



Village Talks

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Walkers, Bikers and Runners have new path through Worthington

West Wilson Bridge Road Connector



The finishing touches are almost complete to Phase I of the new Wilson Bridge Road Multi-Use Trail, creating a connection for bikers, walkers and runners from the Olentangy Trail to the High Street corridor. The trees lining the new eight foot wide path have been planted and just some final landscaping and grass seeding remain.

The multi-use trail in Worthington was identified

through a variety of planning studies as a vital regional connector. Worthington officials have long sought an east-west connector to help move pedestrians and cyclists across the city and to connect to and complement the very popular Olentangy Trail. A community planning process helped identify the location of the path, as well as the landscaping that would be desired there. The first half mile follows the existing sidewalk path on the north side of Wilson Bridge

Road. The trail continues onto Old Wilson Bridge Road with the use of sharrows, a shared section of road with marked bike lanes. The final section reverts to an eight foot wide trail along the edge of the Chase Bank property. In the future, Phase II is expected to continue the path east and connect to the Community Center and McCord Park. Funding for Phase I was obtained through a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.



This rendering shows what the path is expected to look like long term.

City Notes

Garage Sale Permit Changes

New updates are in place for residents wanting to have a garage sale. City Council recently approved changes to eliminate the 7-day advance period for requesting a permit. Other changes include the allowance of off-premise signs and the ability to post the signs the night before the sale. Signs are still not permitted in the right-of-way. In addition the fee has been increased from two to five dollars. Garage sale permits can be downloaded from the worthington.org website and filed with the City Clerk's office at the Louis J.R. Goorey Worthington Municipal Building, 6550 N. High Street. For more information, call (614) 436-3100.

Permanent E-Waste Recycling Available

The City of Worthington has partnered with Accurate IT Solutions to host a permanent Electronics Waste Drop Off for Worthington residents. The drop off will accept any sort of electronics or small kitchen appliances that run on rechargeable batteries or have a cord. The drop off is located at the Worthington Service & Engineering Department, 380 Highland Ave and is open each weekday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. In addition, E-waste drop off will also take place the last Saturday of every month from Noon to 3:00 pm. For more information, please contact the Service and Engineering Department at (614) 431-2425.

Business News

Visioning UMCH

After a series of public meetings, community feedback, information gathering and evaluation, proposed updates to the United Methodist Children's Home (UMCH) focus area of the Comprehensive Plan are being officially submitted to the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) for consideration. A

draft was presented at an informational meeting of the MPC on May 29th. The Commission will receive the update again at its June 26th meeting, when it could either determine a recommendation for City Council, or ask for further revisions before sending it to Council. The public is invited to review the draft online and submit comments at worthington.org, or by email to VisioningUMCH@ci.worthington.oh.us.



Fresh Thyme Coming to Worthington

Downtown Worthington will be welcoming a new grocery store next year.

Organic grocer Fresh Thyme Farmers Market is developing plans to locate a new store where the current 933 High Street office buildings stand near the corner of North and High Streets. Fresh Thyme will feature locally grown produce, as well as many other all-natural and organic foods and personal products. Full-service departments will offer fresh baked goods, healthy deli and prepared foods to grab and go, natural meats and seafood as well as an extensive bulk food section. The Worthington store is slated to open in 2015.

ReCAP Program Spurs Upgrades to Industrial Corridor

The City's Re-emergent Corridor Assistance Program (or ReCAP) is making progress to improve commercial buildings' façades and streetscape appearances along the Huntley, Proprietors & Schrock Roads corridor. The program provides a mixture of grant funds and 0% loans to building owners or commercial tenants to improve their building exteriors.

Awards are made up to \$25,000 each. For more information, please contact Economic Development Manager Jeffrey Harris at (614) 436-4518

Gypsy Month Treatments this Summer

The Ohio Department of Agriculture is conducting aerial treatments to control the gypsy moth population in Ohio. Worthington is expected to receive its treatments this June. The target date, weather permitting, is the week of June 23rd. The treatments planned in Worthington are called disruption treatments, which include spraying over wooded areas at very low levels to disrupt the pheromones and subsequent mating. The treatments are not harmful to other insects, pets, humans or plants. The application is made by airplane, flying 50 to 100 feet above treetop level. The treatments typically take place during early morning hours.

Gypsy moths are invasive insects that defoliate over 300 species of trees and shrubs. In its caterpillar stage, the moth feeds on the leaves of trees and shrubs and is especially fond of oak. A healthy tree can usually withstand only two years of defoliation before it is permanently damaged or dies. In Ohio, 51 counties are currently under gypsy moth quarantine regulations. More information including maps, videos and answers to frequently asked questions can be found at www.agri.ohio.gov. Daily updates are available by calling (614) 387-0907 or (800) 282-1955, ext. 37, any time after 5:00 p.m.



Dr. Louis J.R. Goorey stands outside the Worthington Municipal Building, which now carries his name. The building was renamed in honor of Dr. Goorey, who retired in December after 40 years of service on Worthington City Council, 18 as City Council President.

Summer Fun!



Worthington Farmers Market

Saturdays 8am to Noon - Downtown

Concerts on the Green

Sundays through August 17th, 7pm on the Village Green. There are also several special Saturday concerts. Visit worthington.org

Summer in the 614

June 14th, 4 - 8:30 pm

Live music, games, food vendors and more - worthington.org

Worthington Art Festival

June 21, 9am-6pm & June 22nd, 11am-5pm

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Worthington Past & Present

June 28, northwest Village Green

Griswold Center 20th Anniversary

Celebration - worthington.org



War of 1812 Muster & Encampment

June 28 & 29, Orange Johnson House & Village Green

worthingtonhistory.org



Worthington Family Picnic & Fireworks

July 4 - 4pm - Thomas Worthington H.S.
Food, music, Supergames and much more!
Fireworks begin at 10pm Note: City offices, including the Community Center and Griswold Center, will be closed on July 4th. Trash collection will shift to Saturday 7/5

A Taste Of Worthington

July 18 - 5:30 - 10pm - OfficeScape Corporate Center,

350 W. Wilson Bridge Rd. - worthingtonchamber.org

Treasures On The Green

July 19 - 9am-4pm - Village Green

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Tour of Ohio Bike Race

August 29, Worthington Estates Neighborhood

Market Day

September 13th, Downtown Worthington

worthingtonchamber.org



Ohio Chautauqua in Worthington - July 8 - 12, 2014

Worthington is pleased to be selected as a host community for the 2014 Ohio Chautauqua, a traveling tent show that presents history in the form of first person historical characterizations. This year's theme is Journey Stories.

Debra Conner introduces the character of **Edith Russell**, a Titanic survivor, who reminds us of the courage individuals can offer during great tragedy. Hank Fincken will bring to life **J. Goldsborough Bruff**, a '49er on the California Trail, who celebrates the grandeur of this growing nation - a land rife with challenges, dangers, and rewards. **Olive Ann Oatman**, an Indian captive portrayed by Dianne Moran, demonstrates impressive resiliency in the face of personal misfortune. The civil rights leader **Martin Luther King, Jr.**, as depicted by Marvin Jefferson, invites us to fight for both racial and economic equality. Philosopher **Henry David Thoreau**, portrayed by Kevin Radaker, prompts us to value our own thoughts and to appreciate the beauty of nature.

Daily workshops for adults and children will take place at the Griswold Center and the Old Worthington Library. All daytime and evening performances are free. A complete schedule can be found online at ohiohumanities.org.

Call (614) 431-0329 ext. 300 to volunteer.



Worthington is home to a new television show that has been airing this spring on Me-TV, the digital subchannel of NBC4. Recorded at the Peggy R. McConnell Arts Center, the show features songwriters in a circle, taking turns in a Nashville-style "round" format.

Performers are surrounded on stage by an audience. The show is hosted by Worthington resident Eric Gnezda. "By putting the audience onstage with the performers, we're inviting our TV viewers to participate in the unique intimacy that singer-songwriters share with their audience," said Gnezda. All episodes are now posted on the Songs at the Center YouTube Channel. You can also find more information about future episodes and links to videos on Facebook at www.facebook.com/songsatthecenter.

Contact Us

LOUIS J.R. GOOREY MUNICIPAL BUILDING
436-3100 – 6550 N. High St.
City Manager's office, City Clerk, Economic
Development, Mayor's Court, Finance,
Personnel, Public Information

LAW DEPARTMENT

436-7429 – 370 Highland Ave.

PARKS & RECREATION

436-2743 – 345 E. Wilson Bridge Rd.
Community Center, recreation programs,
park maintenance, street tree program

GRISWOLD CENTER

842-6320 – 777 High St.
Recreation Programs for 55 and older

SERVICE & ENGINEERING

431-2425 – 380 Highland Ave.
Trash collection, recycling, yard waste, sewers,
maintenance, Capital Improvement Projects

PLANNING & BUILDING

431-2424 – 374 Highland Ave.
Land use planning, zoning and building
regulation

DIVISION OF POLICE

885-4463 – 6555 Worthington Galena Rd.

DIVISION OF FIRE & EMS

885-7640 – 6500 N. High St.
CPR classes, public education, fire inspection

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Traffic is on the move and big changes are in place as work begins on the centerpiece of the North Side Fix 23-270 construction project. All lanes are now shifted to the west as crews begin work on the "trench." When complete, two new northbound express lanes for US 23 will be built 25 feet below ground and extend from south of Campus View Blvd. to just south of Northwoods Blvd.

Work also continues to reconfigure entrance and exit ramps to and from I-270 and US 23. Once complete, the new interchange will mean a safer commute and better accessibility to Worthington and the surrounding community. For more information and to sign up for electronic updates from the Ohio Department of Transportation, visit www.270-23.com and click on "Receive Traffic Alerts."

COTA Transit Review

Proposed Changes in Worthington Service

The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) is making a complete review of its bus system through the Transit System Review (TSR) process. The intent is to improve the effectiveness and continued expansion of COTA's bus network, downtown operations and technologies to meet the needs of growing and changing land uses in the central Ohio region. As a result, a number of service changes are proposed for Worthington. They include:

- Elimination of the Worthington Estates Loop (#2 and #31 routes)
- Elimination of the Colonial Hills loop (#2 route)
- Elimination of the Proprietors Road>Schrock Road>Huntley Road line (#33)
- Elimination of the #31 Express Line that currently travels up High Street and through the Crosswoods area. The #31 Express is changing to local service, and will be called #2L High Limited. It will run 7 days a week, every 30 minutes instead of weekdays only. In Worthington, the #2L High Limited will provide local service with frequent stops. Local service will stretch between Polaris and Westview Ave., just north of Graceland. South of Westview, it will make limited stops to speed up travel times.

- Addition of an east/west connector from High St across E. Dublin Granville

To review route maps and other details of the TSR process and draft proposal, visit www.cota.com/TSR. To provide feedback on the proposal, you can email TSR@COTA.com.