Fall Neighborhood Association Leadership Meeting

Mayor Chris Amorose Groomes

Oct. 27, 2025

City Services (Leaf Collection, Snow Preps & Pruning, Oh My!)

Mike Barker, Deputy City Manager

Street Tree Pruning Program

Which trees are owned by the City and included in the Pruning Program?

- City-owned trees are located in the public right-of-way
- Most are located in the area between the street and the sidewalk
- Where no sidewalk exists, City-owned trees are typically located approximately four feet from the curb/edge of pavement

How often are street trees pruned?

- Street trees are evaluated for pruning on a three-year cycle
- Certain fast-growing species, such as honeylocust and elms, are evaluated every one to two years due to their vigorous growth
- The City's goal is to evaluate every street tree for pruning at least once every three years

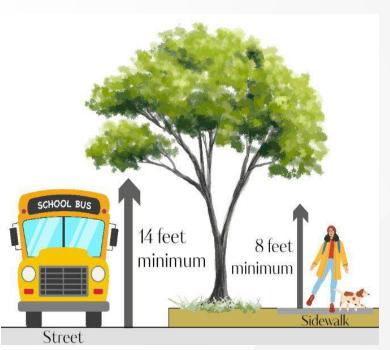


Street Tree Pruning Program

The City of Dublin adheres to industry standards when pruning. Arborists contracted by the City are also required to follow these standards.

- American National Standards Institute A-300 Pruning Standards
- International Society of Arboriculture Best Management Practices for Tree Pruning

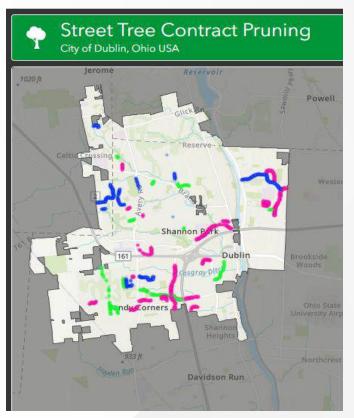
Street Tree Pruning Program Requirements



- A Certified Arborist must be on site during all pruning activities
- City staff oversee all contractual pruning operations
- All pruning work is inspected and approved by City staff before final sign-off
- Minimum clearance requirements:
 - 14 feet above streets
 - 8 feet above sidewalks
- Trees are pruned with safety, health and overall aesthetics in mind



Street Tree Pruning Program – Live Map



 An interactive map of the current street trees in the program is accessible on our City website at DublinOhioUSA.gov/forestry (or scan the QR code on the back of your agenda)

Pruning Contractors: Who is working where?

Davey Tree Experts - Hopewell St., Emerald Pkwy., Perimeter Loop, Rings Rd., Bryson Cove Cr., Clover Park Way, Loch Dunne Pl, Upper Metro Pl, McGreevy Dr., Castleknock Rd., Kendall Ridge Loop, Townsend Rd., Tartan Ridge Ct., Lido Ct., and Kelly Dr.

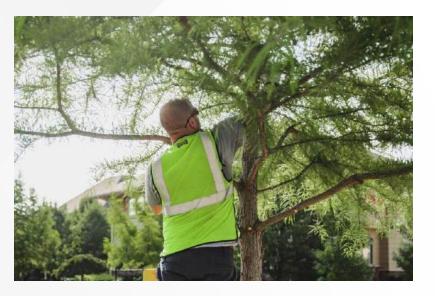
Joseph Tree Services - Carrick Ct., Eiterman Rd., Royal Dublin Dr., Grafton End., Crossbill Ct., Woerner Temple Rd., and MacDuff Way.

Ahlum and Arbor - Varwyne Dr., Park Mill Dr., Wyndburne Dr., Bordeaux Ct., Holbein Dr., and Innovation Dr.



Tips For Residential Tree Trimming

- Prune with a purpose
- Know the tree species
- Prune at the right time
- Use the 3-cut method
- Never top trees
- Where to start
- Avoid over-pruning
- Preserve the branch collar
- Focus on branch spacing
- Maintain a dominant leader



*Keep in mind that these tips are for residential located on private property. The City maintains all street trees.



2025 Leaf Collection Schedule



- We have two leaf collection zones that alternate each week, which means the entire city is serviced every two weeks.
- Leaf collection runs through the week of Dec. 12. We are currently in week four, servicing Zone 1.

Leaf Program Service Map





- You can check the progress of your zone through our LeafGo interactive map.
- Search the interactive map to check recent activity on a street or in your neighborhood.



Remember to Rake Them Right



Please share this information with your lawn care companies!

- Rake to grassy area between the street and sidewalk/ by the curb
- Never put leaf piles in the street
- Rake leaves to the curb by 7 a.m. Monday of your Zone week
- Collections typically take the entire week to complete
- Residents may bag leaves in biodegradable bags for weekly curbside yard waste pickup



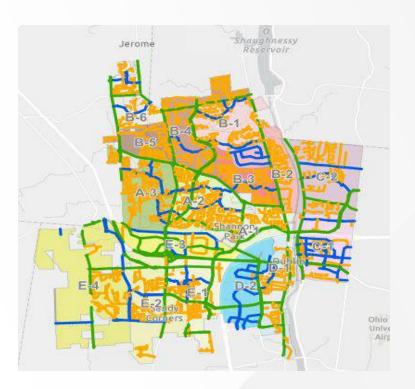


Snow Operations – What We Do



- Servicing 620 lane miles of roadway
- 33 miles of shared use paths
- 16.5 miles of sidewalks

Snow Operations – Service Districts and Staffing Levels



- The City provides 24/7 coverage throughout the winter months
- 22 routes = 22 trucks and 1 loader operator per shift
- Staff work 12-hour shifts
- A total of 46 employees work on snow removal operations in a 24-hour snow shift

Snow Operations – SnowGO



Route Priorities - Established based on traffic volumes and speeds

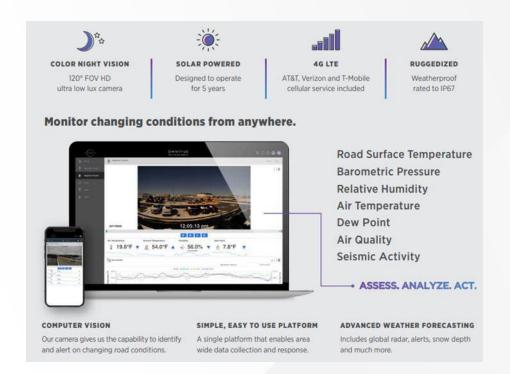
- Priority Routes 1-3
- Real time tracking
- Treated in last hour
- Treated in last 6 hours
- Treated +6 hours ago
- Not treated yet
- Not treated by Dublin



Priority Lane Miles



RWIS – Roadway Weather Information Stations



- Weather data
- Surface temperatures
- Air temperatures
- AI Snow Detection

4 RWIS Stations

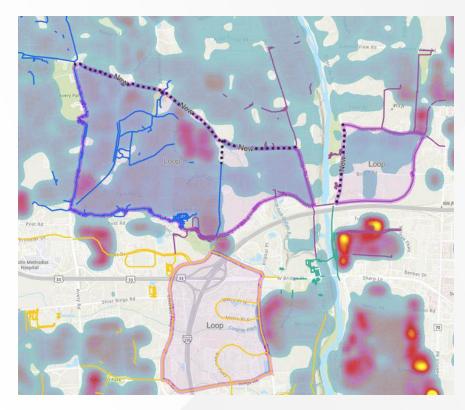
- Avery over U.S. 33
- Emerald Pkwy bridge
- Hard Road at Emerald Pkwy
- Hyland Croy at Glacier Ridge



Non-Street Snow Operations

- City buildings, shared use paths & City sidewalks
- Total of 14 employees staff a 24-hour snow shift
- 3 Shared use path routes
- 2 Building routes
- 1 Parking lot route
- 1 Historic Dublin route

Shared-Use Path Plowing "Loops"



Snow Operations – Fleet



- Fleet technicians divide to provide an equal response and support to both AM and PM snow shifts.
- Their response and accessibility are critical to every department's success!

Paint the Plow Program



Improvement Updates

Paul Hammersmith, Director of Engineering

U.S. 33/S.R. 161/Post Road Interchange Project



Improvements addressed capacity and safety concerns in this thriving area

- Ramp realignment, bridge replacement & widening, signal upgrades, roadway widening, aesthetics, etc.
- Project led by ODOT
- Construction is substantially complete



Avery & Rings/Cara Road Intersection Improvements



Construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Avery Road & Rings/Cara Roads to improve traffic flow and safety

- Improvements also included 2,000 feet of waterline, 800 feet of sanitary sewer and improvements to Cara Court
- Construction is substantially complete



Eiterman Road Relocation

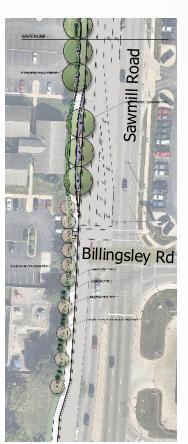


Relocation of Eiterman Road between Post Road and South Fork Indian Run

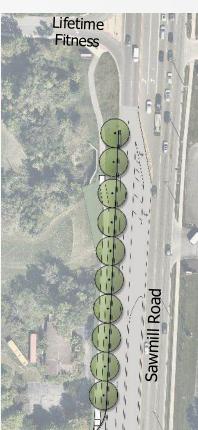
- Built new roadway, intersections, street parking, paths, sidewalks, water, sanitary and storm improvements
- The north-south section of Eiterman has been renamed to Heritage Boulevard, extending from SR161/Post Road to the new roundabout
- Construction is substantially complete



Bright Road Improvements







- Road widening of Bright Road & Sawmill Parkway
- Signal & sidewalk/path improvements
- Final paving this week (weather dependent)
- Completion: November 2025



South High Street Utility Burial – Phase 2



Conversion of aerial utilities to underground utilities on South High Street from Bridge Street to Short Street

- Construction is ongoing
- AEP plans to remove aerial electric lines along project area and on High Street in November
 - Aerial communication line removals will occur this winter
- Interim Completion: Nov. 2025
- Final Completion: April 2026



Riverside Drive West Shared Use Path



Construction of 800 feet of Shared Use Path on the west side of Riverside Drive from Emerald Parkway to the Dublin Arts Council

- Includes the installation of a 130foot pedestrian bridge
- Construction is ongoing
- Completion: November 2025



Earlington Park Drainage Basin Improvements



- Raise embankment on north end of basin to increase stormwater storage
- Re-grade around basin
- Increase storm pipe outlet from a 24-inch to 36-inch pipe
- Reconstruct pedestrian trail
- Improvements will help prevent flooding in Brand Road pedestrian tunnel, making it safer for residents.
- Completion: June 2026



Bridge Street District – BLOCK J



Mixed Use Urban Center

- 4-Story Office Building
 - 100,000 SF including restaurant 10,000 SF
- 5-Story Condo Phase 1
 - 89 units (145,000 SF)
- 5-Story Parking Garage
 - 534 spaces; 200,000 SF

Future Phase 5-Story Condo

• 105 Units (122,500 SF)

Construction is ongoing



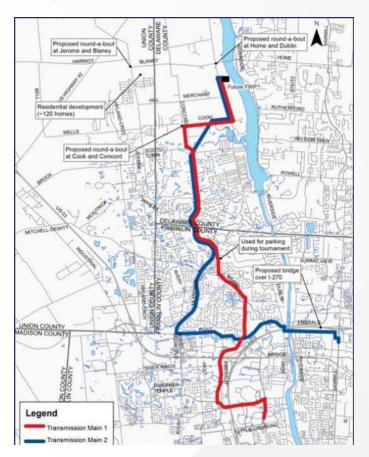
Northern Historic Dublin Area Infrastructure Improvements



Roadway improvements and utility burial on portions of Blacksmith Lane, Wing Hill Lane, North Riverview Street and North Street

- Detailed design began February 2024
- Construction planned in 2026 for both public and private improvements

City of Columbus 4th Water Plant & Transmission Mains



Construction of two 48-inch water transmission mains connecting Columbus' newest water treatment plant to the Blazer Pkwy Water Tank

First Transmission Main

- Design is underway
- Construction: Late 2027–2030

Second Transmission Main

- Design: 2027–2029
- Construction: 2029–2031

www.cbuswater4.com







Where HOA Bylaws Meet Code Enforcement

Bassem Bitar, AICP, Deputy Director of Planning

Zoning Regulations & Deed Restrictions

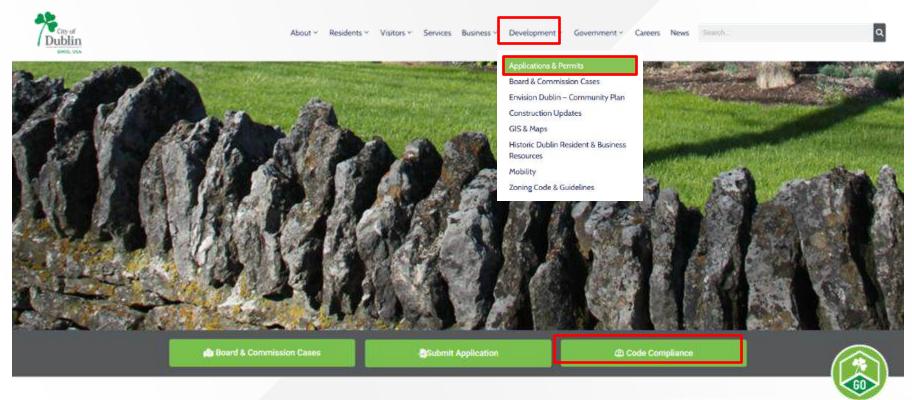
	Zoning	Deed Restrictions
Purpose	Protect health, safety and welfare of the general public	 Protect neighborhood character Can be more restrictive than zoning May include any standards chosen by the developer provided they do not violate applicable laws
Adoption Process	Public ProcessFinal Authority: City CouncilMay change over time	 Created by the development community Recorded with the applicable county Run with the land
Compliance	 City administers Zoning Code and development standards City staff helps property owners navigate applicable regulations 	 Deed restrictions are an agreement between private parties As holder of the deed, the property owner is responsible for compliance



Zoning Regulations & Deed Restrictions

	Zoning	Deed Restrictions
Enforcement	 City enforcement Subject to limitations imposed by the US and Ohio Constitutions 	 Deed restrictions are "agreed upon" when private property is purchased Enforced by property owners/HOA Enforcement may require financial resources and commitment from HOA May result in court proceedings to resolve
General Rule	The City does not have standing to administer or pursue enforcement of any deed restrictions	

Zoning Regulations & Deed Restrictions





CZPA Process – What Is It?

Certificate of Zoning Plan Approval

Required for:

- Patios @ grade
- Pergolas
- Fences
- Sheds < 200SF
- Driveways



CZPA Process – Why?

- ✓ Ensure use is permitted
- ✓ Ensure setbacks are met
- ✓ Ensure easements/open space areas are preserved
- ✓ Benefits:
 - Avoid title issues
 - Neighborhood harmony
 - Save time/money

Approval from your HOA

City does not enforce HOA rules

Building permit

Still needs to be obtained, if required



CZPA Process – How?

- ✓ Provide required information through online portal
 - Scan the QR code on the back of your agenda to visit the webpage
- ✓ Goal: seven-day turnaround
- ✓ Staff dedicated to ensure timely approval
 - 614.410.4600
- ✓ Post-approval: site visit



Solar Equipment Regulations

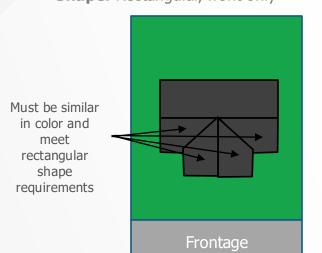
- Balance sustainability and aesthetics
- Roof-mounted and ground-mounted
- Regulations address location, shape
 - and color
- Permit required





Regulations

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





Beautify Your Neighborhood Grant

Matching grants (\$500-5,000) for HOA/CA to enhance neighborhood with beautification projects.

Eligible Projects

- Within City of Dublin ROW
- Maintained by Association
- Completed in one year
- New and rehab projects
- Sensitive and sustainable

Process

- Spring and Fall application rounds, funding-dependent
- Staff contact Rati Singh, 614.410.4533





Code Enforcement

- Short Term Rental registrations are required. Registrations are submitted annually and limit guest lodging to two, one-week rental periods per calendar year.
- Code Enforcement works with Homeowner/Civic Associations to review Property Maintenance and Property Condition issues. We address exterior material storage issues that are visible from the ROW or adjacent properties. Property owners are offered the free City Chipper Service through the GoDublin app.
- Vehicle Storage complaints (RVs/boats/trailers in driveways) are more common in warm months as owners transition from storage arrangements. Vehicles parked in the street are referred to the Dublin Police Department Non-Emergency number 614.889.1112.



Code Enforcement

- In April-June, between 150-200 Grass & Weed violations are enforced, primarily for grass and weeds exceeding the 6" height limit.
- Majority are corrected by the property owner within a week and rarely does a city contractor need to be engaged.
- Using door hangers instead of mailed letters to communicate specifics with a property owner has reduced the time it takes for an owner to resolve.
- Thank you to the many neighbors and city volunteers who have assisted in resolving violations!



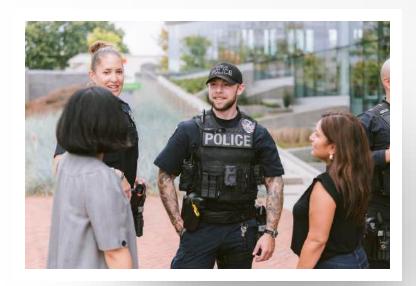


Dublin Police Updates & Drone as First Responder Demo

Justin Páez, Chief of Police



2025 Police Department Goals



- 1. Critical incident and major crime preparedness and response
- 2. Theft offense reduction throughout the city
- 3. Overall traffic safety improvement
- 4. Effectively address issues of significant community concern

Protection, service and public safety in partnership with the community



Crime and Traffic Trends

Year to date for 2025, Dublin Police officers have seen

- Decrease in overall theft offenses
- Decrease in theft from vehicles
- Decrease in breaking and entering offenses
- **Increase** in motor vehicle thefts & attempted theft.
- **Increase** in burglary offenses
- Increase in overall traffic crash reports and serious injuries and decrease in OVI-related crashes
 - Officers have made 8,800 traffic stops



Theft Prevention Efforts (Goal 2)



Theft Stops Here

- **Solution** Lock your vehicle.
- Remember your keys.
- Take it with you.
- Secure firearms.



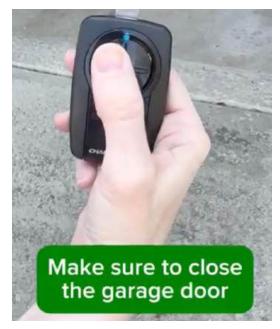


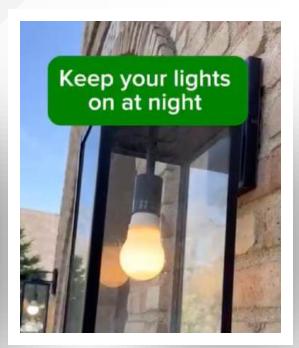




Burglary Prevention







Vacation House Watch

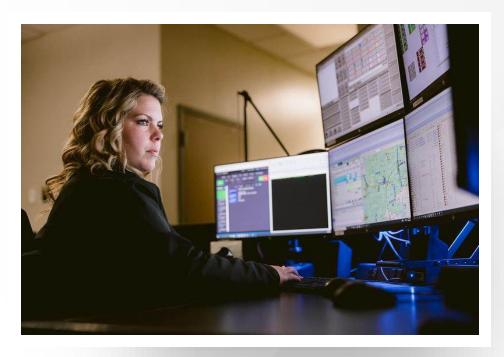
Keeping Your Home Safe While You're Away:

A free service available to all residents.

- Home must be vacant for at least three days.
- Service duration is flexible based on need.
- Requests can be submitted through the City's website.



See Something, Say Something



Emergency Call 911

Non-Emergency Service Call 614.889.1112

Drone as First Responder

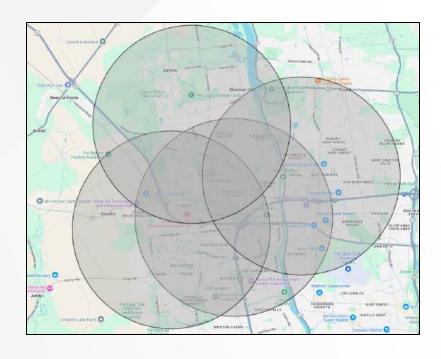
Drone Partner: Paladin (based in Houston, Texas)

- Four DFRs in Dublin with four docking stations where drones launch
- Each drone has a 3-mile range from its launch site, covering the entire city

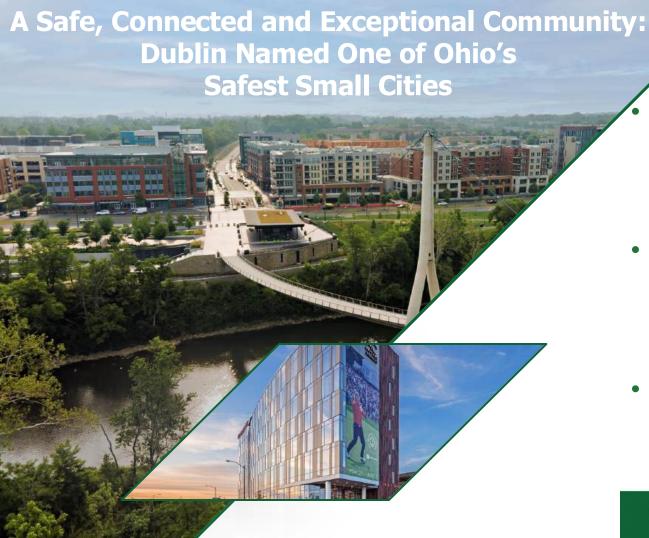
Locations:

City Hall, Scioto High School, Grizzell Middle School, Washington Township Fire Dept. Administration Building

Response time: 90 seconds or less







Recognized by World Atlas for low crime rates, strong community engagement and commitment to public safety.

 Dublin's neighborhoods, schools, workplaces and public spaces reflect a shared sense of security and connection.

 This accolade underscores why families and businesses choose Dublin.



Dublin Wellness Alliance & Community Connections

Mollie Steiner, Recreation Services Administrator Shirley Blaine, Multimedia Communications Strategist

Dublin Strategic Framework – Vision, Themes, & Goals

"Dublin, Ohio is the Most Sustainable, Connected and Resilient Global City of Choice"

SUSTAINABLE

Economic Fiscal Environmental Services

CONNECTED

Democracy Mobility Infrastructure Land Use

RESILIENT

Physical Mental Safety Social



2025 City Council Goals



Revitalize Metro Center

Reposition Dublin's legacy office park through catalytic projects by implementing the vision, goals and recommendations outlined in the Envision Dublin Community Plan, Metro Center Revitalization Framework and Economic Development Strategic Plan.





Create a premier athletic complex that embodies both recreation and economic vibrancy by exploring public and/or private partnership opportunities and developing a comprehensive master plan.



Spur development and infrastructure investment in the District by developing a strategic implementation plan leveraging the premier location, regional connectivity and partner institutions.

Become the Most Connected Community in the U.S.

Connect Dublin residents with each other and the world through technology, health initiatives, social experiences and transportation/mobility networks.

Reimagine and Launch Dublin's Community Events Program

Develop a connected, comprehensive, and fiscally sustainable vision driving celebrations, engagement and entertainment by implementing the local and regional community events program and management roadmap.



Background

Dublin's Community

Health Needs

Assessment is a unique and holistic evaluation of the population's health and well-being.

Dublin's <u>Strategic</u>
<u>Action Plan</u> leverages
the assessment results
to develop
recommendations
that help to improve
community health.

Partner Organizations







































Partner Organizations



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- Brings together partner organizations,
 City leaders and residents
- The Alliance works collaboratively to meet the objectives and action steps set forth in the strategic action plan
- This work focuses on four priority health needs identified by the community health needs assessment



Community Connections



Youth Behavioral Health



Healthcare Navigation



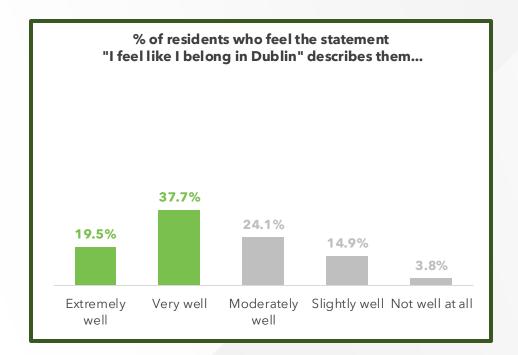
Transportation

Prioritized Health Needs

Transportation



Dublin could do better to combat feelings of a lack of belonging/loneliness.



Stakeholders and survey respondents provided more insight into their feelings of belonging.

"Although Dublin does a pretty decent job of trying to be inclusive of minorities/other ethnicities, I still feel like an outsider despite growing up in America." **75%**

of Dublin adults feel only moderately, slightly, or not at all connected to their neighbors

Opportunity: Help Residents To Connect

- Improve public transportation
- Expand recreational opportunities
- Improve health care access
- Facilitate better connections between health and wellness services/providers
- Increase awareness of events
- Strengthen the sense of community
- Strengthen bonds among neighbors
- Encourage and support diversity

71%

of adults are very or extremely likely to visit a webpage with info about all community events throughout the City.





Dublin Good Neighbor Week



Sept. 18-28, 2025

Components:

- Nominations of Good Neighbors
- Community Connections Challenge Cards
- Dublin Food Pantry & One Dublin Collections



Results

Over the 10-day campaign 35 people were nominated for being great Dublin neighbors

116 personal care donation items were collected



100 acts of kindess were shown through the Community Connections Challenge

dublinwellnessalliance.org



Neighbors Recognized

Drew Johnson: Brandon

Ed & Sandy Pagnanelli: River Highlands

Bently Cooper: Earlington

Barb & John Burkholder: Hemmingway

Akshar Patel: Bridge Park

Mary Pat Lambert: Llewellyn Farms

Pat Hardie & John Rahm: Riverside Woods

Katie Saad: Shannon Village

Cassie Bartley: Hemmingway

Sue Huttras: Wyandotte Woods

Will Tezbro: Wellington Place

Tracie Bourquin: Bristol Commons

Bill Erlenbach: Corazon

Mesude Camalan: Hemmingway

John Blakely: Llewellyn Farms

Dawn Scott: Earlington

Barbara Hart: River Highlands

Kristy Braskett: Wellington Place



Community Connections Examples

- Volunteer Engagement
 - Numerous City programs including a Where to Care Guide
 - Robust nonprofit community
- Service Clubs
 - Dublin AM Rotary, Lions Club, Optimist Club
- Civic Learning
 - Citizen Academies
 - Dublin Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Programs
- Online Engagement
- Special Events
 - Block Party Packages
- Faith Communities



Dublin Community Recreation Center



Encourage visits to your newly refreshed Dublin Community Recreation Center, its programming and memberships for community connectedness

Forever Dublin

My Home, My Life, My Community

Forever DUBLIN

Dublin is a Great Place to Enjoy Every Stage of Your Life!

Encourage connecting to Forever Dublin, using this as a resource for aging in place topics and needed navigation.

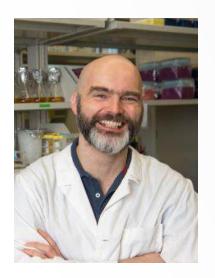
Examples include:

- Caregiver support
- Homecare
- Medicare enrollment
- Downsizing
- Home accommodations



OU Dublin Speaker Series

OHIO UNIVERSITY





Toward Healthy Aging Wednesday, Nov. 12, 6:30-8 p.m.

Abbey Theater of Dublin 5600 Post Road

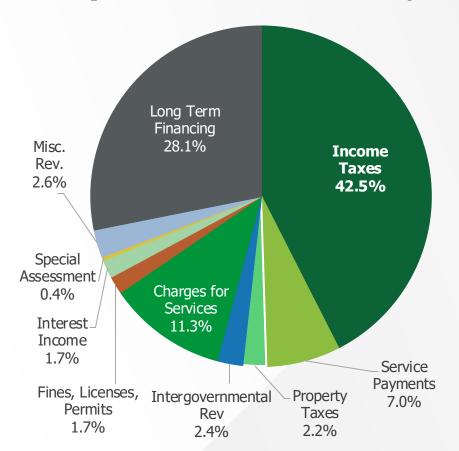
Presentation by <u>Dr. Ronan Carroll</u> and <u>Dr. Vishwajeet Puri</u>, specialists with Ohio University's College of Arts and Sciences and Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine



Residents Guide to Understanding Local Taxes

Matt Rubino, Chief Financial Officer / Director of Finance

All City Revenue Sources (2023-2025 Average)

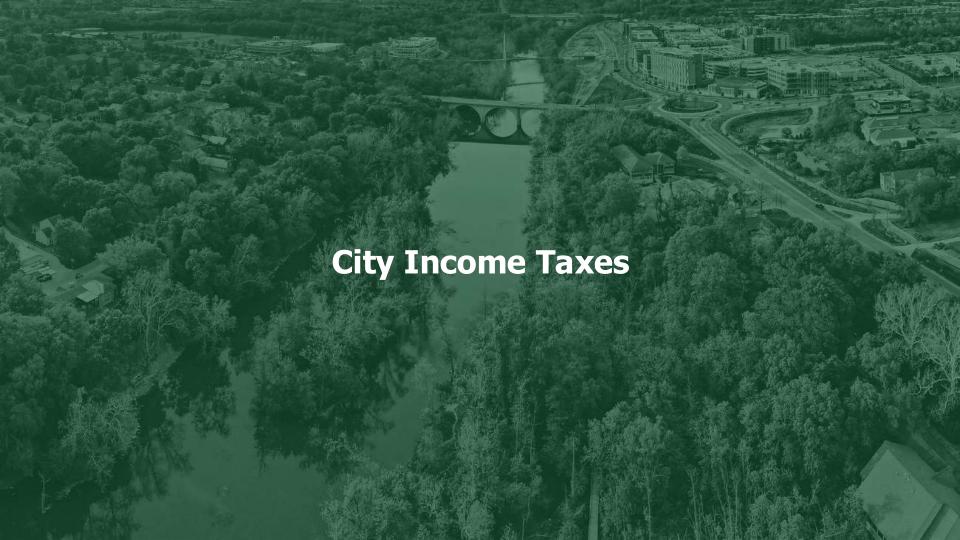


All City revenue sources have averaged approximately \$270 million annually

City revenue is diversified with the vast majority of sources coming from local sources

Income tax is over 40% of revenue and property tax is around 2% total revenue





City of Dublin Income Tax

Ohio law authorizes a municipal income tax at a rate of up to 1% without voter authorization. Many central Ohio cities, including Dublin, have a 2% income tax, with 1% of that being voter approved.

2% Income tax on

- · Gross wages
- Salaries
- · Other personal service compensation
- Net profits of Dublin businesses

 Income tax collections are administered by the Tax Division of the City's Finance Department

 Revenue from collections is allocated to operating and capital funds by the Operations Division of the City's Finance Department 2024 INCOME TAX COLLECTIONS: \$112.3 MILLION



Central Ohio Income Tax Rates

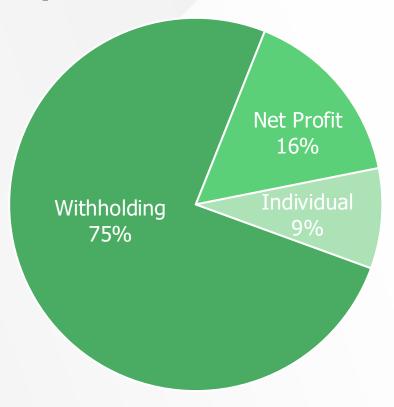


- Dublin's income tax rate of 2% is lower than several local peer cities
- The City has been able to utilize the collections from the 2% tax to fund operations and capital investments



Income Tax Collections by Component

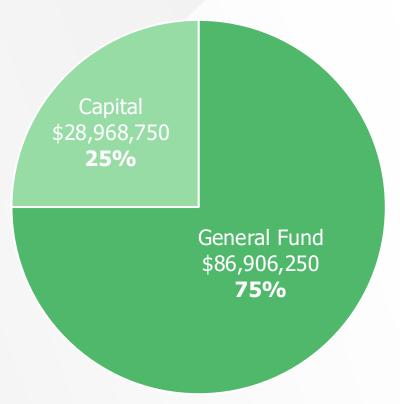
- Income tax withholding collections have averaged 75% of total collections over the past five years
- Over 90% of income tax collections are derived from businesses / employees located in Dublin
- This is why our efforts to strengthen and diversify the business base are so important



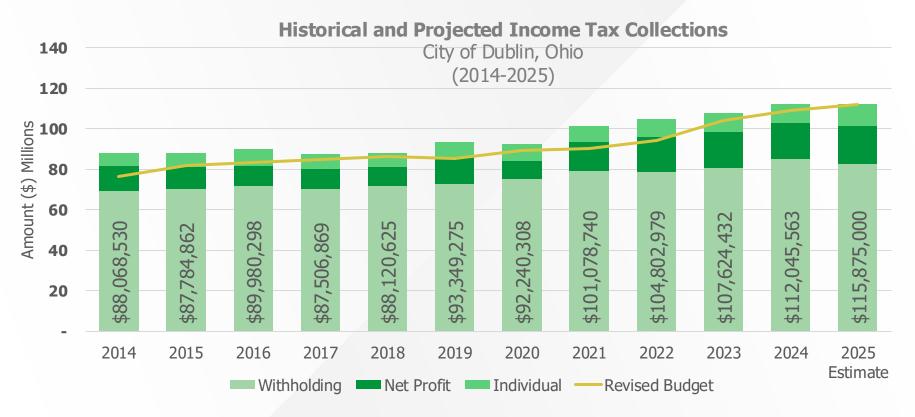


2025 Income Tax Collections

- Estimated collections of \$115.9 million will be allocated to operations and capital investments
- General Fund share of income tax revenue is 72% operating revenue



Income Tax Revenue Trend



Average growth of 4.7% over past five years





Local Property Taxes

- Property taxes are based on the tax rate where the property is located and the taxable value (based on 35% of market value) of the property as determined by the County Auditor
- Property values are determined and administered by the County Auditor
- Property taxes are collected and distributed by the County Treasurer



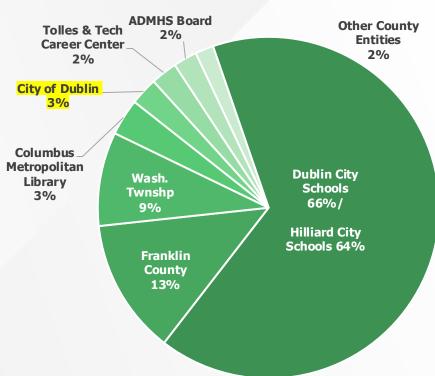
Local Property Taxes

- Two property taxes totaling 2.95 mills a mill=1/1000th per dollar of valuation
- Unvoted rate of 1.75 mills generates \$5.8 million for capital improvements and parkland development – this rate does not change
- Voted rate of 1.20 mills generates \$560,000 for Public Safety – effective rate of 0.125 mills in 2025



Local Property Taxes

City of Dublin receives approximately 3% of your property taxes or approximately \$65 for every \$100,000 of home value

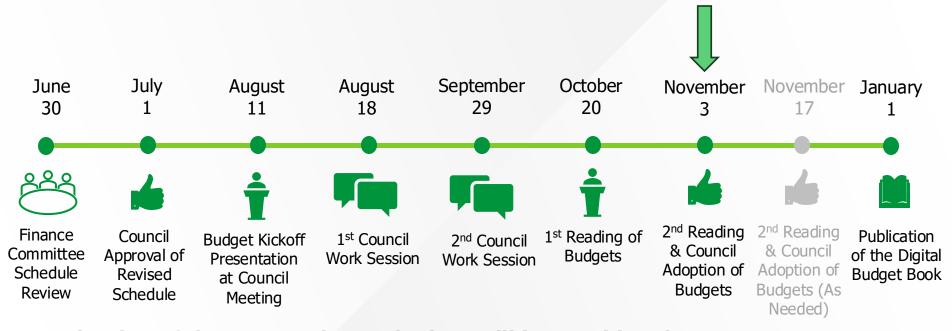


^{*} Based on the 2025 effective tax rates





2026-2030 CIP & Operating Schedule



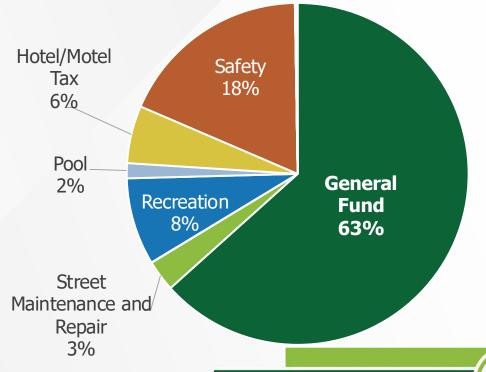
Adoption of the proposed 2026 budget will be considered at Nov. 3 Council Meeting



2026 Proposed Operating Budget Expenditures

Operating Expenditures of **\$119.5 million** represent a **4.0%** increase over the 2025 Operating Budget

- General Fund makes up almost two-thirds (63%) of the operating budget
- Remaining 37% is allocated to eleven other operating funds for purposes that include Safety, Road Maintenance, Recreation and Hotel/Motel Tax



City of Dublin

2026-2030 Capital Improvements Program

- The 2026-2030 CIP was developed in furtherance of Council Goals and is balanced between sources and uses in all five years of the capital plan
- The updated five-year CIP includes \$374.6 million in total project requests
- The updated 2026 Capital Improvements Program budget includes
 \$72.1 million in total project requests

Recap & Resources



- Several resources are on the back of your agenda
- Update your contact information with Carina before you leave
- Read Your Weekly HOA email
- Take our quick survey

Community Conversations



- Meet with City Council and City Staff
- Engagement Tables:
 - Dublin Police
 - Washington Township Fire Department
 - Transportation & Mobility
 - Sustainability & Nature Education
 - Fiber to Every Home (altafiber)
 - Communications & Marketing