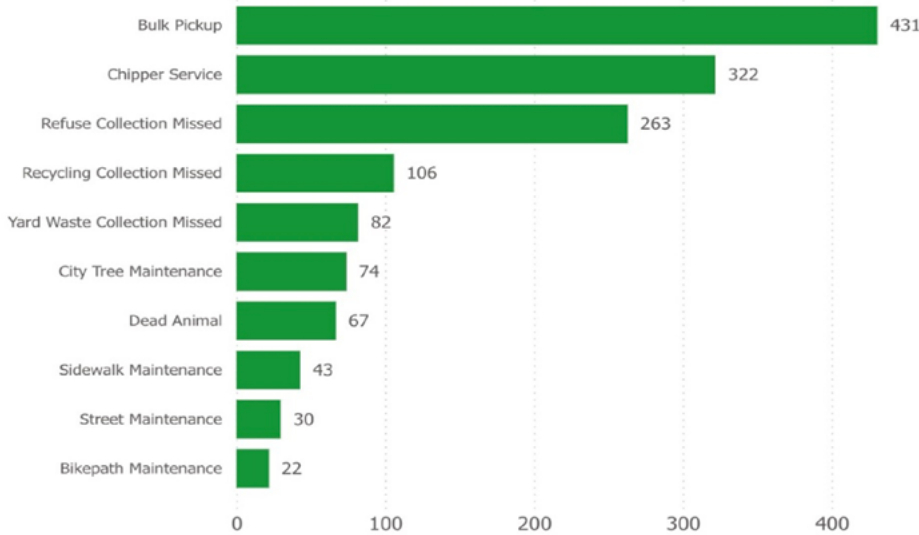
- Styrofoam collection boxes: To date, 7,812 pounds of Styrofoam have been diverted from the landfill.
- GoZero Composting: 38.97 tons of compost have been collected so far in 2024.
- Across the City’s 21 electric vehicle charging stations, 49,592 gallons of gas have been saved to date in 2024. This equates to a greenhouse gas savings of 298,139 kilograms.
- Management Analyst Emily Goliver spoke to environmental science students at Dublin Coffman High School Sept. 30 about the City’s existing sustainability programs and goals moving forward.



### Horticulture & Forestry

- Dublin Cemetery fall plantings were installed as part of a volunteer planting project with staff members and Outreach & Engagement.
- Dead tree and stump removals continue in preparation for fall plantings.
- Fall tree deliveries started to arrive at the end of the month.
- Staff members installed fall plant material in the planters in Historic Dublin and Riverside Crossing Park.
- Tree pruning continues throughout the park system.
- Horticulture hosted employees from Inniswood Metro Gardens to tour landscape areas in the parks and Historic Dublin.

# Asset Management & Quality Assurance



## GoDublin

August saw 1,655 requests submitted for the month – an increase from 1,587 last month. Of those requests, 1,251 (75%) were initiated through the GoDublin app. By comparison, there were 1,424 requests in August 2023.

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.

## Inspections/Maintenance Work

- Inspections for pavement striping and marking inventory are ongoing.
- The 2024 pavement preventive maintenance program has been completed.
- Bids have been received for the sidewalk shaving program which is planned to commence in October.
- Annual asset inspections continued with culvert inspections.
- Asset Management & Quality Assurance staff members are working on a project to map the history of all resurfacing throughout the City.

## Court Services - Highlights

- Received 309 traffic cases, two operating a vehicle under the influence (OVI) cases and four criminal/code enforcement cases.
- Received one juvenile criminal diversion case, one juvenile traffic diversion case and 33 adult traffic diversion cases.
- Collected \$50,938 in fines and court costs.
- Diversion participants completed 122.5 hours of community service work.

# Parks & Recreation

## Highlights

DCRC Memberships: 7,701

### Outdoor Pools

Final Outdoor Pool Season Numbers			
	Pool Passes Sold	South Pool Daily Passes Sold	North Pool Daily Passes Sold
2023	\$455,582.60	\$ 44,122.00	\$ 79,151.00
2024	\$482,751.60	\$ 46,702.00	\$ 89,945.00
% Change	6%	6%	12%

	2023	2024
DCPN Pass Visits	45,970	50,098
DCPS Pass Visits	19,115	20,053
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,085</b>	<b>70,151</b>

Daily Admissions	2023					
	DCPS	%	DCPN	%	Total	%
Resident	3,230	73%	6,212	77%	9,442	75%
Non-Resident	1,225	27%	1,907	23%	3,132	25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,455</b>		<b>8,119</b>		<b>12,574</b>	

DCPS	%	DCPN	%	Total	%
3,041	72%	6,509	77%	9,550	75%
1,177	28%	1,988	23%	3,165	25%
<b>4,218</b>		<b>8,497</b>		<b>12,715</b>	

### Programs

Respawn Lounge/Esports programming is hot! Building on the success of the spring and summer intro to coding programs, an intermediate level has been introduced selling out its first-ever offering. On Fridays this fall, Creative Lab open hours are being piloted, during which participants can use different software programs inside the Respawn Lounge. This includes graphic design software GIMP for image editing, coding skills through Minecraft Education and video editing software to create new projects. This new addition demonstrates possibilities beyond gaming in the Respawn Lounge.

### Abbey Theater of Dublin

Program surveys from the pre-professional shows of “American Idiot” and “Alice by Heart” were overwhelmingly positive. Here’s what some show attendees had to say:

#### “American Idiot”

“‘American Idiot’ was one of the best shows we have seen at the Abbey.”

“My wife and I really enjoy the performances at the Abbey Theater. It’s great to have theater performances in the community. We rode our bikes to the performance and were commenting about how much fun it was to be able to bike to such a fun performance right from home. Keep up the good work!”

“I am a huge fan of the musical (‘American Idiot’) and Googled it to see if anyone was performing it within driving distance. We travelled three hours to see it and I was very impressed.”

#### “Alice by Heart”

“Fantastic production with an incredible collection of talent!”

“Great actors pouring themselves into the scripts. I trust equally good direction was in force. Keep up the productions. They are worthwhile!”

“We love that Abbey Theater is in Dublin and offers pre-professional experiences for young adult actors and actresses and quality musical productions for the community!”

Don’t miss the encore performance of “A Walk in the Woods,” Oct. 3-5, and Original Productions Theatre’s “See No Evil,” Oct. 24-Nov. 3.

### Golf Club of Dublin

Despite the heat and dry weather this summer, feedback from Ballantrae residents about the ponds has been overwhelmingly positive. The summer golf season continues to thrive with 3,826 resident rounds being played so far this year.



# Police & Safety

## Highlights

### Critical Incidents & Major Crimes

- A suspect has pleaded guilty to two counts of robbery with firearms based on multiple robberies in 2022, including at the Dublin Community Recreation Center and Life Time Fitness.
- Detective cases resulted in two suspects pleading guilty to stealing a van from Dublin Scioto High School.
- A person pleaded guilty to breaking and entering the Dublin Hippie Hut.
- Police are investigating a Red Roof Inn report of a patron being robbed in which the victim knew the suspect.

### Police Reports & Crime Trends

- Police arrested a suspect for possession of a stolen vehicle when police believed the suspect was attempting to commit a breaking-and-entering (B&E) crime at a restaurant in Columbus near Sawmill and Martin roads. Dublin Police previously arrested the man for B&E activities along the Sawmill Road corridor.
- Officers continue to investigate an Aug. 28 series of vehicle break-ins at multiple hotel parking lots.
- Officers continue to investigate two series of thefts from motor vehicles from businesses Aug. 27 and Sept. 5 in the Blazer Parkway, Rings Road and Parkcenter Circle areas.
- Community Impact Unit officers are investigating a number of abandoned stolen vehicles located near Summitview Road and Conine Drive from July 5 to Sept. 15.

### Safety Messaging

- Shared Safe Driving Awareness Month messaging related to Slow Down Dublin initiatives, including speed warning cameras and tactical urbanism
- Posted information for Suicide Prevention Month, including the Dublin prevention pledge, online resource guide and free lockbox program info; 20 boxes were given to residents
- Shared National Preparedness Month safety tips
- Shared the launch of Handle With Care, a partnership between Dublin City Schools and the School Resource Officer program, where first responders discreetly notify schools of student trauma, allowing staff to offer appropriate support

### Misc.

- Many police officers and communication technicians received various hand-written and emailed kudos from community members who wanted to share their recent positive experiences with law enforcement. Thanks to Officers Reece Berry, Steve Borton, Eric Boulware and Thomas Byers; and Communications Technician Ashton Knerr for being dedicated to service.

Statistics	2022 YTD	2023 YTD	2024 YTD
Part 1 Violent Crimes Reported	19	26	24
Theft Offenses	289	355	226
Thefts from Vehicles	152	170	77
Motor Vehicle Thefts	33	66	41
Burglaries/B&Es	28	36	38
Traffic Crashes	405	456	465
Serious Injury Crashes	10	8	12
OVI Related Crashes	10	15	16
OVI Arrests	57	113	123
Traffic Stops	3308	4966	7183
Speeding Citations	321	835	1857

### Community Outreach & Engagement

- NBC4 interviewed School Resource Officer Rigoberto Quintanilla and Records Supervisor James Williamson about being multilingual and how that serves community members from diverse backgrounds.
- Police partnered with Crown Chrysler of Dublin for the Sept. 7 “Together for a Brighter Tomorrow” event about suicide prevention and mental health.
- Officers participated in the Sept. 14 regional Tunnel to Towers charity softball tournament that supports first responder and military families while honoring 9/11 victims.
- Officer Ryan Mann demonstrated the police drone during the Sept. 14 Connect Dublin: Fiber Splicing & STEM Innovation Day.
- Officers shared body-worn camera policies and a presentation on response to people in crisis during the month Chief’s Advisory Committee meeting.

### Police Responses to Issues of Community Concern

- Dublin Police supported the Dublin City Schols in publishing the DCS Safety Playbook for students and parents that discusses the ongoing public safety partnership between the department and the district.

### Speed Management

- Speed enforcement campaign conducted
  - Aug. 23 nighttime speed operation on I-270, resulting in 26 total stops and 20 citations (Dublin Police only)
- Totals from I-270 multi-agency speed operations throughout the summer across participating agencies: Dublin Police, Hilliard Division of Police, Franklin County Sheriff’s Office, and Ohio State Highway Patrol:
  - Total citations: 285
  - Total stops: 366
  - Total warnings: 84
  - Arrests: 4
- Police announced that starting Sept. 16, speed warning cameras began issuing warning letters to vehicle owners when drivers exceed speed thresholds. 10TV interviewed Deputy Chief Nick Tabernik about the initiative.

# Human Resources

## Highlights



### Employee Olympics

Team Dublin Olympics was held Sept. 19 and City employees turned in gold-medal performances in an Amazing Race, dodgeball, Name that Tune and many other friendly competitions. Staff members took a few hours to enjoy time together, celebrate the end of summer and take pride in serving an Exceptional Community.

### Healthy Together Health Fair

Team Dublin members participated in our annual health fair offering health information, free screenings, food, games and engagement with vendor partners, including United Healthcare, VSP Vision Care, Cancer Bridge, The Computer Workshop, Costco, Mission Square Retirement, Ohio 529 Retirement, Ohio Derm, The Running Company and others. Therapy dogs won the hearts of all who stopped by to pet them. Raffle prizes for attendees included a backpack cooler, Stanley Cup, JBL speaker and others.

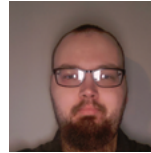
### Senior Leadership Retreat

On Sept. 26, the Senior Leadership Team convened at the Kaltenbach Community Center for their quarterly retreat. During the retreat, Visit Dublin, a key community partner, led an insightful driving tour showcasing Dublin. City Manager Megan O'Callaghan provided strategic updates, and the team engaged in staff development focused on enhancing team dynamics using the Enneagram framework. This exercise fostered greater understanding of individual work styles and how they contribute to overall team effectiveness.

### Recent Hires



Theodoric Eyer  
**Position:** Maintenance Worker  
**Division:** Fleet & Facilities



Tyler Scruggs  
**Position:** Fleet Technician  
**Division:** Facilities & Fleet Management

### Retirement



Larry Gatton  
**Position:** Police Officer  
**Division:** Police



Teresa Moore  
**Position:** Administrative Assistant  
**Division:** Transportation & Mobility

### Recruitment

- Auditor
- Civil Engineer I
- Communications Technician
- Deputy Chief of Police
- Deputy City Manager
- Electrical Worker
- Operations Administrator – Parks
- Planning Technician
- Police Officer
- Talent and Culture Programs Manager

### Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment for City employees is Oct. 2-9. Employees can determine benefit elections for 2025. The City hosts two virtual HR Hotspots and in-person presentations, which serve as Q&A sessions to provide details about health and wellness benefit options for the coming year.

# Outreach & Engagement

## Highlights



### Volunteerism & Service Learning

- An Eagle Scout project installation established an accessible community garden plot at the Dublin Community Garden.
- The Ohio Contemporary Chinese School volunteered to design and display a Mid-Autumn Festival display at the Dublin Community Recreation Center’s Culture Corner.
- Five Young Professionals’ Academy students were onboarded in Planning, Data & Analytics, Communications & Marketing and the Office of the City Manager.
- Volunteers continued measuring water quality with Engineering. Volunteers measured and monitored the waterway at the North Fork Indian Run Sept. 17.
- Kids in Dublin Service (K.I.D.S.) held its latest service project Sept. 28 at the Dublin Food Pantry in honor of Hunger Awareness Month.
- Sept. 27, Heritage Interpreters hosted all fourth- and fifth-graders from Hopewell Elementary for tours and activities at Ferris-Wright Park.
- Volunteers assisted Forestry with fall plantings at the Historic Dublin Cemetery on Sept. 27

### Community Engagement

- The Dublin Market at Bridge Park: Planning hosted the City of Dublin tent to offer information on proactive community planning Sept. 14. Dublin Police hosted Sept. 28 about community outreach and awareness.
- The CyraCom Language Translation System, which is now active at all City of Dublin buildings, was demonstrated to the Delaware County Prosecutor’s Office, the Dublin Food Pantry and OneDublin Sept. 16.

### Forever Dublin

- New President/CEO of Syntero Sara Harrison-Mills recorded a video on the importance of the partnership that makes the Forever Dublin Hub. This video series will be followed by an education video on caregiving resources prior to the holiday season.

### Professional Development

- Director of Outreach & Engagement Christine Nardecchia presented national “Volunteer Engagement Trends & Strategies” at the International Festival and Events Association in Pittsburgh Sept. 29.
- The Outreach & Engagement Team attended “Planning for Access & Functional Needs in Emergencies” at Franklin County Emergency Management, a two-day training on inclusion in disasters.
- Nature Education Coordinator Barbara Ray attended numerous continuing education workshops and conservations with organizations including the National Wildlife Federation, the Ohio Wildlife and Rehabilitators Association and the National Conversation on Education & Interpretation. composting and recycling efforts.

### Nature Education Interactions Aug. 15 to Sept. 15

Description	# Occurrences
Outdoor Feed Ordinance Contacts/Consult	3
Referred calls to other agencies	21
Wildlife Conflict Consults	49
Sick/Injured Animal Inquiries	21
Education Sessions	5 Presented/9 Attended CE



# Communications & Marketing

## Highlights

### September's Communication Strategy

- The City of Dublin'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.
- September's strategic topics included highlighting Safe Driving Month, Suicide Prevention Month, National Preparedness Month as well as highlighting our City services and events with the changing of the seasons.
- [Review the results from August's overall communications metrics](#) and [City Council's communications efforts](#).
- [Review the complete Contact City data here](#).

### Sustainable Dublin Communications

- Continued to promote Dublin's economic vitality through the "Why Dublin" series that features a different Dublin business each week.
- Shared that MORPC received federal funds and plans to install four EV Ports in Dublin.
- Created a short video to promote keeping our waterways clean by not flushing wipes.
- Started fall leaf collections communications and how to "rake them right" to keep our waterways free of leaves and other debris.
- Shared a video of City staff members preparing for snow removal with the annual SnowGo Road-eo event.
- Rumpke Waste and Recycling announced a continued expansion of the Franklin County residential and commercial recycling programs, which will accept clear plastic clamshell containers starting Nov. 1.

### Connected Dublin Communications

- Promoted the free community event Connect Dublin: Fiber Splicing & STEM Innovation Day as part of the Fiber to Every Home initiative.
- Highlighted the Dublin Connector and shared a rider's perspective.
- Announced that residents in the first phase of the Fiber to Every Home project now have access to broadband and may request service from altafiber. [Review the insight report on the community's positive response to this news](#).

### Professional Development

Director of Communications & Marketing Lindsay Weisenauer attended the annual City-County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA) conference held in Arlington, Texas, which highlights best-in-class communications strategies and technologies to drive successful local government communication.



### Recognition

The Communications & Marketing team received two prestigious 3CMA awards. The City received first place for the "Link Ahead" podcast and a Silver Circle award for the Slow Down Dublin communications plan.

### Resilient Dublin Communications

- Promoted Safe Driving Month by highlighting the Slow Down Dublin campaign and speed warning cameras, which started issuing warning letters.
- To recognize Suicide Prevention Month, the C&M team produced a short video to remind community members to check in on their mental health and their friends, as well as to sign the Suicide Prevention Pledge.
- Promoted Smart911 and What3Words campaigns as part of National Preparedness Month.
- Celebrated our community's diverse culture with the Moon Festival and Ohio Kung Fu Tai Chi Day.
- Promoted the Dublin Parks Accessibility Plan public meeting.

### Link Ahead Podcast

- 33,693 listens (an increase of 1,875 listens since the August report)
- September topics included an insightful discussion with City Manager Megan O'Callaghan on the City of Dublin's recent acquisition of 243 acres in Dublin's West Innovation District and a lively discussion with the City's horticulture team about plant care tips.

### October Lookahead

- Sharing information on how to "rake them right" for fall leaf collections.
- Continuing the Slow Down Dublin campaign with a video showcasing the toolkit.
- Promoting the City's Halloween Spooktacular signature event

# Community Events

## Highlights

### Summer Fun Series

The Summer Fun Series finished up this month in Riverside Crossing Park. The successful series included four Cinema Saturdays in July, four nights of Games on the Green in July and August and Workout Wednesdays every week from July 10 to Sept. 25. The overall cost for the program, including staffing, was \$85,000. A portion of the cost was offset by altafiber's \$3,000 sponsorship of two Cinema Saturdays.



### Awards

Community Events team members Lori Gischel, Trish Lackey, Erin Santa and Stephen Rusterholz attended the International Festival and Events Conference in Pittsburgh and picked up the following awards:

- Gold - Best Single Social Video
- Gold - Best Single Digital/Social Ad
- Silver - Best Printed Materials (Multiple Page)
- Silver - Best Overall Merchandising Program
- Silver - Best Emergency Preparedness & Risk Management Plan
- Bronze - Best TV Promotion
- Bronze - Best Event Website

The Dublin Irish Festival was the recipient of the Best Suburban Festival award as part of CityScene Magazine's 2024 Best of the 'Bus awards.



### Permitted Events

September was a busy month with 21 permitted events, including two new tier 1 events.

- Tier 1 events: 6; Tier 2 events: 15
- Three Dublin-based soccer organizations each held their annual tournaments at Darree Fields. The tournaments brought thousands of visitors to Dublin, generating many hotel stays. All three tournaments received a Hotel/Motel Tax Grant.
- The 6th annual Dublin AM Rotary Classic Car Show, which received a \$3,000 Hotel/Motel Tax Grant, was held in Historic Dublin on Labor Day weekend. The show featured 144 cars (50% more than 2023). Organizers said it was their most successful event yet.
- The annual Moon Festival and Ohio Tai Chi Kung Fu Day was held at Riverside Crossing Park. The event, which typically showcases Chinese culture, expanded its scope to include other Asian countries as well.
- Coffman Park was the host location for the annual Walk to Defeat ALS and the Dublin Pet Fair. Both events had attendances between 500 and 900 people.
- To date, there have been 134 events throughout Dublin

### Sponsorship Update

#### Spooktacular:

- State Farm - \$5,000 NEW
- The Nest Schools - \$1,000
- Advance Dentistry - \$1,000 NEW

# Legislative

## Update

### Legislative Timeline

Ohio House and Senate Recess: Both chambers have recessed for the summer and will return in November for the lame-duck session.

- Senate: Returns Nov. 13.
- House: Returns Nov. 20.

### HB 491 – Ohio Checkbook Program Mandate

Introduced by Representatives Tom Young and Bob Peterson, this bill mandates all political subdivisions to participate in the Ohio Checkbook program for government financial transparency. There has not been any proponent testimony, but the Ohio Rural Water Association provided opponent testimony on June 11th. HB 573 – Increases the Local Government Fund Proposed by Representatives Phil Robinson and Juanita Brent, this bill aims to increase state tax revenue allocation to the Local Government Fund from 1.7% to 3.68%, starting July 2026. Awaiting hearings in the House Finance Committee.

### Pending Housing-Related Legislation

#### Senate Bill 244

Senate Bill 244 – Property Tax Relief Programs (Reynolds, Craig): This 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 sustain their homes, but also to “foster community resilience and cohesion.”

On June 26th, more than 16 individuals and groups provided proponent testimony before the Senate Ways & Means Committee.

#### Senate Bill 245

Senate Bill 245 – Consumer Protection Bill (Reynolds, Craig): This 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.

#### 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.

### Issue 2 Updates – Recreational Marijuana

Legalized recreational marijuana sales in the state of Ohio officially began on Tuesday, Aug. 6. The Division of Cannabis Control (DCC) announced that 98 dispensaries were awarded dual-use certificates of operation, allowing them to sell marijuana intended for both medical and recreational purposes. Within five days of sales beginning, over \$11 million in sales were made.

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

Aims to incentivize municipalities to adopt pro-housing policies with \$200 million per year in grants. The funds can be used for housing development, tenant protection, and housing repairs. Opposed by the Ohio Real Estate Investors Association due to concerns over zoning and taxation reforms.

### State Tax Revenue Updates

Ohio’s tax revenues have fallen short of estimates and are expected to continue declining through FY25, according to the Office of Budget & Management (OBM). In FY24, tax revenues were \$27.9 billion, about \$485 million below projections, primarily due to lower personal income taxes recently enacted by the legislature. Although the state ended FY24 with a \$1.1 billion cash balance due to reduced spending, forecasts indicate that FY25 revenues may drop by another \$348 million.

### Redistricting Ballot Initiative for 2024

#### Background

Referred to as the “Citizens not Politicians Amendment” and is being worked on by Former GOP Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Maureen O’Connor and others.

- The proposal would:
  - Create a Citizens Redistricting Commission, comprised of five Democrats, five Republicans and five independents, to take up mapmaking.
  - Bar current and former politicians, candidates, and lobbyists from serving on the new panel tasked with drawing district maps that “correspond closely to the statewide partisan preferences of the voters of Ohio.”
  - Establish a screening panel consisting of two retired Democratic judges and two retired Republican judges to review applicants for the redistricting commission. Appointment of the judicial panel would be overseen by the Ballot Board.

#### Status of Ballot Initiative

On Aug. 16, the Ohio Ballot Board approved summary language for a November ballot initiative. Proposed by Secretary of State Frank LaRose, the summary stated the mapmaking commission would be “required to manipulate boundaries” and “gerrymander.” It passed in a 3-2 vote, with Sen. Paula Hicks-Hudson and Rep. Terrence Upchurch opposing.

On Aug. 19, Citizens Not Politicians sued, claiming the language was biased and unconstitutional. LaRose defended it as “fair and factual.”

On Sept. 16, the Ohio Supreme Court upheld most of the ballot language but required changes to sections on lawsuit timing and public input. The Court ruled language could only be deemed invalid if it “misleads, deceives, or defrauds voters.” The revised language was approved on Sept. 18.

[View Tracked Legislation](#)

# Calendar

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29 Dublin Pet Fair Sundays at Scioto	30 Dublin City Council – Special Meeting Dublin City Council – Work Session	1	2 Food Truck Wednesdays	3 Economic Development Strategic Update Planning & Zoning Commission Abbey Theater – A Walk in the Woods	4 Abbey Theater – A Walk in the Woods	5 Dublin's Got Talent Abbey Theater – A Walk in the Woods
6 OU PA 5K Sundays at Scioto	7 Dublin City Council	8 Community Services Advisory Commission	9 Food Truck Wednesdays Public Services Committee	10 Planning & Zoning Commission	11	12
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- Permitted Events
- Council Meetings
- Abbey Theater

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