



Village Talks

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON

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City of Worthington Takes on a New Look

Branding Initiative

This edition of the Village Talks Newsletter comes to you with a fresh, new look. The City of Worthington is working to bring consistency to our City identity and brand and has updated our familiar streetscape logo to bring a crisp new look to the communication materials and images that you receive from the City. The new look is also being carried through on everything from letterhead and business cards, to the website, signs, service vehicles and much more. Some new Public Service and Parks & Recreation trucks are already on the street with the new look. The City will continue to incorporate the new image throughout the organization and community.

Website Redesign Coming to worthington.org

This summer, the City will unveil a new website bringing a whole new level of e-government functionality and



interactivity to residents, businesses and visitors. Some of the new features include a citizen response module, where citizens can ask questions or submit service requests; customizable electronic news notification according to interest; an interactive calendar of events; mobile device and social networking integration; ePay functionality; interactive forms and submissions for permits, bid postings or job applications; and emergency alert capabilities. The new worthington.org website is expected to go online in late summer.

City Notes from Parks & Recreation

Electronic Fund Transfers

To make paying for your Community Center annual membership easier, Parks & Recreation has made Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT's) available. Membership fees can be deducted automatically from your bank account on a monthly basis. To sign up, bring a voided check or deposit slip to the customer service desk to fill out the paperwork.

Griswold Center Online Registration coming in June

Online registration will begin this summer on June 22nd with registration for July programs. A special tutorial workshop will be presented on June 17th. You will need a PIN number to register. Call 842-6320 for information or to obtain your PIN.

Community Center Entrance Project

The Community Center is getting a facelift! We are in the final planning stages for a project that will completely replace the main entrance, windows and outer walls of the game room and fitness studio. Look for more information at the Community Center as it becomes available.

Summer Pass Options

Looking for summer fun? Monthly passes can be purchased for the Community Center for just \$40 for an individual and \$30 for seniors 60 years or older. Special family monthly rates and youth passes are also available, as well as day passes and punch cards. Visit the customer service desk or call (614) 436-2743 for more information.

Business Growth in City of Worthington

The City of Worthington is facing an exciting year as we are experiencing significant growth and movement toward redevelopment of key business corridors.



Downtown Worthington

In historic Downtown Worthington, the City welcomes **Rivage Atlantique** to the former Café Daniela location at 652 High Street. Owners Brett Holland and Bill Cosgrove opened the restaurant featuring seafood prepared by Chef Rich Flagg.

Rivage Atlantique provides an upscale dining experience, and casual bar area, The Back Room.

Also new to the downtown area is **Peacock Lane Home**, a home furnishings and interior design store, located in the former Maple Lee Florist at 615 High Street. Owner Meg Hardison and interior designer Kimberly Baker will feature a mixture of old and new furniture and accessories, as well as a number of items on consignment and also provide a full range of interior design services.



The Shops at
**WORTHINGTON
PLACE**

Wilson Bridge Road Corridor

The Wilson Bridge Road Corridor will be bolstered by the redevelopment of the former Worthington Mall, now **The Shops at Worthington Place**. A \$10 million redevelopment loan is approved for the Shops at Worthington Place.

Construction will begin soon, with the goal of having the renovations complete by the 2011 holiday season.

Insight Bank was the recipient of a Venture Grant to assist in the relocation and renovation of their new Worthington office, located at the old Dalt's restaurant and adjacent office building at 140-150 West Wilson Bridge Road. This space will house the bank's corporate headquarters and retail banking operations and bring up to 50 new jobs to Worthington.

Prosper Business Development is another company committed to its expansion in Worthington's Wilson Bridge Road corridor. Prosper, also the recipient of a Venture Grant, conducts market research and provides data and consumer trend analysis. Prosper is expected to create 13 new jobs and retain 15 current full-time jobs in the City.

Mediu, Inc., a software sales and service provider to Fortune 500 companies' call center operations, received a Venture Grant to expand its corporate headquarters at its existing Wilson Bridge Road location. The company is expected to create 18 new, full-time jobs. In addition, the company was approved for a State of Ohio job creation tax credit.

Huntley Road Corridor

There are also significant business accomplishments in the Huntley Road Corridor, which is known for its manufacturing, office and warehouse facilities. Worthington-based **Diamond Innovations** was the recipient of a Venture Grant from the City to assist in the expansion of its design and manufacturing operations. Diamond Innovations has committed to creating 40 jobs and retaining 405 positions.



Mettler-Toledo was also the recipient of a Venture Grant to expand its manufacturing operations in Worthington. Mettler-Toledo has committed to creating 25 new, full-time jobs, as well as retaining 100 current full-time jobs.

The City of Worthington strengthened our commitment to business outreach and assistance with the hiring of our first full-time Economic Development Manager, Jeffry Harris. Under Jeffry's leadership, the City will continue to focus on attracting new businesses and supporting existing businesses in their efforts to expand and/or maintain their existing operation. Contact Jeffry Harris at (614) 436-4518 or email jharris@ci.worthington.oh.us.

2010 Census Summary

The 2010 U.S. Census figures have been released for the City of Worthington. Here is a look at where we stand today, compared to earlier Census results:

year	Population	Median Age	Avg. Household
2010	13,575	44.9	2.35
2000	14,125	43.9	2.42
1990	14,869	39.6	2.60
1980	15,016	34.5	2.65
1970	15,326	26.8	3.73

Summer Fun 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 worthington.org for more information.



Farmers Market

Saturdays through Oct. – 9 A.M. - Noon

Concerts On The Green

Sundays Through Aug. 14 – 7:00 P.M.

Worthington Arts Festival

June 18 & 19 –
Sat., 10 A.M. - 6 P.M.;
Sun., 11 A.M. - 5 P.M.



Worthington Family Picnic

July 4 – 4:00 P.M.

Fireworks

July 4 – 10 P.M.

A Taste Of Worthington

July 15 – 5:30 - 10:00 P.M.



Treasures On The Green

July 16 – 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Tour Of Ohio Bike Race

July 29 – 5:00 P.M.

Ice Cream Social

August 14 – 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Old Worthington Market Day

September 24 – 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Follow Worthington on Facebook & Twitter. Visit worthington.org to connect and for details on all upcoming events.



New Division of Fire Ladder Truck on the Streets

Worthington Firefighters now have a new and improved ladder truck. The new truck replaces an old 1992 model with over 106,000 miles. It features more lifting capacity with a larger, safer bucket area. The water pumping capacity is greater than the old truck and it includes many more updated safety and operational features.

Congratulations for Thinking Green!

Sustainable Worthington's PreCycle Day is already winning awards after just its second year. The organizers of this community wide free exchange of used but re-usable items were recently recognized by the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) with the Good Neighbor Emerald Award. The premiere green awards program in Ohio annually recognizes green leaders in Franklin County.



4th of July City Hours

The Community Center will only be open July 4th, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All other City offices, including the Griswold Center, will be closed on July 4th. The week of July 4th, trash collection will be shifted from Friday to Saturday, July 9th.



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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION 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

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,
Development, Planning & Zoning,

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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Summer Construction

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| Bellbrook Pl. | Medick Way |
| Caren Ave. | New England Ave. W. |
| Dublin-Granville Rd. W. | Pingree Dr. |
| Eastworth Ct. | Plymouth St. |
| Eastworth Way | Ravine Circle |
| Emco Pl. | Rieber St. |
| Evening St. | Selby Ct. |
| Highland Pl. | Wilson Bridge Road E. |
| Kensington Place | Welling Way W. |
| Kertess Ave. | |

Many improvements are coming to Worthington roads and sidewalks this summer. The streets listed to the left are scheduled for rehabilitation and resurfacing as part of the City of Worthington 2011 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 2011. All streets are planned to remain open to local traffic during construction.

Improvements are also coming to West Wilson Bridge Road this summer. The entire stretch between High Street and Olentangy River Road will be

resurfaced. The project includes repairs to the concrete curb and gutter and milling and overlaying the roadway. This project is funded by County License Tax Funds. Two way traffic is expected to be maintained during the project, with some lane restrictions. Construction is expected to be completed in July.

