



Village Talks

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Bike Path Expansion Planned

Connections are on the way for bikers, walkers and runners to access Wilson Bridge Road and High Street businesses and nearby neighborhoods with a new trail extension from the Olentangy Parklands bike path. The City received a \$150,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Recreational Trails Program (RTP), which will go towards the construction of a multi-use trail extending from the Olentangy Parklands all the way up to the Shops at Worthington Place and connecting to High Street at the Wilson Bridge Road intersection. The trail is currently in final design and will be put out to bid for construction later this year. It is expected to be completed and opened by June 2014.

The City is also kicking off a city-wide Bike and Pedestrian Planning process. Parks and Recreation staff is setting the framework for a planning initiative which will identify improvements to the existing biking and pedestrian networks around the City. The process will engage residents along with the applicable citizen boards and commissions. To follow the progress of the plan check out the City's website or contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 436-2743.

Boat Access Olentangy River

Olentangy River access for boaters and kayakers is now available at the Olentangy Parklands. The access point is located off of the gravel path between the lower parking lot and tennis courts. The project is a collaboration between the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR,) Worthington Parks and Recreation, Ohio State University's School of Engineering and the Friends of the Lower Olentangy (FLOW.) ODNR funded the project, which was constructed on ODNR property. Finishing work around the path is still planned after further evaluation of water levels.



City Notes

Block Party Permits

If you and your neighbors are planning a block party and would like to temporarily close the street to vehicular traffic, you must submit a permit application to the City Clerk's office. The Service & Engineering Department will make barricades available. There is a \$25 deposit due when you submit your permit application. This fee will be returned in its entirety when the barricades are returned.

Garage Sale Permits

Residents planning to hold a garage sale are also required to obtain a Garage Sale Permit from the City Clerk's office. The fee is \$2. The permits are good for up to three consecutive days or two consecutive weekends of two days

each. Only one permit can be issued for a single address in a 12-month period. All permit applications can be obtained online at worthington.org by following the link in the center of the home page. For more information call the City Clerk at 436-3100.

Community Center Maintenance Closure:

Pools closed: August 19 - September 2

Building closed: August 26 - September 2

Facebook & Twitter

For up-to-the-minute news and information, follow the City on Facebook at [facebook.com/worthingtonoh](https://www.facebook.com/worthingtonoh) or on Twitter at twitter.com/worthingtonohio.

Business News

Re-use and Redevelop

Worthington's economic sustainability hinges, in many ways, on the re-use and redevelopment of its commercial property inventory. To that end, the City's economic development staff has been working aggressively to locate new investors and public funding mechanisms to encourage new commercial growth.

Such efforts are beginning to bear fruit, as there has been a recent uptick in large-scale redevelopment activities in Worthington's commercial corridors. In May of this year, the City approved development plans and incentives associated with the construction of 23,000 square feet of Class A office space, a parking deck, and 200 apartments to the immediate west of the Shops at Worthington Place. This will create the only current Class A office space in the City of Worthington. Construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2013.

In March of this year, Diamond Innovations purchased its large Huntley Road facility after having leased it from General Electric since the manufacturer of synthetic diamonds was spun-off from GE in 2003. Diamond Innovations may begin making large investments in the facility to improve aesthetics and operations. In late 2012, Worthington Industries, a Fortune 1000 company, purchased the building it had been leasing for its headquarters operations. Plans are being readied to improve the building and move additional corporate jobs to the site.

Equally important are new developments occurring in downtown Worthington, such as the re-use of the former BP gas station site into Dewey's Pizza, which is under construction and scheduled to open later this year. The City also continues to work with a local realtor to lease the Kilbourne Memorial Building on the northeast Village Green to an appropriate commercial user.



WORTHINGTON PLACE APARTMENTS
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BusinessWorthington.org

Beyond working to improve property, the City is also investing in a new economic development-focused website, businessworthington.org, to appeal to businesspeople and owners looking to move and expand their operations. This new site features video testimonials from several executives of Worthington-based businesses as to why they chose Worthington as the home for their business and often their home to live and raise a family. The new site also showcases development news, available properties and includes a real estate property locator tool to help businesses find the right location for their company. We invite you to visit businessworthington.org and explore why Worthington brings life to business.

City Reorganization

Two New Departments Created

In efforts to better serve the public, the City of Worthington has reorganized the functions of the Public Service and Engineering Departments, which also included Planning and Zoning. The new Department of Planning and Building focuses on land use planning, zoning and building regulation. It contains two divisions, Planning and Building Regulation. The new Department of Service and Engineering is responsible for providing efficient and high quality maintenance services to the residents of Worthington, as well as the installation, maintenance and repair of City-owned utilities and infrastructure. The Department consists of two divisions, Public Service and Engineering. The Department of Planning and Building is located at 374 Highland Avenue and can be contacted at (614) 431-2424. The Department of Service and Engineering is located at 380 Highland Avenue and can be contacted at (614) 431-2425. More information about the functions of both departments can be found at worthington.org.

Summer Fun

Worthington Farmers Market

Saturdays through Oct. – 8:00 a.m. - Noon - Downtown Worthington

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 and much more! 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.

Note: City offices, including the Community Center and Griswold Center, will be closed on July 4th. Trash collection will shift to Saturday, July 6th.

BowWOW Birthday Bash

July 14 – Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Celebrate the first birthday of the dog park at Godown Park. Includes vendor booths, games with prizes, more.

A Taste Of Worthington

July 19 – 5:30 - 10:00 p.m. - OfficeScape Corporate Center, 350 W. Wilson Bridge Road.
Great tastes and family fun await guests at the Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce's annual food sampling festival. Admission is \$2 per person; children under 6 are admitted free. Guests enjoy affordably priced appetizers, entrées and desserts in a festive block party atmosphere.

Treasures On The Green

July 20 – 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Village Green
This annual event features antique vendors, great flea market finds and garage sale deals. For more information visit oldeworthingtonbusinessassociation.org.

Toddlers, Teens & In-betweens Health Fair

July 20 - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Worthington Community Center
Bring the whole family to this FREE event and learn how to incorporate health and wellness into your everyday lives! Don't miss out on the free health screenings and healthy sample giveaways! For more information, call 436-2743.

Concerts on the Green

Sundays, 7:00 p.m.

Bring the entire family and enjoy a Worthington tradition, Concerts on the Green every Sunday throughout the summer. There are even a few special Saturday concerts scheduled for the season this year. The concerts take place on the northwest Village Green beginning at 7:00 p.m. Concert goers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. The schedule of remaining concerts includes:

- **June 23 - Arnett Howard and Friends**
Creole/Funk/Motown/Reggae/Jazz
- **June 30 - Two 2 Many**
Celtic
- **July 7 - RMT - Songs of America**
Americana
- **July 14 - Agent 99**
70's & 80's
- **July 21 - Worthington Civic Band**
Orchestra
- **July 28 - In Full Swing**
Big Band/Swing
- **August 4 - Kavan (Elvis) and the Columbus Horns**
60's & 70's cover songs and Elvis tribute
- ***SATURDAY* August 10 (7:30 p.m.) - 80's Flashback Dance Party** featuring The Reaganomics
- **August 11 - OSU Alumni Band**
Marching Band
- ***SATURDAY* August 17 - 122nd Ohio Army National Guard Band**
Patriotic & Concert Literature

Concerts on the Green are sponsored by the Worthington Parks and Recreation Department. For more information call 436-2743 or visit the online calendar at worthington.org

Visit worthington.org for details on all events.

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

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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Downtown Recycling

Now Available!



Downtown visitors now have new recycling options when shopping or attending special events. Dual trash/recycling receptacles are in place in several locations, thanks to a grant from the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio. Each receptacle consists of two cans. One is marked for regular trash, like food wrappers, napkins and general refuse. The other can is marked for recycling. Anything you would normally recycle in your curbside collection bin can be deposited in the recycling can. City crews empty the cans several times each week. So, next time you visit downtown Worthington or the Village Green, think twice before tossing that bottle, can or newspaper in the trash. Taking time to recycle those items will help us keep downtown Worthington green for generations to come!

Summer Construction

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 2013 Street Improvement Program. Rehabilitation includes the repair of curbs and gutters, sidewalks, the street base as necessary, resurfacing, restriping and ADA ramps where required. Work will take place from late June to September. All streets will remain open to local traffic during construction.

- Haymore Ave. – patching
- Larrimer Ave. – High St. to Guyer
- E. Clearview Ave. – Morning St. to Stafford Ave.
- Village Woods Pl.
- Northhigh Dr. – Cul de Sac
- Oxford St. – W. New England Ave. To W. South St.
- W. South St. – High St. to Evening St.
- Hartford St. – From E. South St. to Southington Ave.
- Plymouth/McCoy
- E. Selby Blvd. – Patching
- Clayton Dr.

High Street will also be resurfaced from SR-161 to Wilson Bridge Rd. This project is slated to begin mid to late June, and be completed in September.