

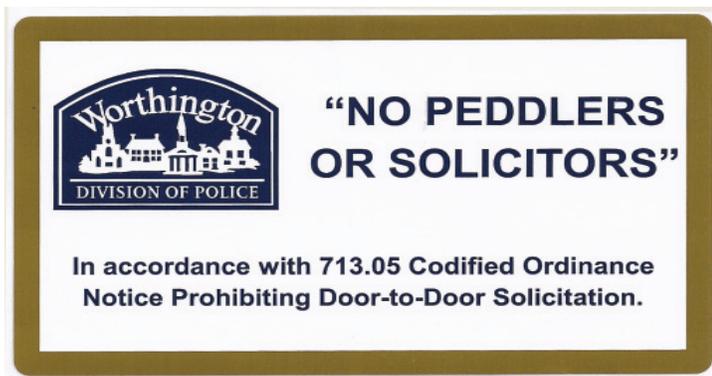


# Village Talks

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## Door-to-Door Solicitors What you Need to Know



Worthington residents and businesses have a new tool to help them control whether they want solicitors knocking on their door. The Worthington Division of Police has produced these decals that can easily be attached to doors and windows, prohibiting door-to-door solicitation at your home or business, according to section 713.05 of the Codified Ordinances.

The City of Worthington often receives questions from residents about solicitation laws in the City. The laws require that solicitors must apply and be approved for a permit after a background check. The only exceptions involve student solicitations for school-related activities in the Worthington School District and solicitations for non-profit organizations. All other solicitors require a permit. Residents are encouraged to ask to see the permit if they suspect solicitors are going door-to-door without a permit.

There are also time limits for when solicitors are allowed to knock on your door. From October 1 through March 31, solicitation is allowed between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. From April 1 through September 30, the hours are 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

If you do not want any solicitors knocking on your door, the law states that you may post a notice refusing to receive any uninvited solicitors. No solicitor is allowed to knock on your door if you have a sign posted. The 3" x 5" decals are available to pick up at the Worthington Division of Police, 6555 Worthington Galena Road, or from the Worthington Municipal Building, 6550 N. High Street. The decals are free.

If you do have a non-permitted solicitor approach your home or business please call the non-emergency number at the Police Department, 885-4463.

## City Notes

### Worthington is a "Smart Community"

Visitors to Worthington's historic Downtown and Village Green will soon see a new option when tossing your trash and recyclables. Thanks to the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio, the City of Worthington was awarded over \$14,000 in "Smart Community Grant" funding to purchase 20 new dual use waste receptacles. Each contains one can for trash and the other for recycling. Items that can be recycled are the same as are collected in the residential curbside recycling program. The new dual receptacles will replace the aging trash cans currently located downtown.

### Parks & Recreation Registration

Don't let the cold winter weather get you down. Come inside the Worthington Community Center and Griswold Center and enjoy a wide variety of events, arts, recreation and educational programs. Community Center and Griswold Center program registration is going on now, with programs beginning the week of January 7, 2013. The Winter Activity Brochure is posted online at [www.worthington.org](http://www.worthington.org) or can be picked up at the Worthington Community Center or Griswold Center. For more information call (614) 436-2743.

# Godown Dog Park Partnership Wins Top Award

Working hand in hand, the Worthington and Columbus Parks and Recreation Departments have successfully added a popular amenity to benefit residents and their four-legged-friends in both communities. Now, the partnership that created the Godown Dog Park is being recognized as the best in the state of Ohio. The Ohio Parks & Recreation Association (OPRA) has awarded the Godown Dog Park the 1st place Partnership Award in the OPRA Annual



Awards of Excellence. The land where the park is located is owned by the City of Worthington but is located within the City of Columbus. Both communities had been exploring options to bring a dog park to their residents and it became apparent that forming a partnership to join resources would bring a positive impact to both Worthington

and Columbus. Members of the volunteer organization, Worthington Organized Off-leash Friends (WOOF), also played a vital role in the partnership. Since its opening in July, the Godown Dog Park has been consistently busy, with people and their dogs enjoying the large and small dog areas. Dog owners appreciate having a safe environment to exercise their dogs and socialize with other community members in the outdoor setting.

## Summer Camp also receives recognition

The On-The-Go Summer Camp program was also recognized in the OPRA Annual Awards of Excellence with a 3rd place win in the Youth & Family Programs category. The On-The-Go Camp features different daily destinations throughout central Ohio and offers new experiences for campers, such as sailing and horseback riding. These camps helped expand opportunities for children 8-14 years old and helped meet parents' needs for a fun, affordable all-day camp experience. For more information on all Worthington Parks & Recreation programs call (614) 436-2743.

# Business is Booming The Shops at Worthington Place



It has been a busy holiday season with a number of new shops and restaurants opening at the Shops at Worthington Place. The mall is now 80% leased and there are more openings expected this winter. New tenants include:

- Pies & Pints – handcrafted gourmet pizza and beer, featured on the Food Network
- FaceForward & regiMEN– a boutique specializing in make-up and skin care for men and women
- Montero Native Market– imported sweaters, jewelry and art from South America
- ModeAlise – Women’s clothing boutique - sizes 2 to 22
- Orvis – quality men’s & women’s clothing, fly rods and fly fishing gear, dog beds, home furnishings, travel clothing, shoes, and gifts
- Worthington Dental Group – now accepting new patients!
- Kenneth’s Hair Salons & Day Spa
- Front Runner – the store for runners and walkers
- Y Sadiq Diamonds - one of the premier diamond stores in central Ohio.

Winter openings are planned for Piada Italian Street Food, Swan Cleaners and specialty bakery Naticakes.

Visit [ShopWorthingtonPlace.com](http://ShopWorthingtonPlace.com) for the latest news about new additions to the mall.



For more information on doing business in Worthington contact Jeffry Harris at (614) 436-4518.

# Mark your Calendar

## Indoor Winter Farmers Market:

The Winter Farmers Market takes place every Saturday from 10am to 1pm through April 27th at its new location in the Shops at Worthington Place! Come shop for fresh produce, plants, meats and other homemade foods, desserts and crafts.



## Martin Luther King Community Celebration

The Worthington Community Celebration to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held on January 21, 2013. The program will be highlighted by a speech from Dr. Hasan Kwame Jeffries, Ohio State University Professor of History. Dr. Jeffries specializes in 20th Century African American history and the Civil Rights Movement. Featured performances will include the Capriccio Vocal Ensemble and a dance performance from the St. John A.M.E. Church Praise Dance Ministry. The program will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Worthington United Methodist Church, 600 High Street. A community luncheon will follow. The entire event is free and open to the public.

## Municipal Offices Holiday Hours

- Municipal offices will close at Noon on Monday, December 31st and remain closed through Tuesday, January 1st.
- Municipal offices will be closed on Monday, January 21st for the Martin Luther King Day holiday
- Municipal offices will be closed on Monday, February 18th for the Presidents Day holiday

## Community Center Holiday Hours

- New Years Eve, 5:30am to 4pm
- New Years Day, 8am to 2pm
- Open regular hours on Martin Luther King Day and Presidents Day

## Holiday Trash Pick up

- Trash Collection will be shifted from Friday, to Saturday, January 5th because of the New Years holiday.
- Trash collection will not change for the Martin Luther King and Presidents Day holidays.

Visit [www.worthington.org](http://www.worthington.org) for complete information.

# Join the Action at the Citizens Police Academy Apply Today!

The Worthington Division of Police is inviting Worthington residents to participate in the 2013 Citizens Police Academy. The Academy will be held at the Worthington Police Department, 6555 Worthington-Galena Road one night a week from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm for a seven-week period. The dates for the Academy are January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13, 2013.

Participants will get training and instruction about all aspects of being a law enforcement officer. They will gather an understanding of the department's day-to-day operations, emergency response procedures and specialized equipment. The program will also help participants gain a better understanding of the impact of their actions in an emergency and how they can be supportive of the Police Department's law enforcement efforts. The program is taught by certified sworn officers and will provide hands-on experience and real-life scenarios to the participants. Please join this fun and educational opportunity. The program consists of the following:

- Orientation to the Worthington Division of Police
- General history of policing in America
- Patrol operations and the essential job functions of patrol officers
- Practical exercises in police training
- Training scenarios dealing with family and domestic disturbance calls, major risk incidents, laws of arrest, search and seizure and how our criminal justice program functions
- Crime prevention
- Investigation training
- Information about drugs in our community
- Terrorism-what we can do to be prepared

Anyone interested in being involved in this program, please contact Community Resource Officer Tammy Floyd at (614) 885-4463 for registration information, or visit [worthington.org](http://worthington.org) and follow the news links for information and to download an application.

## Contact Us

**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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# Best Wishes Worthington Retirees

The City of Worthington is sending fond farewells and best wishes to some long-time staff members who are retiring at the end of 2012. The six individuals have dedicated a combined 171 years of service to the Worthington Community.

Law Director Mike Minister is retiring after more than 45 years of service to the City of Worthington. He began his career in 1963 as a police radio dispatcher. He also served as a Sharon Township Firefighter, administrative intern, Assistant to the City Manager, Director of Administration and Taxation and Acting City Manager before being named as Law Director in 1975.

Public Service Director David Groth is retiring after more than 30 years of service to the City of Worthington. He began his service in 1974 as a part time crew member of the Parks & Recreation Department and was hired full time as Park Maintenance Supervisor in 1978. After a brief time away as Administrator of Grandview Heights, he returned to Worthington in 1991 as the Director of Public Service.

Other retirees include Assistant City Engineer Ron Curry, who dedicated 32 years to the City; Police Officer Jeff Cromwell with 26 years of service; Police Secretary Beckey Bice with 25 years of service; and Police Communications Technician John Strawser, who is retiring with 13 years of service. The City of Worthington extends sincere appreciation to these individuals for their outstanding service and contributions to the quality of life of all Worthington citizens.

## New Police Officers



The Worthington Division of Police is pleased to welcome three new police officers to the ranks. The officers were sworn in by Worthington City Manager Matt Greeson during a special ceremony on December 18, 2012. They are (from L. to R.) Sean Ord; Jeffrey Kubasek, Austin Bradbury.