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Fall 2020

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY

This edition of **Your Hilliard** is a bit thinner than past ones. Like so many other changes in 2020, you can attribute that to COVID-19.

Normally, **Your Hilliard** includes a comprehensive guide of all the upcoming programs, classes, and events being offered by the Department of Recreation and Parks. Unfortunately, we are living and working in a time with a great deal of uncertainty. Ever-changing state requirements and social distancing rules have made it impossible for us to offer many of your favorite activities.

Our Recreation and Parks programmers continue to develop great ideas for fall programs, from video game tournaments

to sports leagues. But because life is changing so quickly – and printed information is comparatively permanent – we’ve decided it’s best to publish the Recreation and Parks Program Guide portion of **Your Hilliard** online only. That gives us flexibility to add more programs and make other changes more immediately, which we believe best serves our community.

You can find all the planned fall programs on our website at hilliardohio.gov/classes-camps/, and we will promote new activities throughout the rest of the year on City of Hilliard social media.

■ Ed Merritt,
Recreation and Parks Director

SAYING GOODBYE TO FORMER EMPLOYEES

Three long-time staff members stepped down from the City of Hilliard in the past few months.

Hilliard Clerk of Council Lynne Fasone, who has served City Council since August 2005, accepted a new position as City Clerk with the City of Panama City Beach, Florida.

Council President Andy Teater said Fasone will be missed by all who worked with her.

“For more than 15 years Lynne has worked with many different Council members, and all appreciated her professionalism, dedication, and knowledge,” Teater said. “She is not only a great asset to Council and the administration but also pleasant and fun to work with. Her devoted work with businesses and community members has made Hilliard better. We wish her the best in this new chapter in her life. The City of Panama City Beach is gaining an outstanding City Clerk.”

Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Candy Thomas retired in July after more than 30 years with the City.

Thomas plans to fill her time with family, including her grandkids, as well as travel (once it’s safe), yoga, working out, cooking, and other activities, but she says she will miss spending time with her City of Hilliard family.

Facilities Manager John Hall retired July 31 with more than 26 years of service with Hilliard.

Hall began work as a construction inspector in 1989, became deputy service director in 1994, and served as director of Lands and Buildings starting in 2010.

■ David Ball,
Communications Director



Lynne Fasone



Candy Thomas



John Hall

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CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Labor Day Monday, Sept. 7
Columbus Day Monday, Oct. 12
Veterans Day Wednesday, Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Day Thursday, Nov. 26*
Christmas Eve Thursday, Dec. 24
Christmas Day Friday, Dec. 25
New Year’s Day Friday, Jan. 1

*City also offices closed Nov. 27



RESIDENTS BENEFIT FROM CITY FALL SERVICES

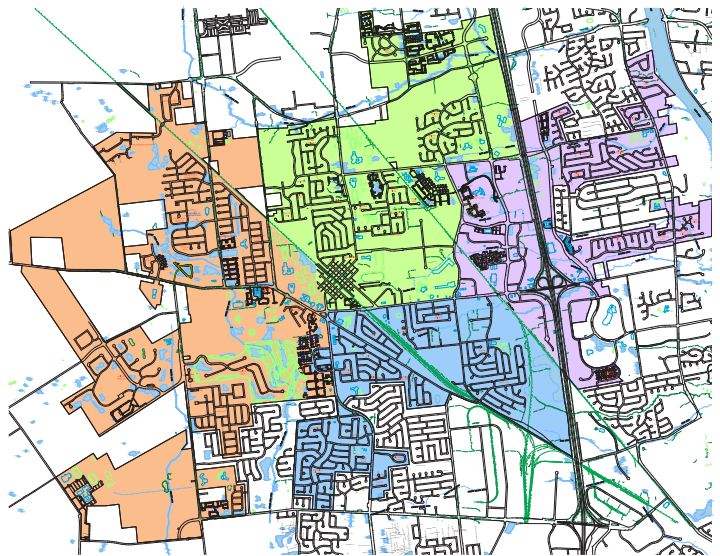
Leaf Collection

The City of Hilliard provides curbside leaf collection service starting in mid-October through the end of the year. Collections occur weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Residents should rake leaves to the curb area, between the sidewalk and street.

There is no need to call to schedule curbside leaf collection. The City operates on a weekly collection schedule. Crews will collect leaves placed at the curb during scheduled times by neighborhood zones map.

When raking leaves for collection, please remember:

- Rake leaves to the curb in the green space between the back of the curb and sidewalk.
- Do not place leaves in the street or pile them around fire hydrants, mailboxes, parked cars, signs, basketball hoops, drains, or streetlights.
- Avoid parking cars on cul-de-sacs.
- Do not mix brush or trash into leaf piles.
- Keep children away from leaf piles that are ready for collection.
- Residents may also place leaves in biodegradable bags for weekly curbside yard waste pickup.



Neighborhood Quadrant Map

MONDAY Orange
TUESDAY Green
WEDNESDAY Blue
THURSDAY Purple



Residents are asked to park cars off the road for snow plows.

Chipper Service

The traditional chipper service that removes tree and shrub trimmings placed at the curb by residents is offered April through October. After this service ends in October, Hilliard provides a supplemental chipper service to those who have a significant amount of brush after a special project or a major storm.

“The City will send out extra trucks to clean up any fallen trees and limbs. The service is free. All residents have to do is ask,” said Dave Dale, operations supervisor.

To request pickup, residents are encouraged to make a request online through Hilliard 311. The best way to ensure prompt pickup is to make your request as soon as possible after a storm.

Standard shrub trimming regulations apply for the supplemental chipper service.

- Trimmings should be at least 4 feet long. There is no maximum length. Longer trimmings are easier for City crews to remove.
- The machine will accept branches with a maximum diameter of 8 inches.
- All trimmings must be piled within 6 feet of the curb or at the end of the driveway. Trimming piles should be placed neatly with the cut-off ends pointed toward the street.
- Trees and bushes with roots cannot go through the chipper machine.
- Include tree and shrub clippings only. No vines or honeysuckle. Clippings that include foreign materials such as nails, wire, or staples will not be picked up.
- No firewood, lumber, boards, wire, or other debris.
- Do not place clippings near mailboxes, fire hydrants, or parked cars, as they may scratch the cars. Clippings deemed too close to parked cars will not be picked up.

Ice and Snow Removal

As fall approaches, so do cool temperatures, ice, and snow. Hilliard snow warriors are prepared to keep roads clear and safe.

When the forecast calls for winter weather, crews begin by pre-treating roads with a salt brine mixture. Once the snow starts to accumulate, crews will plow streets by priority until every road has been cleared.

Residents can help City crews during inclement weather by:

- Staying home if possible.
- Giving plows plenty of room.
- Keeping the streets as clear as possible. Move cars and basketball hoops to your driveway.
- Not shoveling or blowing snow into the street, around fire hydrants, or mailboxes.
- Allow extra time to get to your destination.

■ Anna Subler,
Communications Specialist



For more information or to request services, call (614) 876-7361 ext. 311 or visit at hilliardohio.gov/hilliard311/



PROPERTY ROOM AN UNSEEN BUT CRUCIAL ROLE AT HPD



When someone asks Todd Harper what he does for a living, he gives an abbreviated and generic response: tracking any property brought into the police station by officers.

But his job as property custodian for the Hilliard Division of Police is so much more complex, interesting and — frankly — bizarre than that. Harper is the gatekeeper of 7,000 or so items meticulously stored in a quiet and secure 1,200-square-foot corner of the station's basement. Most of the property is crime scene evidence, while other items have been turned in for safekeeping or brought in as “found property” and never picked up.

Harper ensures each item is properly catalogued and preserved while overseeing the never-ending purging process of making room for new items.

Drugs and other illegal items are destroyed. Property in closed investigations can be returned to the owner or — if left unclaimed for more than 30 days — auctioned as government surplus. But even after an item has left the room, it is never forgotten. Handwritten logs recording a history of stored property dating back to the 1960s are stored on one of Harper's many well-organized shelves.

“You have to be a multi-tasker,” said Harper, who has been in the position since 2014 after serving as an HPD dispatcher for 24 years. You also have to be an independent worker and have a nose that can stand the constant and overwhelming smells of lawn bags full of marijuana. And you must be extremely trustworthy, as part of the job includes transporting evidence to and from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation lab in London for testing.

Some of the items that remain tell harrowing stories. There are several boxes of blood-stained clothing from a solved murder case, a 7-iron golf club used in a felonious assault, packages tagged “Caution Fentanyl,” as well as a hammer





Property Room

PROPERTY ROOM

Todd Harper serves as the property custodian for the Hilliard Division of Police. His job is to track every piece of property impounded by Hilliard police officers.

and half-smoked cigarette collected as evidence in a burglary.

Some of the more random items include a pizza box label and teeth whitening kits kept for theft investigations, a “Scream” Halloween mask, a cup of stale beer from a drunk driving case, and even one small bag labeled “half of an orange pill” seized during a drug investigation.

Drugs, cash, and guns are stored in a separately locked “cage.” To make room for new items, guns are taken to a scrap metal facility to be chopped up, while bulk amounts of marijuana are burned at an equine cremation facility. Pills are burned in a barrel, while needles are delivered to the Norwich Township Fire Department for safe disposal.

A large portion of the stored items are paperwork, such as bank statements and checks involved in fraud cases, as well as cell phones, computers, and other electronics. Vehicles, bicycles, and other bulk items are kept securely off-site, while hazardous materials, including vape pens and fireworks, are stored separately for safety.

Harper also oversees the department’s Drug Take Back Box, which is available for residential use in the HPD lobby. Each year, the box collects about 350 pounds of unwanted prescription pills from the public.

He also helps ensure officers are properly preparing

evidence for storage. That means double checking heat seals and labels and replenishing the supply of various plastic bags, cardboard boxes, tape, gloves, and brown paper sacks.

Perhaps the most important part of the job is documenting the chain of custody. Harper says he can tell exactly who has been in contact with any item and when. Those details are crucial should the integrity of a piece of evidence be called into question during court.

For that reason, officers submit their items through a secure locker process when Harper isn’t in the office. Some could argue he has the most important, but least known, job at HPD.

“It’s a room you don’t want multiple people to have access to,” he said. “Not even the chief of police has a key.”

Detective Sgt. Suzanne Muraco, who serves as Harper’s supervisor, said the agency is grateful for his expertise. Other police agencies contact him for advice, she said.

“He works hard, keeps great records and is motivated to keep the property room running smoothly,” Muraco said. “Todd is our best-kept secret.”

■ Andrea Litchfield,
HPD Public Relations Specialist

THE MCKEEVERS RETIRING AS SENIOR CENTER COOKS AFTER NINE YEARS

Dick and Barb McKeever are retiring from a job they love.

After nine years of cooking for hundreds of Hilliard senior citizens, the married couple has decided to hang up their aprons.

As cooks at the Hilliard Senior Center, the McKeevers were responsible for planning menus, creating recipes, managing volunteers, and ensuring that everyone who showed up for a senior meal had one.

The City's senior lunch program – the "Hilliard Park Café" – offers affordable home-style lunches to seniors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays each week. During COVID-19, this service continued in a drive-through format.

"We've really grown into the job and made it our own," Barb said, reflecting on how their job responsibilities have changed over the years.

The McKeevers started as volunteers and transitioned to cooks after four months. Until then, the City was using an outside service to provide lunches for its senior lunch programs.

"When we started, we didn't plan recipes, and cooking for large groups was hard," Barb said.

Now the couple regularly cooks for 50 to 90 people. The holiday and special occasion lunches can attract nearly 150 people.

Since they were the first in-house cooks the Senior Center had, there was a learning curve. "We trained ourselves over the years," Barb said.

"Planning the monthly menus took practice," Dick said. "We did our best to alternate different foods to make everyone happy."

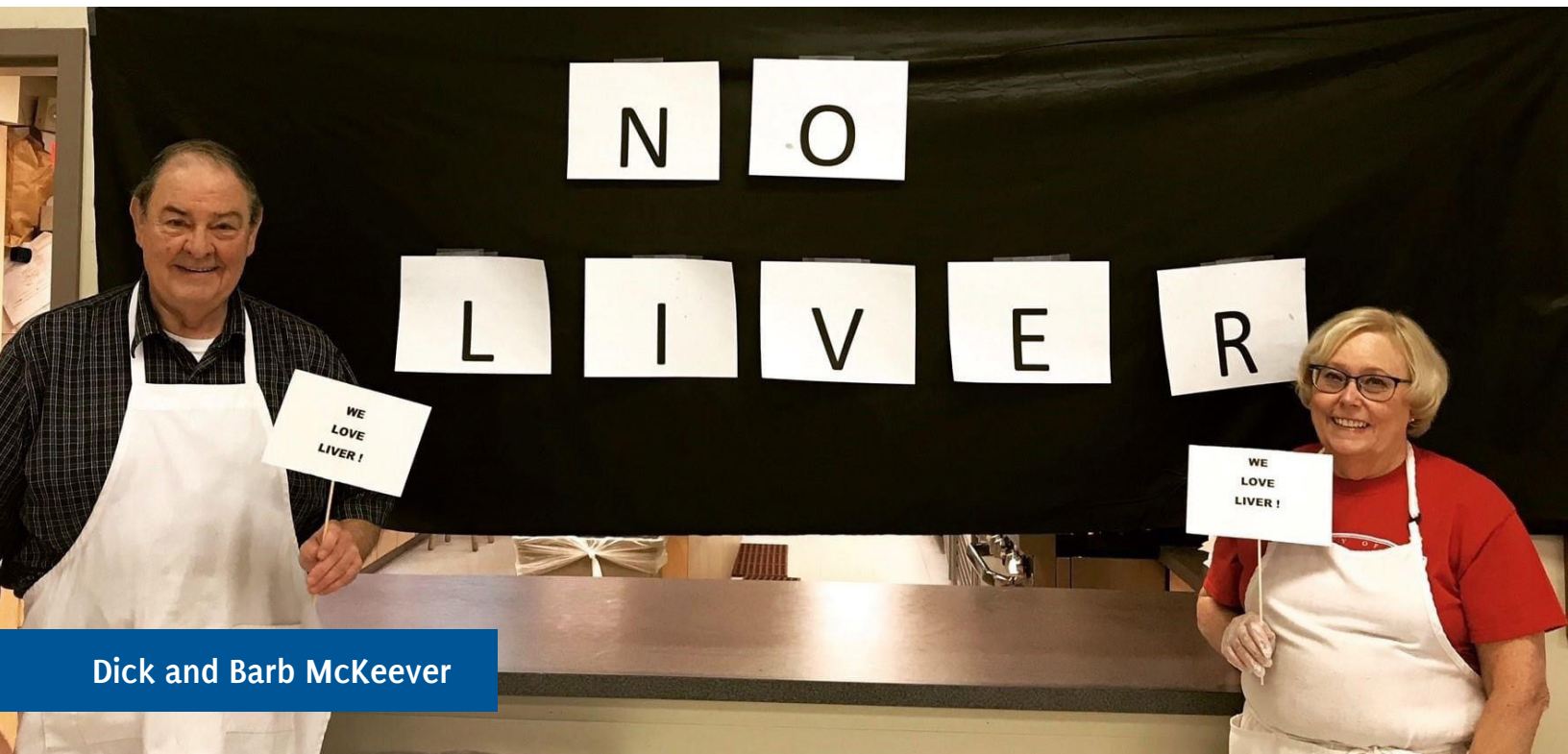
Their favorite memories involve the big holiday lunches. "Everyone was so appreciative on Veterans Day and Christmas," Barb said. "There are many special memories."

They are also going to miss the people they worked with and served on a regular basis.

"The best part about this job is getting to know all the people," Dick said. "Everyone helps each other. We've seen the employees' children grow up."

"Dick and I have made so many friends that will last forever here," Barb said.

Part of their job involved managing the volunteers who helped prep food, set tables, and serve meals. "We had some



Dick and Barb McKeever

volunteers we could call at any time for help,” Barb said. “This job would have been impossible without them.”

Barb said it was not always easy working together as husband and wife, but it gave them something to connect on at home.

“She has been a saint working with me for nine years,” Dick said.

Former Senior Center Program Coordinator David Judson has worked with Dick and Barb since they started nine years ago. He said they both excelled at their job because they loved and cared for everyone.

“Barb would check in on the seniors and volunteers if they were sick,” Judson said.

According to Judson, Dick and Barb also took pride in the food they served.

“They would make things from scratch when there was a pre-made option available,” he said. “Dick and Barb made it our own family restaurant. They knew everyone’s name and what they liked to eat.”

Dick and Barb have three daughters and 11 grandchildren. They said working as cooks at the Senior Center made hosting family gatherings seem easy. “Our Christmas gathering with over 20 people is a piece of cake,” Dick said. “However, now I cook way too much food when it’s just the two of us.”

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the couple had to delay their retirement travel plans. “We love cruises and hope to go on one when it’s safer,” Dick said.

In the meantime, they plan to slow down and enjoy life.

The couple says they hope to enjoy all the activities the Senior Center has to offer, including trips and volunteer opportunities.

“Just because we will not be cooking, doesn’t mean we won’t be back,” Barb said. “It’s time to pass the torch.”

■ Anna Subler,
Communications Specialist

VOLUNTEERS MAKE THEIR MARK ON HILLIARD

Many important contributions to the City of Hilliard come from passionate and dedicated individuals who volunteer their time and expertise to the City because they love their community and want to give back.

Our most visible volunteers are probably those who serve on City Council’s various boards and commissions, whose members advise Council and the City administration on a variety of topics.

Their roles range from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals, which help ensure developments meet zoning standards and code, to the Environmental Sustainability Commission, the Shade Tree Commission, and Public Arts Commission, whose varied missions are ultimately to make Hilliard a more beautiful place to live.

There also are hundreds of individuals who volunteer for the City in the more traditional sense.

The single largest volunteer group working on behalf of the City’s residents comes from the long-standing Citizens Police Academy. Many of the residents who have completed this interactive 14-week course – which introduces civilians to the “real world” of first responders – continue to support the Hilliard Division of Police through volunteer work as a member of the Hilliard Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

Since 2011, the organization has donated more than 12,000 community service hours. Volunteers spend their time doing a variety of tasks, including assisting officers at the Hilliard July 4 and Hilliard Fest events, working as “Safety Officers” at a large-scale active shooter exercise, running the EZ Child ID fingerprint machine, organizing the HPD/Norwich Township Fire Department vs. Special Olympics softball game, making popcorn at National Night Out, photographing at Safety Town, handing out programs at the Hilliard Police Memorial Ceremony, and wrapping gifts at HPD’s Shop With A Cop.

We also have volunteers who make a difference in the community by contributing their time and effort to the Department of Recreation and Parks. You’ll find their smiling faces in such roles as supporting our special events, working at the Senior Center, keeping our parks clean, tackling Eagle Scout projects.

If you’re interested in giving back to the community go to hilliardohio.gov/volunteer/ and fill out the volunteer application and liability waiver.

To learn more about other ways you can give back Hilliard, visit hilliardohio.gov/residentresources/.

■ David Ball,
Communications Director

HEADS UP HILLIARD:

TRAFFIC SAFETY

IS IMPORTANT!

Driving over the speed limit, responding to a few text messages behind the wheel, and rolling through a stop sign may seem to be minor traffic violations, but City officials want residents to know traffic safety is important.

So important that your life depends on it.

The likelihood of a vehicle-pedestrian crash resulting in injury goes up dramatically when speeds are more than 20 mph, according to the Federal Highway Administration. When a vehicle is traveling at 20 mph, nine out of 10 pedestrians survive. But when the vehicle speeds up to 40 mph, only one out of 10 pedestrians survive.

“Speed kills,” said Letty Schamp, deputy city engineer for the City of Hilliard. “We want Hilliard to be a place where people of all ages and abilities feel safe walking or biking along our streets, so please slow down and pay attention when driving.”

It’s even more important to keep speed in mind when driving through the city’s arterial streets, where speed limits are 35 to 45 mph, Schamp said. According to a recent City study, there were 18 vehicle crashes involving pedestrians on arterial roads from 2017 to 2019 and only one such crash inside a neighborhood.

“Driver compliance with these speed limits is critical to safety within our community,” Schamp said. “While crashes in our neighborhoods are rare, speeding within neighborhoods does have a big impact on safety, livability, and quality of life.”

Hilliard Division of Police Officer Kyle Bright is a member of the Division’s Traffic Safety Unit, which focuses on enforcing traffic laws and addressing citizen complaints. The most common violations are speeding and not stopping at stop signs, but distracted driving is becoming a more concerning trend.

“We sit there and watch people drive by on their phones,” he said. “This isn’t just teens texting and driving. The majority of people who are getting on their phones are in their 30s. It’s people who know better.”



Bright also serves as a member of the Division's Crash Investigation Team and has responded to hundreds of crashes in Hilliard during his 16-year career. The two positions are intertwined and have given him a unique perspective.

"As a member of the crash team, I see what speeding does, and I've seen what distracted driving does," Bright said. "A lot of these crashes could've been avoided."

The City of Hilliard is building infrastructure to slow vehicle speeds and enhance pedestrian crossings along the arterial street network to reduce serious injuries and fatal crashes. There are currently 14 roundabouts, with more planned for

the future to manage more traffic at slower vehicle speeds.

The City has also installed raised crosswalks, speed humps at roundabouts in high pedestrian areas, and crosswalks with flashing lights at trail crossings, in school zones, and along mixed-use corridors to ensure crossings are as visible as possible.

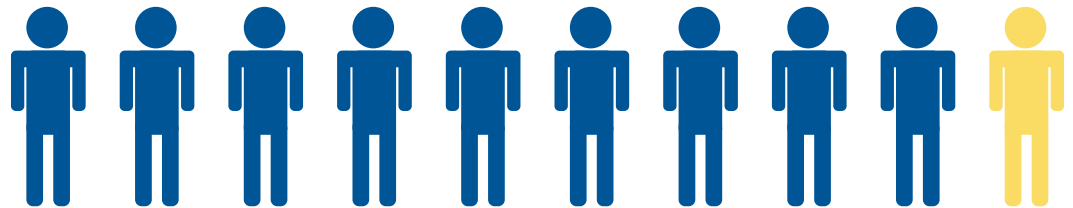
The City consistently works to improve traffic safety. Residents can submit traffic enforcement requests to HPD at hilliardohio.gov/traffic-enforcement-requests/.

■ Andrea Litchfield,
HPD Public Relations Specialist

PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE CRASHES

HIT BY A VEHICLE
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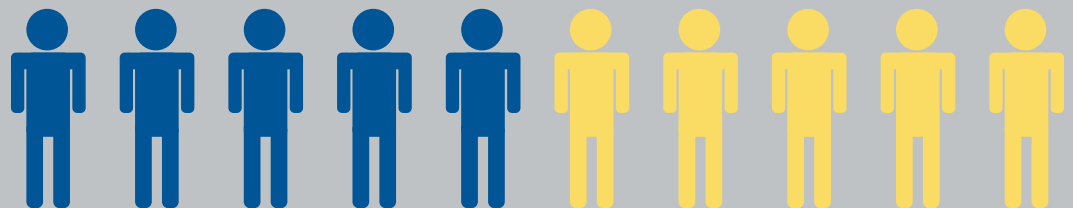
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9 OUT OF 10 PEDESTRIANS SURVIVE

HIT BY A VEHICLE
TRAVELING AT:

30
MPH



5 OUT OF 10 PEDESTRIANS SURVIVE

HIT BY A VEHICLE
TRAVELING AT:


40
MPH



1 OUT OF 10 PEDESTRIANS SURVIVE

The likelihood of a vehicle-pedestrian crash resulting in injury/death rises significantly as speeds increase above 20 mph.

Source: Federal Highway Administration



CITY LAUNCHES RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT TOOL FOR CEMETERY ROAD PLANNING

The City of Hilliard will be seeking resident ideas for the future of Cemetery Road this fall, starting with a new online tool to make it easy to give Council and staff input and feedback.

The City is partnering with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to conduct a corridor study on Cemetery Road between Britton Parkway and Norwich Street.

The public engagement process will take place between September and December 2020. A major part of that process will be the launch of [Talk2Us.hilliardohio.gov](https://talk2us.hilliardohio.gov) in early September, an online tool dedicated to creating more opportunities for transparency and resident engagement on major projects such as the Cemetery Road study.

In the coming year, the site also will be used to engage our community on the future Community Plan, Recreation and Parks Master Plan, and many other projects.

“The City has identified Cemetery Road as a true gateway into Hilliard, and we are looking for ways to transform the look and feel of this corridor,” said David Myerholtz, City of Hilliard planning technician. “This project will generate a report from MORPC that includes best practices and potential opportunities to continue successful growth in Hilliard.”

The future transformation of Cemetery Road will affect not only the city, but the Central Ohio region, Myerholtz said. That’s why MORPC was interested in working alongside the City of Hilliard to develop innovative planning and development strategies.

“Improvements for Cemetery Road could include neighborhood amenities, parks, streetscape improvements, and increased connectivity and walkability,” Myerholtz said. “This corridor has the potential to be a unique and functional gateway into our community that can provide greater connections and opportunities for all people in Hilliard.”

Myerholtz stressed that engaging the community to ensure resident and business ideas and feedback are part of decision-making will be a crucial part of this kind of process.

Through Talk2Us Hilliard, residents will have a chance to address a variety of questions, including what they view as the identity and function of this area of Cemetery Road and what kind of redevelopment (if any) they would like to see in this gateway to the city.

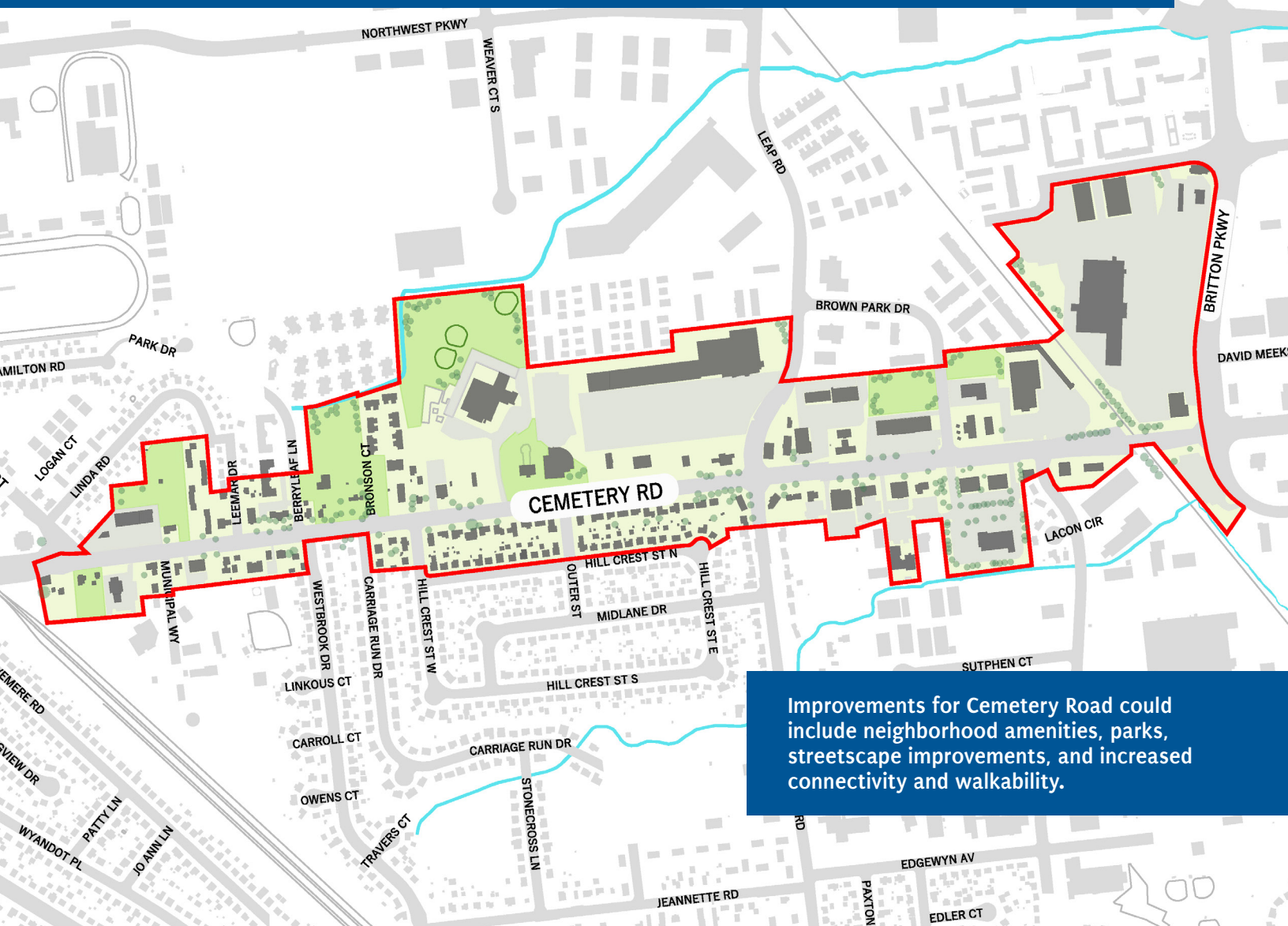
“We want to hear from our residents and businesses about what kind of improvements and amenities they think would benefit Cemetery Road and the community as a whole,” he said. “We will also be seeking feedback on possible opportunities and how they would fit in Hilliard.”

Feedback on what residents and businesses want the gateway into Hilliard to look and feel like will be implemented into the final report that is presented to City Council. In turn, Council members and City staff will consider those ideas moving forward.

■ David Ball,
Communications Director

CEMETERY ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY

Talk2Us.hilliardohio.gov



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MUNICIPAL PARK GETS PICKLEBALL COURTS & DISC GOLF COURSE

New pickleball courts and an 18-hole disc golf course are the newest amenities at Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park in Hilliard.

Two pickleball courts have been installed at the park between the tennis and basketball courts.

Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and Ping-Pong, according to the USA Pickleball Association. The growing sport is popular among people of all ages. Teenagers and senior citizens alike can be seen using the new courts.

Ed Merritt, director of the Recreation and Parks Department, said plans for the courts began two years ago after the City noticed the game was a big hit among Hilliard residents, especially senior citizens.

“The pandemic slowed construction down, but I’m glad the courts are ready to be used,” Merritt said. “It’s vital in this COVID-19 environment to grow local outdoor recreation opportunities.”

Each pickleball court is about the size of a badminton court and can accommodate four people who play in teams of two. It’s played with a paddle and special plastic ball with holes. The smaller court and pickleball equipment make the sport ideal for people of all ages, which is partly why it has become so popular among senior citizens.

The Recreation and Parks Department plans to add new leagues and tournaments soon. Players must bring their own pickleballs and paddles.

The other addition to Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park is an 18-hole disc golf course, set to be finished this fall.

The City is working with Dean Barbo, local resident and vice president of the Columbus Flyers Disc Golf Club, to update the current 9-hole course that was built in 2012 to a multi-level, 18-hole course. The first hole starts just east of the parking lots near the park’s north entrance, off Scioto Darby Road.

In 2019 the City began the process of transforming the course by working with Barbo, City staff, and Columbus Flyers Disc Golf Club volunteers on a strategic design and layout. After many revisions, a unique master layout that will appeal to all skill levels was completed.

“As a resident and avid disc golfer, it was important for me to get involved in the planning phase of Hilliard’s first 18-hole course, said Barbo. “I’m excited to see it finished and open to the public.”

Concrete tee pads were poured in spring 2020, and volunteers and City staff added collars and baskets over the summer. The final phase of the project – which is expected to be completed in the fall – will include course signs and a master map.

The course is expected to open to the public in fall 2020. Guests will need to bring their own discs.

■ Anna Subler,
Communications Specialist

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM RENTAL SCAMS

The Hilliard Division of Police is warning renters to be on the lookout for rental scams.

Here's how it works: The scammer finds a home listed for sale online and uses the photos to advertise for a rental property. When a prospective renter reaches out, they're asked to send money for a deposit. By the time the renter realizes the property isn't actually available for rent, it's too late.

HERE ARE SOME THINGS TO LOOK FOR WHEN DETECTING THE SCAM:

- They don't want to meet in person. A good landlord will want to meet renters first.
- They want you to send a deposit before seeing the house in person. Usually, it's because the so-called landlord doesn't have access to the property.
- They ask you to wire or mail money. Never send money to someone you meet online.
- The price is too good. A rent amount far below market average is a sign of a potential scam.
- There is no screening process. Most professional landlords have a screening process in place to ensure reliable tenants.

If you think you may have been a victim to a scam in Hilliard, call HPD at (614) 876-7321. It's also a good idea to file a complaint with the listing website.

■ Andrea Litchfield,
HPD Public Relations Specialist

DORA TO CONTINUE THROUGH SEPTEMBER WITH SUNDAY HOURS

Outdoor dining and beverages in Old Hilliard will continue through the end of September as a result of an executive order extending the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) through Sept. 30.

Due to the DORA's popularity, City Council gave City Manager Michelle Crandall the authority to extend the outdoor district through the end of September.

In addition to continuing the current DORA hours of 4-9 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays, this new order allows for Sunday hours from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

"This order creates additional opportunities for the public to enjoy dining in Old Hilliard and support the City's area businesses, while still providing additional outdoor seating areas for appropriate social distancing during this global pandemic," Crandall said. "The DORA safely expanded dining areas in a way that allowed for social distancing at a time when state requirements for restaurants limit the number of patrons inside."

■ David Ball,
Communications Director

DO I NEED A PERMIT?

Residents who are interested in building or remodeling must obtain a permit before construction. This applies to any internal or external structural alteration or addition.

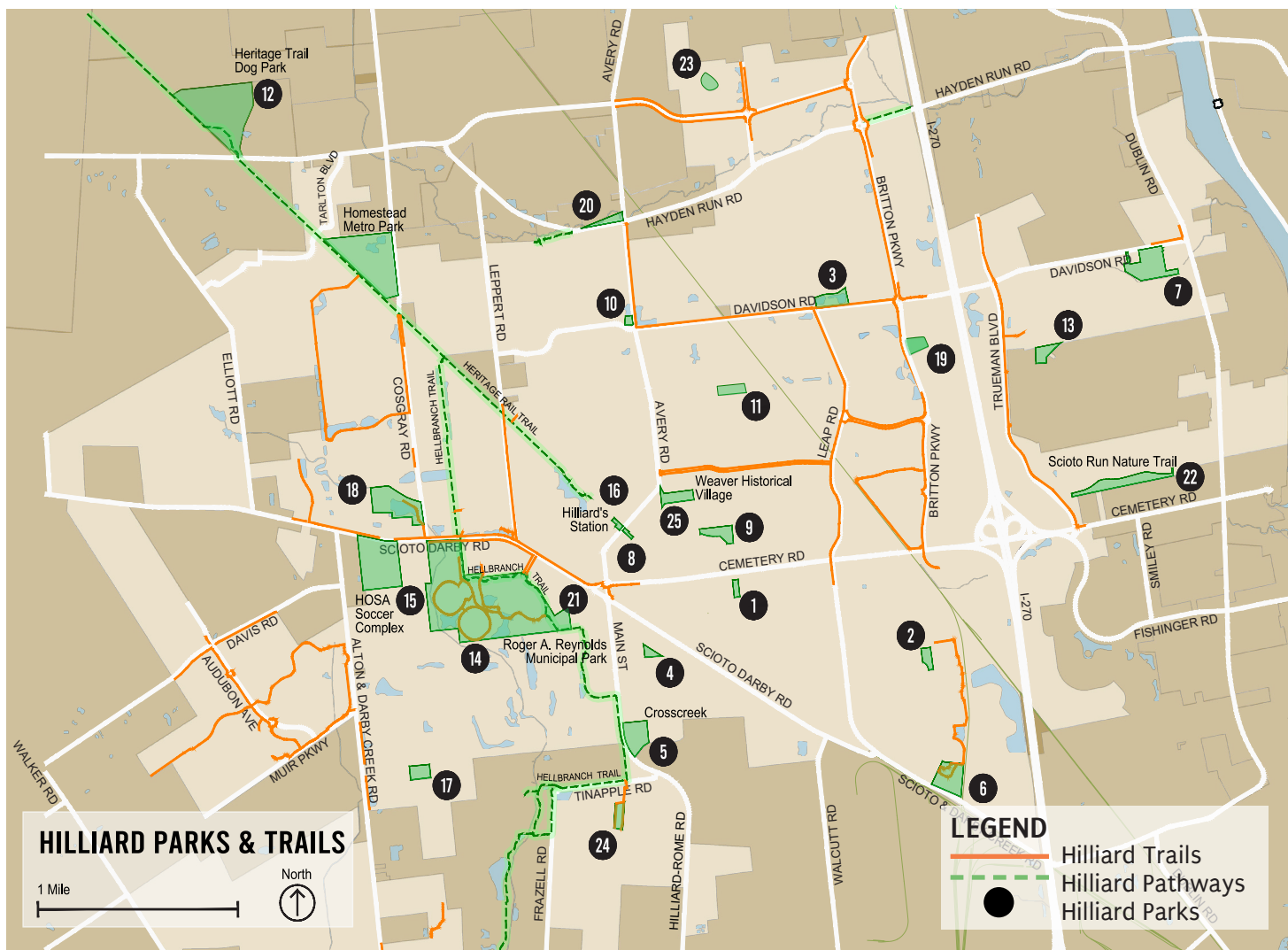
Before starting any project, please contact us to see if you need a permit.

Common projects that require permits include:

- Basement finishing
- Decks
- Driveways
- Electrical work
- Fences
- Hot tubs
- Room additions
- And more

Questions? Visit hilliardohio.gov/permits-applications.

■ David Ball,
Communications Director



Hilliard's Parks

From wooded areas to athletic facilities, Hilliard's Recreation and Parks Department maintains 24 developed parks that provide diverse recreational and leisure activities for the community. The department also organizes special events, maintains municipal pools, and sponsors educational, fitness, and volunteer activities for community members of all ages.

By providing a clean, safe and well-maintained environment with a friendly, professional and wholesome atmosphere, the Recreation and Parks Department takes pride in providing endless economic, social and health benefits to the Hilliard community.



FIRST RESPONDERS PARK



HERITAGE TRAIL DOG PARK

	Adaptive Swing	Amphitheater	Ball Field	Basketball Court	Cricket Pitch	Disc Golf	Fishing Pond	Lacrosse	Fountains	Gardens	Green Space	Grills	Historical Village	Memorial	Natural Path	Paved Path	Pickleball Courts	Picnic Area	Playground	Public Pool	Restrooms	Sand Volleyball	Shelter House	Sledding Hill	Soccer Facility	Splash Pad	Tennis Court	Walking Path
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6 Darby Glen Park 4340 Swenson Street											●	●			●	●			●				●				●	
7 Father Roderic J. Dipietro Park 3481 Davidson Road			●								●	●			●								●		●			
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PARK HIGHLIGHTS

Fishing Ponds

A fishing license is not required to fish at any of the ponds in Hilliard City parks. Enjoy a day of fishing at Britton Farms Park, Hayden Run Village Park, Latham Park, or Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park.

Horseshoe Courts

Eight blue clay courts in Roger A. Reynolds Municipal park are maintained and used by the Hilliard Horseshoe Club on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. See hilliardhorseshoeclub.org for more information.

Sledding Hill

Nothing says winter like a good sled ride! Hit the hill at Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park for a day of snowy fun.

Pickleball Courts

Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park is home to two pickleball courts. Pickleball is the latest sports trend for adults and seniors to stay active, healthy, and have fun!

First Responders Park

Vowing that “we will never forget,” the City of Hilliard created a place for reflection to pay tribute to first responders nationwide and to ensure the events of 9/11 are remembered.

Hilliard's Station Park

Hilliard's Station Park is near the Old Hilliard trailhead for the seven-mile Heritage Rail Trail. This community event space contains an amphitheater, spray pad, multi-functional building, outdoor café tables, public restroom, and storage/maintenance facility. Architectural features of the two buildings reflect the site's past use as a train depot.

Heritage Trail Dog Park

Bring your pup to this safe place for off-leash play! The park has one acre dedicated to small dogs and three acres for larger dogs. The park includes fun water play features and a doggie drinking fountain. Pathways through the park lead to benches and shaded area.

Green Space and Fields

The City of Hilliard Recreation and Parks Department Field Policy was established to benefit a variety of youth sport programs in our community with a focus on recreational sports and resident-based organizations. These programs and organizations promote healthy childhood development through positive physical, psychological, and social development across a variety of sporting activities.

This policy establishes the guiding principles, requirements, procedures, and fees that govern the use of City of Hilliard fields.

For more information regarding field rentals, contact Darcy Baxter at dbaxter@hilliardohio.gov.

Volunteers/Adopt-a-Park

Whether adopting a park or helping at community events, dependable volunteers make a huge difference in the community! If you're interested in giving back to the community, contact Hayley Bush at hbush@hilliardohio.gov.

Sponsorships

Supporting Hilliard means supporting the community. The City hosts great special events that bring our community together, including City of Hilliard Freedom Fest on Independence Day, Celebration at the Station concert series, the holiday tree lighting, and more!

We're always looking to partner with local businesses to create unique sponsorship opportunities. For information contact Angela Zody at azody@hilliardohio.gov.



Share Your Talents!

Do you have a special skill or hobby you are willing to share? Instructors are always needed to teach new classes and programs.

Stop in and fill out a class proposal form or email recandparks@hilliardohio.gov.

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Hilliard, Ohio 43026
(614) 876-7361
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Hilliard Division of Police

5171 Northwest Parkway
Hilliard, Ohio 43026
(614) 876-7321 (Non-emergency)
hilliardohio.gov/police

Hilliard Community Center

3800 Veterans Memorial Drive
Hilliard, OH 43026
(614) 876-5200
hilliardohio.gov/recreation-parks

Senior Center

3810 Veterans Memorial Drive
Hilliard, Ohio 43026
(614) 876-0747
hilliardohio.gov/senior-center

Hilliard Family Aquatic Center

3850 Veterans Memorial Drive
Hilliard, OH 43026
(614) 876-4296
hilliardohio.gov/pools-passes

Clyde “Butch” Seidle Community Pool

4450 Schirtzinger Road
Hilliard, OH 43026
(614) 334-4024
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Ballfield Rainout Line

(614) 470-5413

Accuracy of Information

Information regarding City policies and practices included in this program guide is as accurate as possible as of the publication date. More comprehensive information is available at hilliardohio.gov and from City staff. The City reserves the right to modify its policies and practices at any time deemed necessary to ensure a safe and high-quality customer experience. Such updates will be reflected on the website.

Photos and Video

By participating in a program or by visiting a park, facility or event associated with the City of Hilliard, you agree to appear in published photos or video taken by the City for marketing purposes. Thank you for helping us highlight our programs and services.



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Fall Colors? Stay Green!

10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 17, Hilliard Community Center.

Join the City of Hilliard's Environmental Sustainability Commission and drop off your household electronics, Styrofoam, and paper for shredding at the "Fall Colors? Stay Green!" recycling event.

Check gogreenhilliard.com closer to the event for detailed instructions on safety procedures to protect our residents and volunteers during the drop off process.



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