

Community Update

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C-Tec Garden Harvest

The City's downtown gardening partnership with the C-Tec is harvesting vegetables, lettuces, herbs such as rosemary, basil, chives, parsley, and thyme, tomatoes and onions. The harvest is found on the south side of the Courthouse Square. In addition to growing summertime specialties, a new idea has sprouted at the garden called Community Supported Agriculture (CSA).

A CSA is a program whereby half and whole shares of the produce are sold to the public. The cost is \$100.00 for a half share and \$200.00 for a whole share. Each week for 10 weeks, purchasers will be provided with the harvested produce. Pick up is every Friday at the downtown garden between 3:00-6:00 pm. Shares can be purchased by contacting Lois Whyde at 334-2087.



Terry Mooney, Community Programs Coordinator for the Newark Department of Development, and Lois Whyde with the C-Tec Plants program, teamed to create a garden to supply fresh produce to area restaurants. The City provided \$4,311.00 in Community Development Block Grant funding to assist with the continued growth of an urban centered garden.

The CRA initiative invites members of the public to enjoy a steady supply of vegetables. According to Mrs. Mooney, "We are hopeful that the CSAs will provide a sustainable income for future

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BIA and LEADS Partners in Lead Training

The Department of Development has forged multiple collaborations in the community via the Lead Hazard Control Grant. Due to EPA and HUD mandates for contractors, training in lead safe renovations is required for all contractors working on homes built before 1978. The training is also known as the EPA's RRP rule (Renovating, Repairing, or Painting Rule). During the past year, the City has initiated training for eighty-six contractors. Twenty-one contractors also successfully completed in the EPA/HUD lead safe renovator training held in June. Training in full lead abatement training was offered to seventy-one contractors over the past two years. The 2007 Lead Hazard Control Grant reached exceeded all of its benchmark goals. At the end of June, sixty-six homes were remediated of lead paint hazards.

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increased productivity. That will increase our ability to offer a steady supply of fresh produce to the community.”

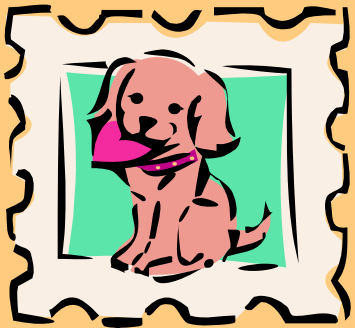
This year Lois and the students at C-Tec re-arranged the raised bed plots for increased productivity. A student intern who is also a graduate of the C-Tec Plants program maintains the plots.

In addition to the C-Tec partnership, the other key collaborator is local developer, Steve

Layman, a longtime supporter of many downtown projects. In addition to offering the location for the garden, Mr. Layman has actively supported the downtown beautification efforts involving hanging flower baskets. He along with Jonathan Veley own buildings adjacent to the garden and plan to seek funding for the installation of a garden themed mural project.

Future plans also include the development of a Co-Op with local growers and The Ohio

State University. Locally grown corn may soon be sold along with the downtown produce. By expanding the selection of fresh vegetables and buy in from local growers, the harvest is expected to create small business economic opportunities and boost the development of healthy eating habits.



Lead Dog at the Library

An interactive learning tool aimed at teaching children about lead based paint hazards just left TheWorks and is now at the Licking County/Newark Library. The City's Lead Hazard Control Grant funded the purchase of the display. Dusty the Dog is now on display at the Library. The storyboard exhibit teaches young children about all of the locations in a

home where lead paint hazards could exist. Another part of the display teaches adults how to minimize a child's exposure to lead. Information on lead testing will also be provided.

Staff from the Department of Development will serve as guides.

Anyone interested in hosting Dusty the Dog, please contact Vivian Gluzinski, Building Inspector at 670-7531.



CHIP Grant Update

The State of Ohio 2009 Comprehensive Housing Improvement Grant (CHIP) is underway. The City rehabilitation staff has completed two owner occupied unit and work is underway on three more homes slated for full rehabilitation. In addition, the first of

five rental units is in progress. The waiting lists for both activities are full. However, anyone interested in consideration for the next funding round may apply at any time. Contact Steve Garnack at 670-7535 for specific information.

Mural, Mural on the Wall...

Kim Ault, owner of the Florentina, has a new project in the works. The Welcome to Newark mural on his West Main Street building will be removed and replaced with a painted mural. An \$8,000 grant from the Evans Foundation will pay for the services of artist, Curtis Goldstein, a well-known muralist.

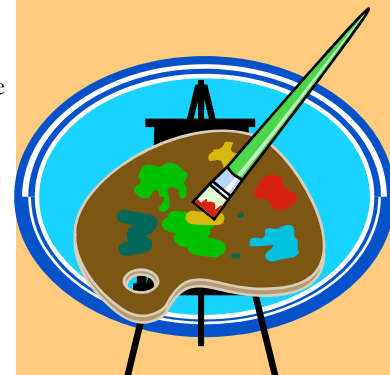
Mr. Goldstein's artistic talents are evident in the Canal ice skaters and open market mu-

ralis on Market Street. He is currently commissioned to complete murals in Clintonville and Marysville.

Susan Fryer, Executive Director for the Licking County Convention and Visitors' Bureau spearheaded the project. Marcia Downes, Executive Director of TheWorks was also instrumental in gaining support for the artistic endeavor.

Murals dot the downtown and share with residents and visitors a picture of the Newark's rich and diverse history. These snapshots in time are inviting attractions that encourage walking. They complement the cultural, historical, and business offerings in Newark.

Work is slated to begin in the fall. Sherwin-Williams in Newark will be supplying the paint for the project.

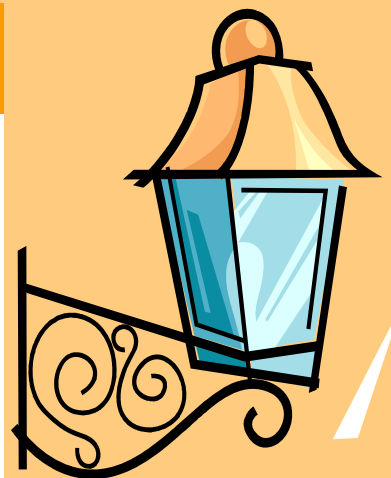


Final Phase of Lighting Project Shines

The City of Newark earmarked \$31,500.00 for the final phase of a downtown lighting project, which began in 1996. The funding is part of the 2010 One Year Plan for expenditure of CDBG funds and will provide the City with twenty-one Crystallite esplanade luminaries for East Church, Front, Easy, Yearley, Walnut, Wilson, Canal, and Market Streets.

Well-placed lighting is known to aid in deterring crime, improving safety, and eliminating slum and blight. In conjunction with on going improvements in the downtown, the lighting project will aid in attracting residents and visitors to Newark's central business district.

The bid process will commence in the fall and installation is set for 2011.



Div. Of Cemetery & Parks' Events

October 2, 2010

Tri-City Bike Ride

10 am- 2 pm

You Light Up My Life: Breast Cancer Candlelight Service at the Court House Water Fountain

6:30 pm

October 28, 2010

Safe Trick or Treat

5-6:30 pm

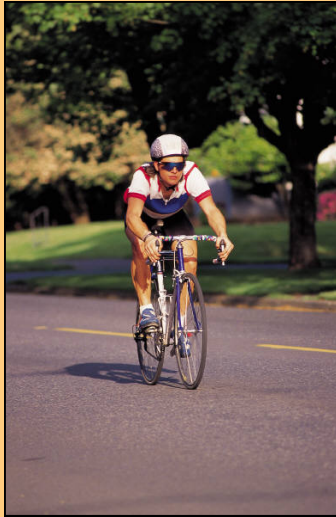
November/December

Trim-A-Tree Competition

Information can be obtained by contacting Chuck Jackson at 670-7788.



Newark Captures Three ODNR Grants



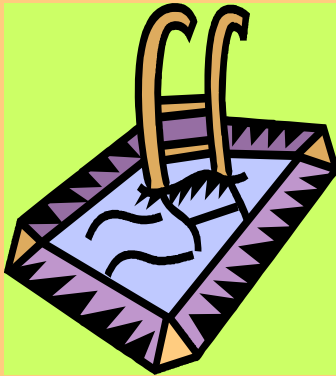
The Ohio Department of Natural Resources recently announced that Newark captured three competitive grants for a combined total of \$175,856.00.

Mayor Bob Diebold stated the awards were a result of the combined efforts of the Economic and Community Development Departments, and the City Engineer's Office.

"By working in a collaborative manner, Newark crafted three grants that will aid in the development of the downtown and provide needed recreational upgrades for the community. When we have teamwork within City government, we can be successful. The ODNR grants are a prime example of the new direction my administration is heading."

The Clean Ohio Trails Fund Grant award totals \$139,000. According to Kimberly Burton, Director of Development, the proposed project will connect the existing bike trail system on the east and west sides of Newark's downtown by constructing trails, bike lanes, a mid-block pedestrian/bicycle crossing, and a trailhead.

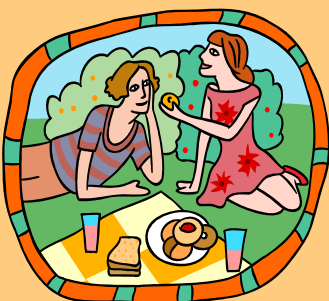
ODNR Grants - Bike Trail Grant Details



Bike lanes will be striped through the downtown from the YMCA to the East Main Street Bridge; a pedestrian/bicyclist crossing will be installed on Church Street across from the YMCA, and a trail head facility with restrooms and bicycle parking will be constructed at the YMCA. The

total project cost is \$189,500. The State grant amounts to 73% of the total award.

ODNR Grants - Park & Pool Grant Details



The second grant awarded is funded by the 2010 Land and Water Conservation Fund. Newark was one of eleven recipients statewide to receive funding. The \$33,260. Grant will cover 50% of the cost for a new liner for the Hollander Pool.

The third grant headed to Newark is a NatureWorks award for \$3,596. The funding will assist in the purchase of play equipment, security lighting and light poles at North Street Park.

Seven Tips for Keeping a Healthy Home

1. Keep it Dry
2. Keep it Clean
3. Keep it Safe
4. Keep it Well-Ventilated
5. Keep it Pest-free
6. Keep it Contaminant-free
7. Keep it Well Maintained



Information provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control

Staff News

Michelle Kopp joined the Department of Development as an Administrative Assistant/Account Clerk. Michelle formerly worked for Chase Bank. She is currently working on upgrading a data base system for all grants.

Jeff Russell attended HUD IDIS training on August 27th and 28th in Columbus.

Steve Garnack and Melissa Seville conducted a lead education/outreach program with the Licking Metropolitan Housing Authority.

Over 2,000 pieces of educational/promotional materials were distributed at the Hartford Fair. Information pertaining to fair housing, landlord/tenant issues, lead education and risk hazards, transit, and community development programs were available to attendees.

Staff News continued....

Three new people will be joining the Department in October to fill the roles of Assistant Director/City Planner, Economic Development Coordinator, and Code Enforcer. These positions were all created during the recently completed Department Reorganization process.

In order to fit in the new people, the Department will be undergoing some minor construction during October.

Radon Testing Targeted



Newark's FY 2009 Lead Hazard Control Grant allocated \$70,000 for the implementation of Healthy Homes' initiatives in 130 homes city-wide. While removal of lead paint hazards is the primary focus of the grant, the Newark Department of Development will also focus on educating the public

about another hazard impacting the safety of a home, radon. The HUD Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control considers radon a significant contaminant impacting indoor air quality.

Radon is a colorless and odorless gas, and not detectable by human senses.

Radon occurs from the decay of uranium, the earth's most common isotope. Radon is often the single largest contributor to a person's radiation dose. Radon gas from natural sources can accumulate in buildings, particularly in confined spaces such as attics and

Above: Western Avenue home after rehabilitation

Below: Western Avenue home before improvements

Radon Testing continued...

basements. Epidemiological evidence indicates a clear link between breathing high concentrations of radon and the incidence of lung cancer.

Vivian Gluzinski, Building Inspector, states Licking County has the high-

est level of radon in Ohio and for that reason it was selected to be the first targeted Healthy Homes initiative.

Free radon testing kits are available at, the Licking County Board of Health,

675 Price Road or the Newark Department of Development 40 West Main Street. For more information, contact Bob Sealock at the Licking County Board of Health 349-349-6486 or Vivian Gluzinski with the City at 670-7531.

New Clients Sought



The City is gearing up to begin work on the 2009 Lead Hazard Control Grant. Anyone interested in obtaining eligibility for the program is welcome to contact the Newark Department of Development. The program serves clients

living in owner occupied and rental housing units.

Melissa Seville can provide additional information. Her number is 670-7774.

NSP in Action

The City of Newark and the Development Department are well underway with their NSP program. Currently we have completed three rehabs, and 80% is completed on the fourth rehab. We have sold the first completed home on East Main..

199 Clinton is a three-bedroom home with two full baths (one of which is ADA) and offers a large

backyard with two parking spaces in the front.. It will soon be on the market. Possible subsidies may be available for qualified buyers.

224 West Locust is the site of another NSP project.. It is a three bedroom home with 1.5 bathrooms. This home is on a corner lot and will have a nice size backyard with two parking spaces available.

The City will be conducting homebuyer classes in the near future.

In order to qualify to purchase an NSP home, homebuyers are required to take this 8 hour course. Information can be obtained by contacting the Department of Development at 670-7530.



NSP continued...

Demolition is slated for several properties located on West Church and Holiday. All of these homes are blighted and abandoned and removing them will enhance the neighborhoods. The vacant land created will be land banked and offered to non-profits or developers to build low to moderate-income housing.

If you want more information on the program, to see progress photos, the NSP website is:

www.NewarkOhioNSP.squarespace.com



North Eighth Street
NSP funded rehab.

NSP Brings New Life to Clinton Street Home



Clinton Street Home Before NSP Rehab.

