



Spring Newsletter

Kids Day Bike to Work Day SR83 Info



City Newsletter - Spring 2022

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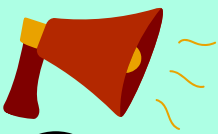


Memorial Day Parade

The Memorial Day Parade is
BACK!

It will begin at the Wayne
County Fairgrounds, proceed
down Liberty to S. Market and
end with a service at the
Veterans Memorial in Wooster
Cemetery.

Come downtown on Monday,
May 30th, to remember and
honor our veterans. The
parade starts at 9:00 a.m.



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330-263-5200

Facade Program

Downtown Beautification Continues for Local Businesses

The City of Wooster in partnership with Main Street Wooster granted \$50,000.00 to business and building owners in Downtown Wooster for facade improvements. The purpose of the program is to create an incentive for owners to improve their property and enhance the appearance of Downtown Wooster. This will assist in keeping Downtown Wooster as a destination location, stabilize property values and attract private investment. The money was granted to Main Street Wooster from funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). These are federal funds allocated in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Main Street Wooster allocated the grants to eligible applicants and was capped at 30% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$5,000.00. There were 17 applications received with 14 determined to be eligible. Of the 14 eligible projects, 11 were granted funds. The eligible projects have a total estimated improvement value of \$666,730.00. The larger projects will most likely have phased construction, as funds become available.



Urban Forestry and the City celebrate Arbor Day

**Arbor Day
2022**

This year Arbor Day was celebrated in style. A ribbon -cutting ceremony at the newly opened Clear Creek Park was held. Mayor Breneman and Richard Seaman each sang the praises of the public-private collaboration which brought this newest park to fruition.

Members of our Urban Forestry Commission planted a willow oak tree. The willow oak is a strong and beautiful tree which happens to be one of Thomas Jefferson's and Mrs. Seaman's favorite trees.

This is the 45th year the City of Wooster has been recognized as a Tree City USA. We are proud of this distinction and of all the hard-working, dedicated people who enable us to keep this title.



Recreation

New Faces

Our Recreation Division is fully staffed and excited to present new programs for you and your family to enjoy. Ashley Hershberger replaced retiree, Jeff Battig, as manager for the division with Alexis Gunn promoted to Recreation Supervisor. Ashley Trent, Heather Dennis and Petey Bess joined the Division in January as Recreation Coordinators and Kayla Black continues to provide friendly customer service.

This group is a young, enthusiastic bunch willing to listen to new ideas and develop new programs. Stop in at the Community Center, email recreation@woosteroh.com or give them a call 330-263-5207 to discuss your ideas.



330.263.5207

**Community Center
241 S. Bever Street**

New Faces, Pool Passes & More!



Pool passes are available at the Community Center, Buehler's Towne Market and Buehler's Milltown. All of our aquatic facilities will be open by the end of May, hours of operation can be found at <https://www.woosteroh.com/recreation/pools-sprayground>.

Farmers Market

**Begins July 7th, every Thursday
from 8:00 a.m. to Noon, through
October 6th. Any interested
vendors should call the
community center.**

Let's Get Social!

Seniors come join us for the many activities that are back on track. The Community Center is open and waiting for you to come enjoy cards, bingo, ping pong, the fitness center and hiking. All are available to anyone 50 and over. Come meet some great people, try something new and have some fun.



WOO for YOU

For those of you in the 18-32 year old bracket, we have a new social experience waiting for you!

Please reach out to the Recreation Department to let us know what activities you're interested in and get connected with social, networking, and educational opportunities like the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce's Young Professionals group!

Youth Activities

There are many great programs available to sign up for: Preschool T-Ball, Soccer, Track, Preschool Art and Junior Tennis Camp. Stay active and learn some new skills this summer.





City of
Wooster
RECREATION

Wooster Healthy Living **KIDS DAY**

JULY 20TH | 10AM - 12:30PM



THE WOOSTER RECREATION DEPARTMENT IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH WOOSTER HEALTHY LIVING IS
HOSTING THE WOOSTER HEALTHY LIVING KIDS DAY!

THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON JULY 20TH FROM
10:00AM-12:30PM AT CHRISTMAS RUN PARK.
NO PRE-REGISTRATION OR FEE REQUIRED.

Division Updates

Safety and Job Openings

Safety In Mind

The City encourages our divisions to provide continuing education and training to our employees to help keep them and you, our citizens, safe.

- Our Public Properties Maintenance Division deals with maintaining our roads, lighting, parks and public buildings. So far this year, members of this group have attended training on:
 - Work Zone Safety - Temporary Traffic Control
 - Paving Applications
 - IMSA Traffic Signal Inspecting
 - Roadway Lighting
- The Ohio Parks and Recreation Association recently held its annual three-day conference in Sandusky, OH. Our Recreation Division staff and Parks Supervisor attended educational sessions, updated their credentials, and networked with fellow Ohio Parks & Recreation professionals and vendors from all over the US.
- The Police Division currently has two K-9 units in training and two new officers attending Police Academy



Job Openings

Be sure to check our website regularly. Current openings include seasonal, police officers and a utility manager.



Have you ever considered being a 911 Dispatcher?

Call our HR Department at 330-263-5254 for more information.

Fire

Station #1 Renovation

Plans are being finalized to renovate Fire Station #1 which is located on N. Market Street. This fire station was built in 1961 and is being updated to conform to modern safety and fire fighting standards. The improvements include updating personnel quarters, new electric, HVAC, and expanding apparatus, fleet and office spaces

New Hires and Promotions

After a several-year delay, Wooster Fire held a mass swearing-in on May 2nd of 20 members for new hires and promotions.



Congratulations and Welcome to these dedicated firefighters and their families.



Congratulations

Police

Wayne County Children Services awarded Detective Juan McCloud the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year at their annual luncheon. Out of nine nominees for this award, five of them were from the Wooster Police Force.

Assistant Chief Scott Rotolo was nominated for the Children's Advocate Award.

These nominations and awards show the commitment our officers have to our community.

Thank You!

DETECTIVE
JUAN McCLOUD
Wooster Police Department
Law Enforcement
Officer of the Year
2021

Thank you for your
dedication to families
in Wayne County.

Voices for Children and
The Wayne County Children
Services Board
April 28, 2022



Construction

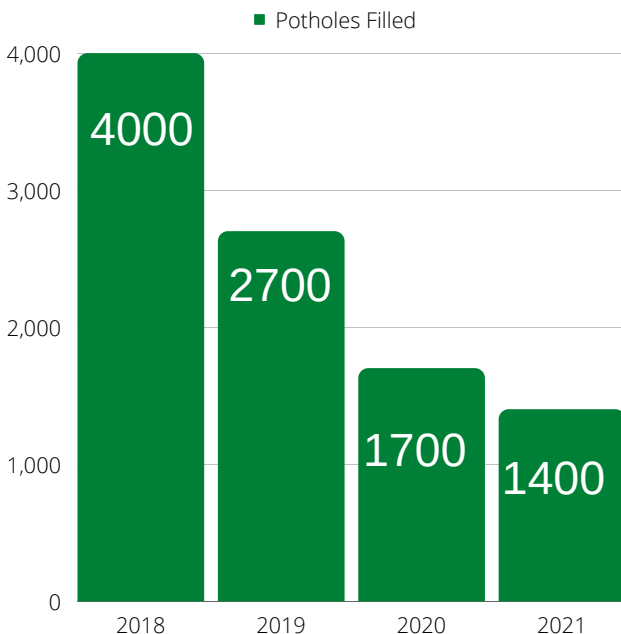
Roadway Improvements are in Progress

Dirt Dawg Excavating was awarded the Melrose Drive Reconstruction project at an estimated cost of over \$3.9 Million. Preliminary work has begun with a final completion date scheduled for November 30, 2023.



This project entails the construction of pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalks, drive approaches, a multi-use path, sanitary sewers and storm sewers from Milltown Road north to Smithville Western Road.

This will be the final phase of improving Melrose Drive and providing one more section for our multi-use bike path plan.



Other major projects include:

- Resurfacing sections of Beall Avenue, Cleveland Road and S. Columbus Ave.
- Concrete replacement on various streets
- West Milltown right turn lanes
- Downtown Traffic Signals
- Waterline replacements
- Water Tank Painting

Potholes continue to decrease due to our road resurfacing investments.



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Engineering

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State Route 83 Major Rehabilitation

Project ID: 91095

Begin construction: Winter 2021/2022

End construction: Fall 2023

The project extends from the U.S. 30/SR 83 interchange ramps to just north of Friendsville Road, located in the city of Wooster. The current pavement has reached the end of its useful life and needs to be replaced.

The project includes pavement replacement along SR 83 and along SR 3 (Cleveland Road), from SR 83 to Milltown Road. The removal of the deteriorated concrete pavement along SR 83 will be replaced with asphalt pavement, and the concrete pavement along the ramps will be replaced. In addition to the resurfacing work, the project also includes:

- Drainage repairs
- Updated pavement markings, raised pavement markers, and guardrail
- Bridge rehabilitation work
- Culvert repairs
- Installing vandal protection fence on the SR 585 bridge over SR 83

As part of the reconstruction work, the shoulders on the SR 585 interchange loop ramps will be widened and merge areas will be increased on the entrance ramps from U.S. 30 westbound, and the SR 585 ramp to SR 83 northbound. The SR 3 northbound ramp to Cleveland Road will also be changed from a two-lane exit to a one-lane exit. Additionally, sight distance on SR 83 northbound, south of the SR 3 interchange, will be improved.

This project was awarded to Kokosing Construction Company Inc. for approximately \$30 million and has an expected completion date of October 2023.

Subscribe to our weekly construction updates.

1. Go to transportation.ohio.gov
2. Scroll to the very bottom of the page where it says 'Subscribe for updates on ODOT'.
3. Enter in your email address. Select preferences and set up an optional password. Click 'Submit'.
4. Scroll down to 'Northeast Ohio, Cleveland, Akron, Canton, Youngstown & Steubenville ODOT Updates' and select 'Construction Updates' and 'Traffic Advisories'. Click 'Submit'.
5. Scroll down and select "Wayne" for Wayne County construction updates. Click 'Submit'.
6. Subscribe to any other releases you would like. Click 'Submit'.
7. Click 'Finish'

You can go in and change your preferences at any time.

Contact:

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SR 83 Major Rehab Project Website

Construction updates and the SR 83 Major Rehab Project webpage are updated weekly.

The construction updates that are sent out reflect upcoming work for the following week. If there are any 'NEW IMPACTS' to the project updates will be sent as needed.



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District 3



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**WAYNE COUNTY BUSINESSES ARE INVITED TO
ENCOURAGE THEIR STAFF TO PARTICIPATE IN...**

WAYNE COUNTY RIDE YOUR BIKE TO WORK DAY

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PICK
UP A POSTER TO PROMOTE THE
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FRIDAY MAY 20

National Ride your Bike to Work
Week is May 16-20.

Leave your car at home and enjoy the
road on your bike.

Mention this event at Ride On in
preparation for or during Bike to
Work Week and receive a 10%
discount on accessories and service.

