



Village Talks

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Dog Park Debuts Grand Opening July 14th

Dogs big and small will soon have a new playground to visit with their owners. Through a partnership with the Cities of Worthington and Columbus, a new dog park is getting ready to open on Godown Road. The Godown Dog Park opens to the public with a Grand Opening event on Saturday, July 14th. The land, owned by the City of Worthington, is located in the City of Columbus along Godown Road, just west of Linworth Road. The creation of a Dog Park for Worthington area dogs and their owners started over four years ago. A citizens group, Worthington Organized Off-leash Friends, or WOOF, formed and has provided significant support in advocating for the dog park in Worthington, fundraising, coordinating volunteer efforts and contributing input to the design and operations of the park. The Godown Dog Park will include



separate fenced areas for small dogs and large dogs. Both areas are shaded and include benches, water fountains for both dogs and people, paved parking and an information kiosk. The kiosk was donated and installed by

the Dublin-Worthington Rotary and WOOF's fundraising efforts paid for the water fountains and other amenities. Prior to the public opening, a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the City of Columbus will take place on July 9th at 1:00 p.m. Please call Parks & Recreation at 436-2743 for information.

City Notes

Trash Pick up Moved to July 7th for Holiday Week:

Because of the 4th of July holiday, trash, recycling and yard waste collection will move from Friday to Saturday, July 7.

Community Center Maintenance Closure:

Pools closed: August 21 - September 3
Building closed: August 27 - September 3

Notify Me

Citizens can register to receive e-news notifications according to their area of interest by visiting the City's worthington.org website. Options include job or bid postings, news about special events, City Council or other meeting and calendar notices, agendas and more. People can also ask a question or submit a service request online by clicking on the Service Request link.

Neighborhood Network

Receive news by email and help spread the news to your neighbors by joining the Worthington Neighborhood Network. Neighborhood Network members receive information from the City through e-mail and pass it along to their neighbors through e-mail, a neighborhood newsletter, flyers or word of mouth. To sign up for the Neighborhood Network, please email Anne Brown at brown@ci.worthington.oh.us.

Facebook & Twitter

For up-to-the-minute news and information, follow the City on Facebook at facebook.com/worthingtonoh or on Twitter at twitter.com/worthingtonohio.

New Resources Help Seniors

in City of Worthington

The safety of Worthington's senior citizens is the top priority for members of the Greater Worthington Area Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) team. SALT volunteers have been working with the Worthington Divisions of Police and Fire, and the Sharon and Perry Township Police Departments to develop comprehensive resources to help seniors stay safe in their homes and in the community. SALT's first official program was unveiled recently and is available to all Worthington seniors at no cost. The Senior Home Information Program (SHIP) is a free service for residents who are 55 years of age or older. SHIP brings together a team of professionals to work with seniors to reduce hazardous household conditions that could lead to personal injury, loss of property or death.

SHIP professionals provide a free home safety assessment to identify features in a home that might make the residence susceptible to burglaries, fires, or injuries due to falls. Qualified law enforcement officers, firefighters and service

professionals will conduct the visits and provide information about the steps residents can take to remove or reduce hazards that put them at risk. Some areas to be checked include smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; batteries and power strips; flashlights; home lighting; plus many other areas that will help seniors feel safe and secure in their homes. To schedule a SHIP visit, residents may call the Worthington Griswold Center at (614) 842-6320.

There is also a new SALT information line up and running to help residents obtain information about SALT by phone. The number is (614) 436-8850. SALT members regularly update the recorded information to provide the latest updates about SALT programs, services and meetings.

SALT partners meet on the third Thursday of every month at the Griswold Center, 777 High Street. All residents are invited to attend and get involved in this important initiative.

Business News

New restaurant, retail and service offerings continue to transform the **Shops at Worthington Place** into a destination for central Ohio and Worthington shoppers. **Panera Bread** has been hiring staff and will open this summer. Plans continue for other new businesses at Worthington Place including a **FrontRunner** store for running and walking gear; the only central Ohio location for **Orvis**, for the outdoor enthusiast; **Worthington Dental Group**; and **Kenneth's Hair Salon**. As interior and exterior work continues, Worthington Place owners are working on bringing in new tenants and expect to make more announcements soon about other additions. Worthington Place also recently held its grand opening of the new

Johnny Appleseed theme playground with play areas both indoors and outdoors on the north side of the mall.



In the Downtown Worthington area construction is expected to start this summer on a **Dewey's Pizza** location, where the old BP station was located at the southeast corner of High Street and East New England Avenue. The old service station will be demolished. The Dewey's location will include a one-story brick restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating areas. The public plaza will include seating, a brick wall and open space serving as a community gathering spot. Dewey's has a number of locations in the Midwest, including one in Grandview Heights.

Summer Fun in the City



Farmers Market

Saturdays through Oct. – 9 a.m. - Noon

Concerts On The Green

Sundays Through Aug. 12 – 7:00 p.m.

*Plus a special Saturday concert on July 7th

Worthington Family Picnic

July 4 – 4:00 p.m. - Gather the family and come on down to the Worthington Family Picnic and Fireworks Celebration on the 4th of July! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a family picnic on the lawn of Thomas Worthington High School (TWHS) with food, live musical entertainment, Supergames, Columbus Zoo animals and much more! The festivities begin at 4:00 p.m. and continue through the fireworks celebration until 11:00 p.m. The Worthington Family Picnic is sponsored by the Dublin-Worthington Rotary.



July 4th Fireworks

The fireworks celebration begins at 10:00 p.m. The display can be viewed either from the Family Picnic location on the front lawn of TWHS, or at the football stadium to the west of the high school.

First Friday in Downtown Worthington

July 6 – 5:30 - 10:00 p.m.

A Taste Of Worthington

July 20 – 5:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Treasures On The Green

July 21 – 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Tour Of Ohio Bike Race

August 3 – 5:00 p.m. (rescheduled from June 15th)

Market Day Festival

September 29 – 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Visit worthington.org for details.



New Indianola Park Upgrades Ready for Neighborhood Visitors

Grand Re-Opening Set for July 2nd

Indianola Park has seen a complete makeover and is welcoming neighbors to play tennis, basketball and explore the new playground that was designed with the help and input of its Colonial Hills neighbors. All of the playground equipment has been replaced and includes different play areas according to age level. The tennis and basketball courts have been resurfaced and repaired. There have also been repairs to sidewalks and fencing.

The park is ready and available for people to use, but there will be a special Grand Re-Opening Ceremony on Monday, July 2nd at 6:00 p.m. The community is invited to attend.





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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

Many improvements are coming to Worthington roads and sidewalks this summer. The streets listed are scheduled for rehabilitation and resurfacing as part of the City of Worthington 2012 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 after the 4th of July holiday and be completed by October 2012. All streets are planned to remain open to local traffic during construction.

Alrojo St.
Andover St.
Boyd Dr.
Cambridge Ct.
Colebrook Dr.
Dublin-Granville Rd. E.
Dublin-Granville Rd. W.
Emerson Ave.
Evening St.
Farrington Dr.
Foster Ave.
Granville Sq.
Hartford St.
Hickory Grove Ct.
High St.
Highland Ave.
Huntley Rd.
Lambourne Ave.

Lincoln Ave. W.
Linworth Rd.
Middlebury Ct.
Middlebury Dr. E., N., W.
Milton Ave.
Perry Park
New England Ave. W.
North St. E.
Olentangy Blvd.
Park Overlook Dr.
Proprietors Rd.
Samada Ave.
Schrock Rd.
Sharon Springs Dr.
Sinsbury Dr. N.
Snouffer Rd.
SR-315
Stanton Ave. W.
Village Green Dr. S.E.
Village Green Dr. S.W.
Wilson Bridge Rd. E.
Wilson Bridge Rd. W.
Worthington-Galena Rd.



Fan Collection Taking Place to Help People in Need

The Worthington Division of Fire is collecting fans during the hot summer months to help people in need stay cool. Please bring your new fan donation to the Worthington Fire Department at 6500 N. High Street and they will be distributed throughout central Ohio by LifeCare Alliance. If you or someone you know needs a fan, please call the Fan Campaign Hotline of LifeCare Alliance at (614) 437-2870.