



Test Program to Protect Ash Trees from Emerald Ash Borer

Hundreds of ash trees line the streets of the City of Worthington. Some have already been lost to the emerald ash borer, an invasive pest which has killed millions of ash trees in the Midwestern and Northeastern United States. In order to prevent further destruction and loss of ash trees, the City of Worthington is participating in a free test program to protect the ash trees and prevent infestation by the emerald ash borer.



Damage done to a Worthington tree by an emerald ash borer.

The Worthington Department of Public Service is working with Valent Biosciences Corporation on the protection project. Beginning this June, Valent will provide the root injected treatment yearly for the next five years as a test program for the City of Worthington. Participation comes at NO COST to the City of

Worthington. Over 200 trees located in the City right-of-way will be treated. Each will be identified with a small ¾" by 3" aluminum numbered tag. City ash trees that have been evaluated as in good or fair

condition will receive the treatment. The application of the systemic insecticide "Safari" will be performed by the Davey Tree Company. "Safari" is federally registered by the Environmental Protection Agency to control emerald ash borer. The root

injection method will eliminate contact of the insecticide to pets and people. Information about the insecticide Safari 20SG is available online at www.valentpro.com/safari. For more information from the Worthington Department of Public Service, please call 614-431-2425.

Texting Ban Considered for the City of Worthington

In an effort to make the City's roadways safer for Worthington residents and visitors, the Worthington City Council is considering a texting ban for the City of Worthington. Legislation was introduced at the June 7, 2010 meeting that, if passed by Council, will prohibit the use of a mobile communications device inside a motor vehicle to compose, send or read a text message while driving. The legislation as it was introduced also includes a ban on interaction with any internet-based content while driving. It excludes drivers using a hands-free device; using the device while the vehicle is stopped or parked and out of the flow of traffic; or if the driver is reporting a health or safety emergency. Similar legislation was recently passed by the central Ohio cities of Columbus and Bexley. Toledo and Cleveland also have texting bans in place.

In recent years, thousands of people have died or been injured in crashes involving distracted or inattentive drivers. The purpose of the legislation is to improve roadway safety for all vehicle operators, passengers, bicyclists, pedestrians and other road users by prohibiting texting while driving.

The issue will be discussed further at the June 21, 2010 Worthington City Council meeting. The legislation and accompanying information can be found online at www.worthington.org. Follow the QUICK LINK on the left hand side of the home page to City Council Meetings. Information is found under links to the June 7 & 21 meetings.

CITY NOTES

Household Hazardous Waste Changes

Changes this year to the annual Household Hazardous Waste collection. Instead of a disposal day in Worthington and many other municipalities, regional drop off days were scheduled in four locations. The remaining dates and locations are: September 4th at the Westerville Service Department and October 6th in Grove City. A permanent drop off location is available at 1249

Essex Avenue in Columbus. For more information, visit www.swaco.org or call (614) 871-5100.

Yard Waste Drop Off

You can drop off yard waste without the size and bundling requirements of the Friday curbside pick up at the Public Service Department, 380 Highland Avenue, the last Saturday of every month through October from Noon to 3pm. Call (614) 431-2425 for more information.

Voters Approve Income Tax Increase - What's Next?

The City of Worthington is extremely grateful to the voters of Worthington for their overwhelming approval of Issue 22, which increases the income tax rate from 2.0 to 2.5 percent. The increase, which passed by a margin of 65 to 35 percent, goes into effect on July 1, 2010. With the voters' approval, the City of Worthington is moving forward on its commitment to continue the tradition of high quality services and wise investments in our capital infrastructure and increase efforts to attract and retain businesses. In fact, steps have already been taken by Worthington City Council to create an Economic Development Manager position to oversee and develop strategies to bring more jobs into the City. The position is currently posted and applications are being accepted from qualified candidates. While the income tax increase does allow the City to make this investment to help enhance the economic development program and maintain existing services, it does not solve all of our financial concerns. Our financial

forecast is based on flat revenue projections for this year and very modest increases in revenue next year. 2010 revenues continue to be below 2009 levels. The City is carefully monitoring the financial situation and remains conservative in our expenditures.

The City continues to look toward the future as we begin work to develop a strategic plan. This process is a continuation of the work done with the Worthington Libraries and Schools as part of the Worthington Area 360 initiative. Feedback gathered from the community during this process will inform our strategic planning efforts and we appreciate their involvement and commitment. We will continue to keep the community informed as we move through the planning process and develop the goals, strategies and action steps to help guide us in the future.



City officials gather with volunteers on election night to track results and celebrate the support of the voters. (l. to r.: Vice Mayor Jim Lorimer, City Manager Matt Greeson, City Council Member Bob Chosy, City Council President Lou Goorey, City Council Pro Tem Bonnie Michael.

City of Worthington Welcomes New Businesses

The City of Worthington is pleased to welcome three new organizations to the Worthington business community. Great Lakes Bankers Bank and F & M Credit Services, Inc. were recipients of a Venture Grant from the City of Worthington to assist in their relocation into the office building at 300 W. Wilson Bridge Road. Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio (LSS) was also the recipient of a Venture Grant to assist in its relocation to an office building at 500 W. Wilson Bridge Road. Great Lakes Bankers Bank and F & M Credit Services, Inc. are both subsidiaries of Bankers Bancshares, Inc. Great Lakes Bankers Bank focuses exclusively on providing correspondent services, such as cash management, investment services and loan participations to community banks. F & M Credit Services, Inc. provides consulting service, primarily loan review, for community banks.

LSS provides a wide range of services and resources that address the basic necessities of people in need. In 2009, LSS food pantries served more than \$4 million worth of food, provided an affordable, comfortable living environment to 968 seniors, and served more than 4,400 men and women with temporary shelter, job search assistance and access to medical, mental health and addiction treatment services through the Faith Mission.

"The City of Worthington is happy to welcome Great Lakes Bankers Bank, F & M Credit Services, Inc. and Lutheran Social Services to the Worthington community," said Worthington City Manager Matt Greeson. "We are pleased that the presence of these organizations and their employees will further strengthen the economic health of this community." The City of Worthington Venture Grant program provides grants to new and expanding Worthington businesses that meet minimum employment and payroll thresholds. The amount of the grant is related to the company's projected payroll over the next five or more years.

Firefighters Go Pink



Many Worthington residents did a double take recently when Worthington Firefighters answered the call to duty. For three days in May they all wore pink uniform shirts for the Susan G. Koman Race for the Cure. This was a first for the Worthington Division of Fire, which proposed the idea as a way to raise awareness in the fight against breast cancer. Several firefighters and their families participated in the Race for the Cure and donated to the cause.

Summer in the City

The City of Worthington invites you to join us for these fun family events taking place in Worthington this summer.

June is "HI NEIGHBOR" month in the City of Worthington! Commit 5 Random Acts of "Hi Neighbor!" Plan your neighborhood block party now! Visit www.worthington.org for more information.

Saturdays through October - FARMERS MARKET - 9 a.m. - noon

Vendors line the downtown streets for the summertime tradition selling fresh produce, plants, meats and other homemade goodies.

Tuesdays through October - MEMORIAL FARMERS MARKET- 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Stock up on your favorite fresh fruits and vegetables at this new mid-week market sponsored by the Sharon Memorial Hall, 137 E. Dublin Granville Road.

Sundays through August 15 - CONCERTS ON THE GREEN - 7:00 p.m.

Bring the family and enjoy this Worthington summertime tradition every Sunday evening on the northwest corner of the beautiful and historic Village Green. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. For a complete schedule visit www.worthington.org/events.

June 19 & 20 - WORTHINGTON ARTS FESTIVAL Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Skilled artists exhibit their work during this outdoor festival on the historic Village Green. The juried show features a wide variety of artwork for sale. Sponsored by the Olde Worthington Business Association, www.owba.net.

June 20 - TOUR OF OHIO BIKE RACE - 5:00 p.m.

This professional bike race attracts the best cyclists from across Ohio and the United States. The route takes bikers through the tree-lined streets of the Worthington Estates neighborhood. Starting line is on Guyer in front of Worthingway Middle School. Event also includes an amateur open and kids races. The fast-paced racing is great for spectators, so come out and cheer the racers on. Visit www.worthington.org/events for more information.

July 4 - WORTHINGTON FAMILY PICNIC - 5:00 p.m.

A pre-fireworks family tradition! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a family picnic on the lawn of Thomas Worthington High School. Entertainment, food and SuperGames, Columbus Zoo animals, traditional and medieval games and much more will be on site for kids of all ages to enjoy. Activities also going on throughout the day at the McConnell Arts Center. Family Picnic sponsored by the Dublin Worthington Rotary. For a detailed schedule, visit www.worthington.org/events.

July 4 - FIREWORKS - 10 p.m. The holiday fireworks will be presented at Thomas Worthington High School Stadium.

July 9 - A TASTE OF WORTHINGTON - 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Local restaurants feature their most popular dishes. Family activities include face painting and games for kids. OfficeScape Corporate Center, West Wilson Bridge Rd. \$1 at the gate. Sponsored by the Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce, 888-3040.

July 17 - TREASURES ON THE GREEN (formerly Haggler's Day) - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

19th annual community antique, collectibles and flea market on the Worthington Village Green. Sponsored by the Olde Worthington Business Association, www.owba.net.

August 8 - ICE CREAM SOCIAL - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Worthington Presbyterian Church on their front lawn at the Worthington Village Green. Nominal cost per person.

August 29 - WORTHINGTON INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION PICNIC

Celebrate different cultures with food and entertainment at the WIFA summer picnic. Entertainment by the dancers of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Columbus.

September 25 - OLD WORTHINGTON MARKET DAY – 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Handmade arts and crafts, food and entertainment. On High Street from Rt. 161 to South St. and all Village Green quadrants. Sponsored by Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce, 888-3040.

July 4th & 5th City Hours:

- The Worthington Community Center will be open limited hours on Sunday, July 4th, from Noon to 4:00 p.m. and regular hours on Monday, July 5th, from 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- All other City offices will be closed on Sunday, July 4th and Monday, July 5th in observance of the Independence Day holiday, with the exception of emergency Police and Fire services.



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How to Reach Us

Municipal Administration Building

436-3100 -- 6550 N. High St.
City Manager's office, Development, Planning & Zoning, City Clerk, 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

Public Service Department

431-2425 -- 380 Highland Ave.
Trash collection, recycling, yard waste, sewers, maintenance

Engineering Department

431-2424 -- 374 Highland Ave.
Building Permits & Inspection

Division of Police

885-4463 -- 6555 Worthington Galena Rd.

Division of Fire and EMS

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

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Street Improvements Underway this Summer

Many improvements are coming to Worthington roads and sidewalks this summer. The streets listed below are scheduled for rehabilitation and resurfacing as part of the City of Worthington 2010 Street Improvement Program. Rehabilitation includes the repair of curbs and gutters,

repair of sidewalks, repair of the street base as necessary, resurfacing, re-striping and ADA ramps where required. The project is scheduled to begin in July and be completed in October 2010. All streets are planned to remain open to local traffic during construction.

High Street Road Construction Project

A road construction project to mill, repave and restripe High Street between Dublin-Granville Road and South Street in downtown Worthington was completed earlier this summer. The project was funded by federal stimulus dollars available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

- West Clearview Avenue
- Greenbrier Court
- East Clearview Avenue
- Franklin Court
- Granville Square
- Hartford Street, Granville to North
- Chaucer Court
- Oxford Court
- Foster Avenue, East Selby to south corp.
- Loveman Avenue, Andover to Indianola
- Park Boulevard
- East Riverglen

- Plesenton Drive
- Colburn Court
- Franklin Avenue
- Winter Drive
- Lakeside Circle
- Westbrook Court and Place
- Wilson Bridge Road Fishing Access
- West New England Municipal Parking Lot
- Eastview Drive Parking Lot (McCord Park)

