

Halloween

Housing

Leaf Schedule



City Newsletter - Fall 2022

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### Message from the Mayor

I hope you enjoyed the summer season as much as I did. Main Street Wooster and the Chamber of Commerce put on so many great activities, from Music on Main to the Farmer Markets and Woosterfest; every weekend, there was something to bring you downtown.

As the Holiday Season fast approaches, I encourage you to continue to explore our shops and restaurants. Be sure to check out Window Wonderland, Shop Small Saturday and the Historic Church walk.





330-263-5200



Community and Business Support



The City of Wooster and the Wooster Fire Department would like to acknowledge and thank United Titanium, The Wooster Brush Company, Western Reserve Group and the Wooster Walmart for their generous donations in order to purchase our newest drone.



This drone is the third in our fleet. It allows us to perform search and resuce missions without endangering our safety forces. The drone is durable enough to withstand strong winds and adverse weather conditions.

#### We truly appreciate the support of our local business. THANK YOU!



As we near the Halloween holiday, many neighborhoods in Wooster will be looking to hold trick or treat for children. While the City of Wooster does not coordinate or sponsor a city-wide, one-day trick or treat event, there are many organizations that offer trunk or treat, haunted trails and other fun activities.

We encourage parents to review safety rules with children before going out for trick or treat. Remember to walk on the sidewalks, stay with the group and approach only clearly lit homes. For residents participating in trick or treat make sure to remove anything that could make the little goblins trip or fall on your walkway or lawn and your home outside is well lit. Keep your family pets away from trick or treaters, even if they seem harmless to you.

A listing of Neighborhood Trick or Treat events can be found at <u>www.woosteroh.com</u>





### **Recreation Department**



Our Annual Daddy Daughter Dance is on November 5th! Tickets are on sale NOW!

All dads and daughters are invited to this special event held at the Wooster Community Center. The night will be filled with fun activities, dancing, crafts and more!

Poodle skirts are encouraged.

Santa and his helpers are excited to announce that Santa's Mailbox will be located on the downtown square beginning November 8th and ending on December 9th.

Be sure to include a self-addressed envelope so Santa can send his reply.

> 330-263-5207 Recreation

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### LEAF PICK-UP

# Leaf Pick-up Schedule

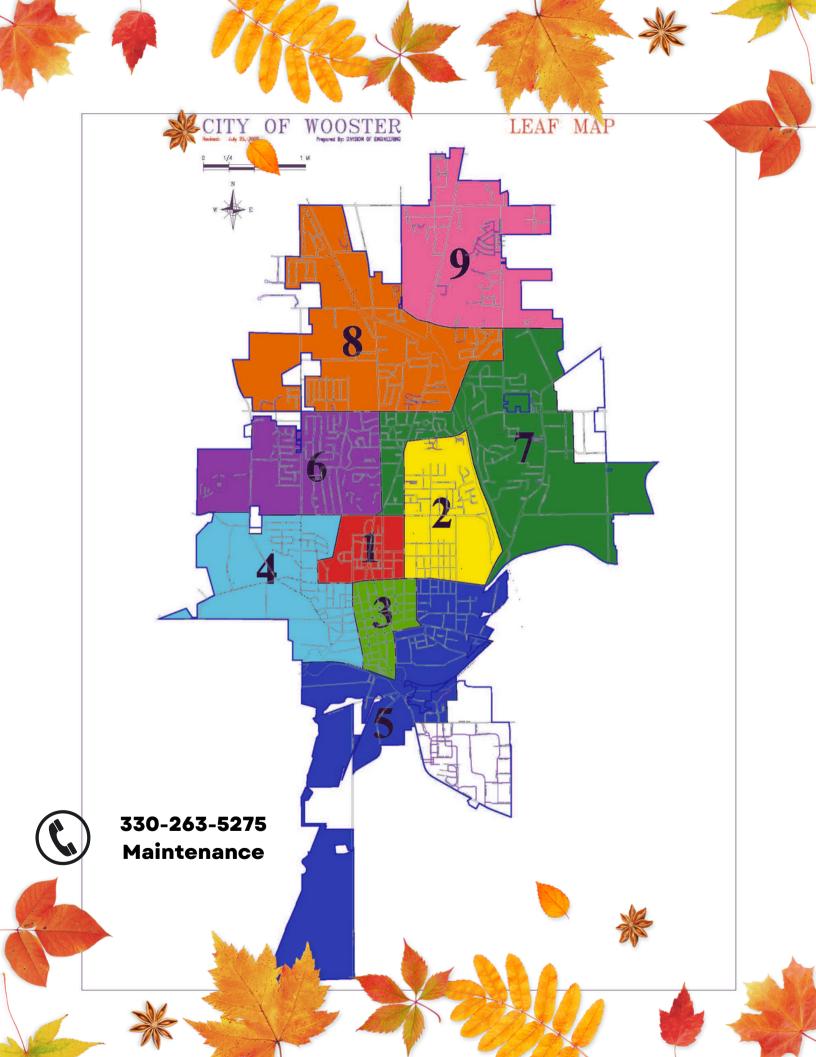
Leaf Pick-up begins Monday, October 31st, and runs through Friday, December 9th. The street-by-street schedule and other important information are on our website at <u>www.woosteroh.com/ppm/leaf-collection</u>

# Please follow these guidelines to help us protect our equipment and employees.

- All leaves should be at the curb the day before your scheduled pickup
- Rake leaves to the tree lawn or at the road edge in 3 to 4 ft wide windrows
- Removal all vehicles from the street by 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled day
- Do not put sticks, branches, stones, trash, garden debris in the leaf pile

City crews will do their best to keep to the schedule; however, be aware that such things as severe inclement weather or equipment breakdowns do occur, and we sometimes fall behind.

If you have questions, call 330-263-5275 Monday - Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.



Roundabouts and More Roundabouts

Roundabouts have become popular due to the increased safety and traffic-moving efficiency they bring to intersections. Roundabouts are not initially the most popular solution with the public, but with education and the regular use of roundabouts, the

public's opinion changes.

Wooster recently added a third roundabout where the new Meijers will be. Two more roundabouts are in the planning stages and will be constructed in the next two years.

In 2023 the roundabout at Oak Hill and Oldman Road will be constructed. This will ease the congestion at Wooster High School.

The intersection of Oak Hill and W. Milltown will see a roundabout in 2024 along with roadway improvements on Oak Hill and W. Milltown Road.





#### **Development**

New Housing

623 Number of new housing units scheduled for the upcoming year

6% Percent Increase in housing stock

Vision Apartments **320 apartments** Noble Drive **30 multi-family apartments** 

Melrose Drive 118 apartments, 23 single family homes

Spring Run 92 single-family homes

**Albern Drive** 

Downtown

**15 apartments** 

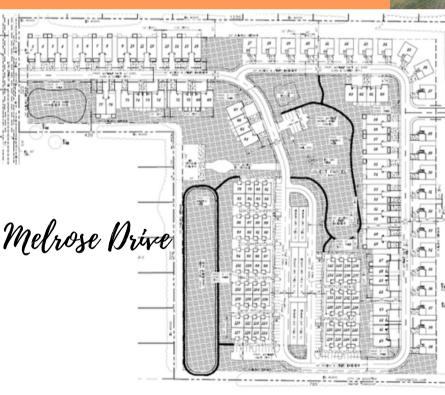
8 apartments, 5 singlefamily homes

Single-Family 12

### Importance of New Housing Starts

After nearly a decade of very little new home construction, our city has a housing shortage. Our population and our workforce needs continue to grow while our housing needs have remained stagnant.

Many local companies have requested more housing options for their employees with the hope they will be able to expand their workforce.





FRONT ELEVATION







### Wooster Innovation Park Expanding

Scannell 198,000 SF over 75 new jobs Wooster Brush 608,400 SF Over 50 New Jobs



Setzer 222,065 SF Over 50 New Jobs

Wooster Innovation Park is located in the area of Old Airport Road, Daisy Way and Geyers Chapel.

The Park is home to many wellestablished employers, such as United Titanium, UPS, Daisy Brand and Schaeffler.

### Construction

Major Construction Projects

This summer was a challenge for many with the number of road closings and detours put into place.

ODOT continues to manage the Dix Expressway project. This is a major rehab effort to improve SR 83/3 by replacing the concrete with asphalt pavement. The project is slated to be completed October 2023.

Melrose Drive Reconstruction has finished the utility relocation portion of the project on the northern portion. The water, sewer and storm water lines have been completed and the actual roadway improvement construction has begun for Phase 1.

## This project is scheduled for completion November 2023.







330-263-5251 Engineering

City Financials

# 3rd Quarter 2022

City finances are in good shape going into the 4th quarter of 2022.

- General Fund Revenue is up 9.9%
- General Fund Expenses are 3.7% under budget
- Net Income Tax Receipts are up 0.6%
- Water consumption is down 1.7M gallons from the same period in 2021

Tourism and Lodging has made a comeback. Lodging tax collected through the end of August totaled \$223,443; an 18.6% increase over last year at this time.

Building Standards & Planning/Zoning Activity

3rd Quarter 2022

- Construction Permits Issued: 410
- Zoning Permits Issued: 88
- Fees Collected : \$113,380
- Value of All of the Construction Projects Permitted:
  - \$27,285,123
  - This figure is up 125% over 3rd quarter 2021

Citizens Academy

Our Citizens Academy folks recently toured our Public Properties Maintenance facility and were able to get hands-on with the equipment.

If you would like to learn more about this nine-week academy, contact <u>Lynne DePaulo</u> or <u>Joel</u> <u>Montgomery.</u>

#### Engagement





Boards & Commissions

The City has 16 boards and commissions that are always looking for volunteers. Contact the Mayor's office if you are interested in serving.



330-263-5242 Mayor's Office





# Wooster Memorial Park

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