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Healthy Green and Growing Sprouts

The City kick off of its new initiative *Newark: Healthy, Green & Growing* which took place at The Works on March 22nd. Visitors were presented with an array of exhibits designed to address the focus of the initiative - encourage healthy lifestyles, promote fiscal and environment sustainability, and promote development and redevelopment efforts in our community. Representatives from renewable energy companies and local employers joined together to showcase their efforts.

Mayor Bob Diebold led the presentation with a discussion on the City's redevelopment plans for the 66-acre former Newark Processing operation, located between East Main Street and the Licking River, which is a brownfield site. A grant from the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund is being utilized to clean up the hazardous waste, and the plan is to then install an energy producing solar panel field. This effort will result in a cleanup of an old hazardous industrial site, electric utility savings, economic development opportunities, and job creation. *Continued on page 7.*



Event Host:



Event Sponsors:



Healthy Green and Growing Kick Off at The Works



Event Displays:



Special Events in Our Town

Music in the Courtyard

The Works Courtyard, South First Street
11:30-1:30 June 3, July 1, August 5, Sept. 9

Mayor's Concert Series, Court House Square Gazebo

7:00-9:00 p.m.
June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, Aug. 5,
Aug. 20

Farmers' Market

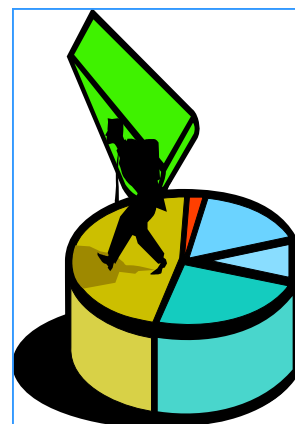
3:00-6:00 p.m.
Every Friday-June- Sept.



City Completes Annual Review for HUD

The City of Newark recently submitted its Consolidated Annual Plan Evaluation Report (CAPER) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The report summarizes the activities of the 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) One Year Plan program cycle. The CAPER reviews the housing, homeless, and community development objectives contained in the City's Consolidated Plan of Action for 2010-2014 and the activities implemented to achieve them for a particular year. Narratives and tables are contained that outline performance measurements listed with actual outcomes. In addition to CDBG, communities also report on HOME, ESG, HOPWA and AHIF Services projects.

A public hearing was held on March 3rd and the plan submitted to the Columbus Regional Office on March 30th. The City received approval of the plan on April 21st.



Newark's Business Retention & Expansion Efforts Progressing

Every community seeks to retain and expand business opportunities. Realizing that the core of a healthy economic climate is building upon success and maintaining stability for established businesses, Newark is taking action. Economic Development Coordinator Stuart Moynihan will be interviewing executives at Newark businesses to learn how we can improve the business climate and assist businesses with any challenges they may be facing.

Licking County has a similar program that has met with success. Newark hopes to supplement those efforts. There are many different needs between small and large business and the plan is not to duplicate County services but enhance the outreach efforts to Newark businesses.

Safe Routes To School Strategy Session



The Newark Safe Routes to School Team is finishing the work on a School Travel Plan for the first four schools in the City's Safe Routes to School Program: Legend and Hillview elementary schools and Wilson and Heritage middle schools. The goal is to have it finished by the end of the school year. A key part of the School Travel Plan is the Engineering Study that was recently completed by Stantec Consulting.

This study, which was funded by ODOT, recommends 43 different infrastructure projects to improve walking and biking safety around the four target schools. Additionally, several encouragement, education, enforcement, and evaluation programs and projects will be developed by the team and included in the plan.

With a completed School Travel Plan, the City will be able to apply for a grant from ODOT in January 2012. This grant will fund the projects and programs that are most critical to improving safety and encouraging students to walk and bike to school. If you have any questions about SRTS please contact Aaron Schill at aschill@newarkohio.net or 670-7547.

Did you know.....

In 1969, nearly 50% of children walked or biked to school, and 87% living within one mile walked or biked.

Today, fewer than 15% of children walk or bike to school.

Over the same 40 year period, obesity rates in children and adolescents have skyrocketed – now over 33% are overweight or obese!

City Awarded \$279,985 Fire Grant

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security selected Newark for a \$279,985.00 Assistance to Firefighters Grant. The nationwide competitive grant award will result in a major upgrade to Newark's radio communication system as well as allow for the purchase of helmets.

Mayor Bob Diebold commented that, "Improving our radio system will enhance our response communications to numerous critical infrastructures.

The ability to communicate across jurisdictions and across agency boundaries is of utmost importance for an effective, expeditious, and safe response."

Newark's current communications system is based in the VHF (154.370MHz) radio spectrum, utilizing equipment largely based upon 30+ year-old technology. This new system will also allow Newark to take steps towards participation with the MARCS system, which will allow direct communication with nearly any state agency from the Governor's office on down. There are nearly 1300 local, state and federal agencies on Ohio's statewide MARCS network.



Children benefit from walking and biking.



Final Fridays In Downtown Newark

Shops and restaurants are open until 8:00 p.m. with themed events around the Square

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| May 27 | Old Fashioned American Picnic |
| June 24 | Downtown Newark is Going to the Dogs |
| July 29 | Antique Fair/Civil War Collectibles |
| August 26 | Wild West |
| September 30 | Pizza Walk with the Scarecrows |



Small Business Loan Program In Progress

Stu Moynihan, Economic Development Coordinator, is currently developing the Department of Development's Small Business Loan Program. Fifteen thousand dollars in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds will be available for small business owners to access loans for real estate, inventory, machinery and other eligible business needs.

Consultation and partnership activities with a local bank are in the process of being finalized. A prospective business must meet the HUD CDBG program requirements as well as the loan requirements of a partner bank. The new Small Business Loan Program will result in the City's CDBG grant funds being used to leverage more plentiful loans for eligible businesses. The HUD grant funds will be offered as a loan guarantee for small business borrowers. Unless a default occurs, the CDBG funding can then be rolled into future years to leverage even more loans.

Mayor Bob Diebold characterizes the new Development Department Small Business Loan activity as innovative. "We are trying to utilize Federal dollars in a very cost effective manner that improves economic opportunity to our City's small business owners. The pending partnership with a local bank will allow us to get more bang for the buck. That will result in improvements that benefit individual entrepreneurs but also make our community more inviting for business growth and stability."

"Change Gears-Ride a Bike" 2011 Ride for Your Health

The Licking County Health Department, We're Active Licking County, the Licking County Area Transportation Study, Bayer USA Foundation, and the City of Newark are sponsoring a fun family event. Take time on Saturday, June 4th at the Newark OSU-COTC campus to participate in an enjoyable bike event. There will be distance rides, a bike rodeo, educational displays, give aways, and a healthy lunch at noon.

All bike riders will need to wear a helmet during the ride and rodeo. A limited supply of helmets will be available to those in need.

Questions? Contact the Licking County Wellness Program at 740-349-6535



Healthy, Green and Growing continued from page 1

Mayor Diebold and Development Director Kimberly Burton will lead a department roundtable meeting on May 6th from 9:00-11:00 am in City Council Chambers. Department directors, division heads, and other elected leaders are encouraged to attend the strategy planning session. The discussion will focus on evaluating City programs and services followed by identifying existing and new programs that will become a part of the *Healthy, Green, and Growing* initiative.



The children enjoyed the many displays.

Mayor Bob Diebold announces the new City initiative at the kick-off event at The Works.



A trip to The Works is a fun learning experience.

Downtown Revitalization Update

The Department of Development economic development initiatives for 2011 include a program for downtown revitalization. Community Development Block Grant funds will be available for downtown property and business owners seeking to make exterior building improvements. All grant funds will be utilized in order to preserve the historic character and enhance the aesthetic appeal of downtown Newark.

Currently the City Department of Development is constructing the mechanics of the program and will unveil the results in the upcoming months.

Those seeking additional information or would like to offer input may contact Stuart Moynihan at 740-670-7546.

Upcoming Licking County Players show with Earthworks Transit as a partner:

Senior Day at the Theatre

You're Still Mine,
Patsy Cline



featuring
Celeste Friedman

2:00^{pm} Matinee

Tickets **\$10**
Available in Advance
or At-the-Door
Call 740.364.1223

at **Licking County
Players Theatre,**
131 W. Main Street,
Newark

Newark-Heath
Earthworks and
TRANSIT



You're Still Mine, Patsy Cline

featuring
Celeste Friedman
on

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Fares for **\$1 each way**

**Take the Bus Downtown!
Save Gas & Avoid Parking**

For anyone in Newark or Heath going to see *You're Still Mine* on Wednesday, May 4th, at the LC Players, Earthworks Transit is offering \$1 rides to and from the show. The show begins at 2:00pm. Please call ahead to schedule your ride there & buses will be waiting outside after the show to take you home.

Call **344.ETET (3838) ext. 4**
to schedule your ride now.

Earthworks Transit ~ administered by the City of Newark 670.7708
www.EarthworksTransit.org
Celeste Friedman ~ tickets available by calling 364.1223



Licking County Players, Inc.

131 West Main Street, Newark, Ohio ~ (740) 349-4253



295 Wilson Street

The Newark-Heath Earthworks Transit will soon have a new home. The City purchased a commercial site at 295 Wilson Street to house the public transportation operations. After some minor rehabilitation and paving of the parking lot, all of the vehicles will be stored inside each night and maintenance will also take place here. This will alleviate concerns about having to deal with cold weather issues and potential vandalism. Plans are to have all renovations completed by the end of August.

Fixed-Route Feasibility, Streetcar Feasibility & Intermodal Hub Studies

In late February, the City of Newark received proposals in response to three RFP's for transportation related studies. All of the proposals were excellent, making it difficult for the review team. After much consideration, the contracts have been awarded to Nelson Development for the Fixed-Route and Streetcar Feasibility Studies and to KKG for the Intermodal Hub Study. The City is fortunate to have the opportunity to work with these two great firms.

As part of the Mayor's *Newark: Healthy, Green, and Growing* initiative, the City is considering ways to increase its public transit options to better serve the people that live, work, play, and learn in the City; therefore the proposals for these three different studies were developed.

The first study is a Fixed-Route Transit Feasibility Study that will:

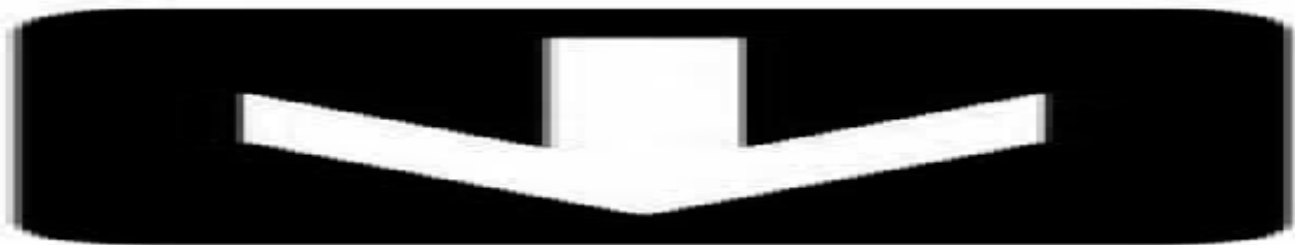
1. Determine the feasibility of a fixed route system, the locations of key ridership generators, and recommended route(s).
2. If a fixed route system is not currently feasible, determine what future conditions would make it feasible, and provide a recommended timeline for implementation.
3. Identify future connections throughout Licking County and possibly to the Greater Columbus area.

The second study is a Streetcar Feasibility Study that will:

1. Determine if a streetcar system is feasible and the location of the route(s).
2. If a streetcar system is not currently feasible, determine what future conditions would make it feasible.

The third and final study is an Intermodal Passenger Hub Planning Study that will:

1. Locate sites in or near the Downtown where an intermodal hub could be built
2. Plan a hub that will facilitate use of a multiple modes and transitions between the modes for the immediate, short-, and long-term futures.
3. Identify economic development opportunities tied to the hub site.



Tenant & Landlord Rights Clinic

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AS A TENANT OR LANDLORD

**FAIR HOUSING LAWS EVICTIONS SECURITY DEPOSITS
REPAIRS REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION LEASES**

**1st and 3rd Tuesday Jan.-Nov.
10:00-3:00PM**

**Fair Housing Office
40 W. Main Street, 4th Floor**

**ONE-ON-ONE INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE
PARTICIPANTS WILL BE TAKEN IN ORDER
Sponsored By: The City of Newark Fair Housing Program**

**Fair Housing Hotline 1-800-850-0467 or 670-7532
TTY 1-800-750-0750**



Why Code Enforcement Is Important



This East Main Street property and a neighboring eyesore will be demolished.

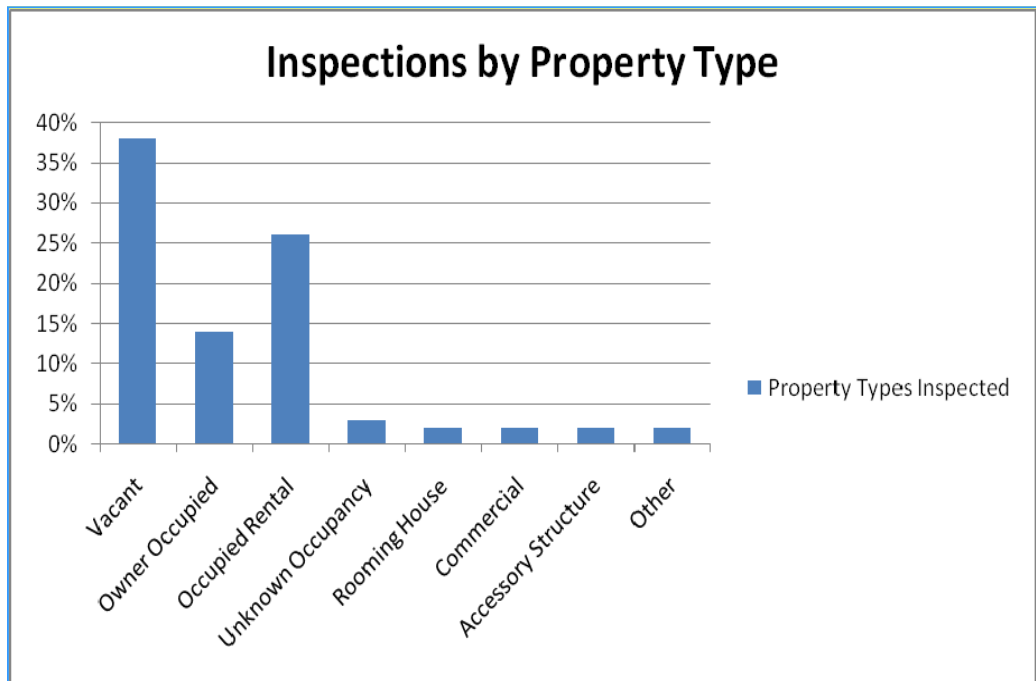
Showman property on the right has a lot of rubbish that needs to be removed.

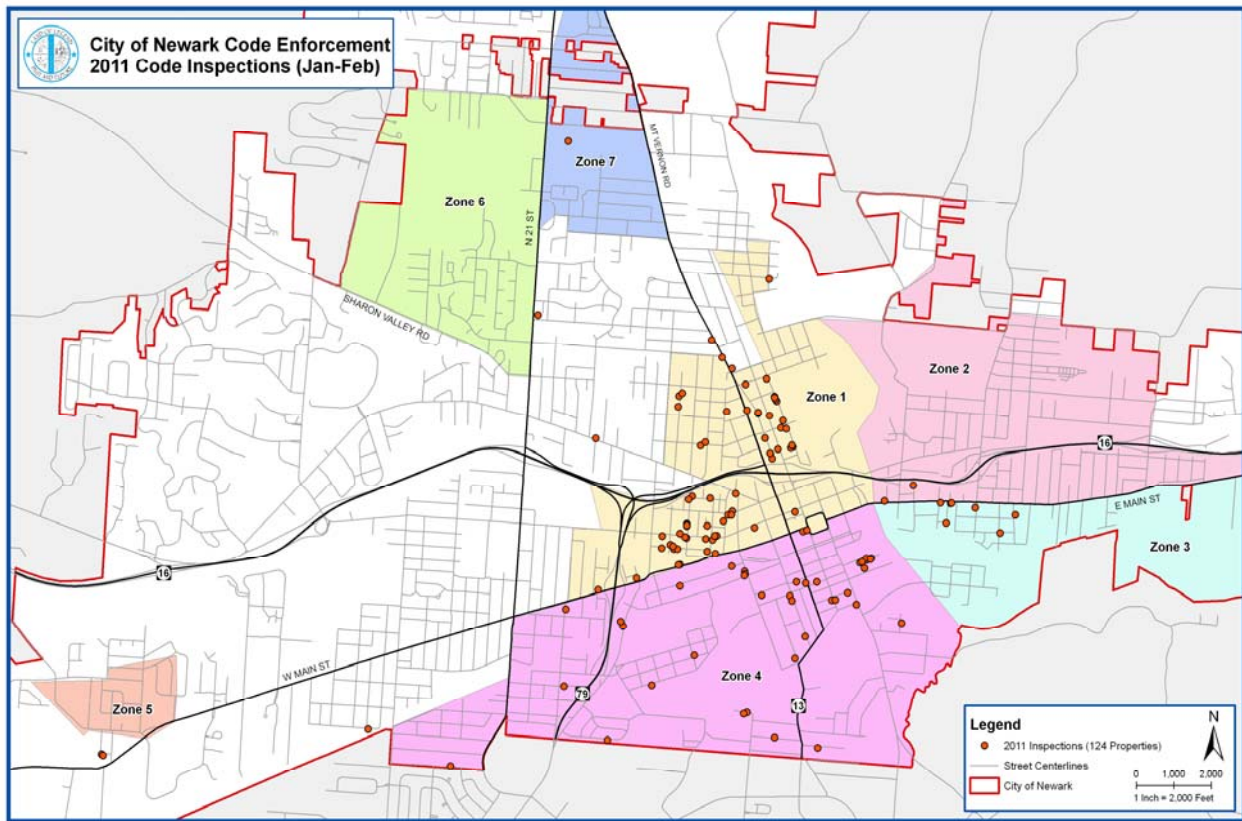
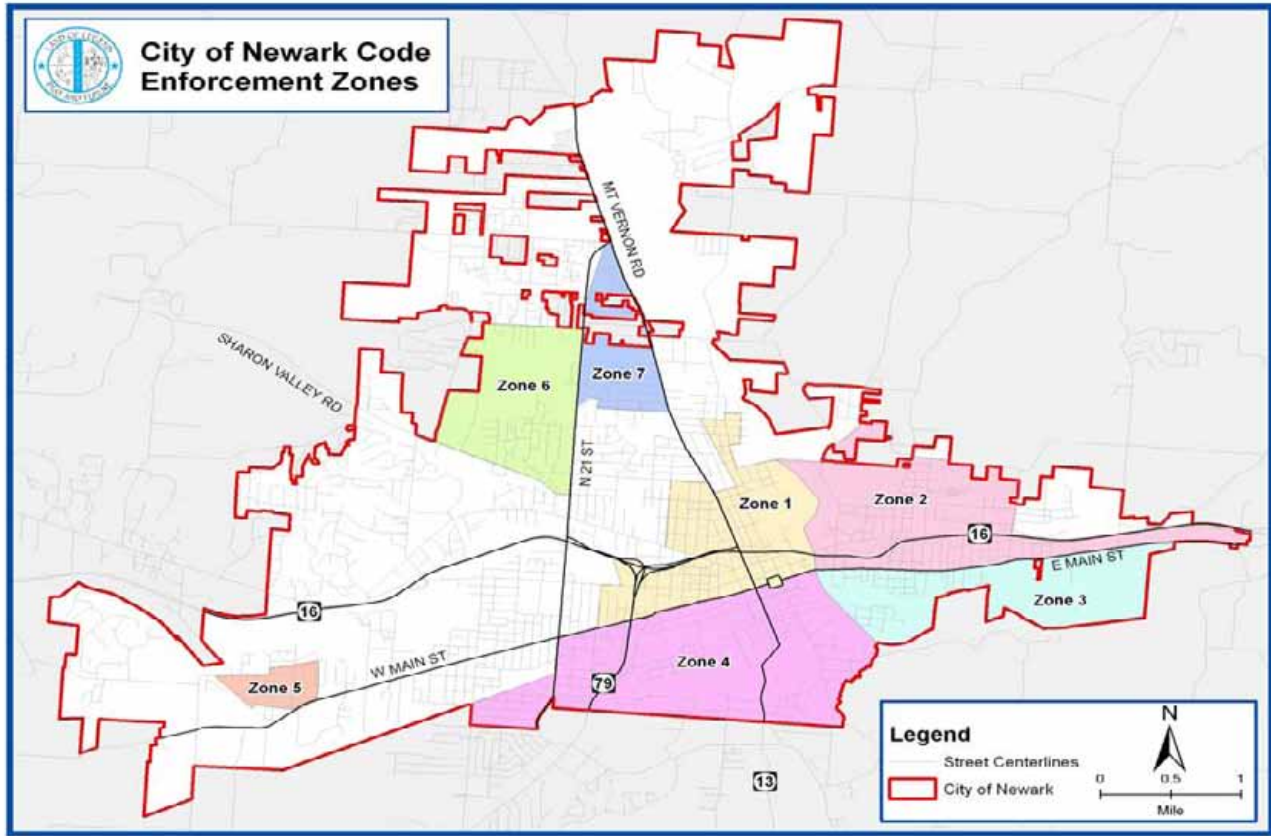


A property on West Main with exterior surface decay.

Code Enforcement Quarterly Update

Types of Complaints Inspected	January	February	March	Total
Trash and Debris	9	7	27	43
Graffiti	0	4	2	6
Broken/ Missing Windows	6	9	3	18
Roof/ Gutters	3	7	7	17
Exterior Surface	6	7	13	26
High Grass & Weeds	7	6	5	18
Junk Motor Vehicles	3	3	7	13
Insect and Rodent Infestations	7	1	2	10
Rooming House Inspections	0	1	4	5
Demolition Inspections	27	3	10	40
Accessory Structures	3	1	4	8
Misc/ Interior	9	8	5	22
Total	80	57	89	226





Before and After Photos — Unit 6

This unit is an owner-occupied unit. It housed a family of 5 with 3 children, 2 of the children were under 6 years of age. The children were 4 month old twins. The blood lead levels were <3.3 and <3.3. We also had their 8 year old son tested and his blood lead level was 3.8. This unit also contained a woman of childbearing age.

This unit had both interior and exterior lead hazards. Some of the interior wood flooring was stained and contained lead hazards. The windows in this unit were in poor condition with chipping paint and decayed sashes and needed to be replaced. Some of the interior windowsills did contain lead-based paint.

The detached garage was a complete hazard. The children's play area was fenced in next to one side of the garage. The wood siding was a lead hazard and the structure was deteriorating and in poor condition. The best option was to just remove the structure.

Again, a combination of **lead abatement and interim controls were used.**

The exterior wood siding, soffit, and fascia was enclosed with vinyl and/or aluminum. The exterior window trims were covered with aluminum. The exterior box gutters were encapsulated with a lead block paint.

Control measure costs — \$ 30,165.00

Unit 6 – Photo 1



◀ Before



After ▶

Unit 6 – Photo 2



◀ Before



After ▶

Photos Tell the Story of Newark's Lead Program

Unit 6 – Photo 3



◀ Before



After ▶

Kimberly Burton and Greg Ketter presented the highlights of the FY 2007 Lead Grant to Newark City Council.

Unit 6 – Photo 4



◀ Before



After ▶

Unit 6 – Photo 5



◀ Before



In progress ▶

Unit 6 – Photo 6



◀ Before

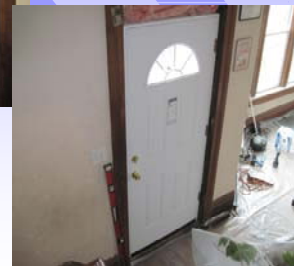


After ▶

Unit 6 – Photo 7



◀ During



In progress ▶

Form Based Code Project Progresses



Efforts by the Development Department staff to update the zoning code in downtown Newark are well underway. This project will convert the Downtown District zoning classification from a traditional type of zoning code, which focuses on separating different land uses, to a form-based zoning code, which places more emphasis on the design of a building and how it relates to surrounding properties and public spaces.

City staff have been holding initial education and information gathering meetings with key stakeholders in downtown to introduce the concept and begin gathering input on what elements people like and dislike about the downtown area. Since December 2010, over a dozen meetings have been held with over 20 businesses, institutions, and individuals. These meetings will continue throughout the entire revision process. In the coming months, there will also be opportunities for members of the public to ask questions and provide input on the proposed zoning changes.

Currently, an extensive physical inventory of buildings and streets in downtown is being created. This includes building measurements such as total height, number of stories, lot size, size of windows, and building materials as well as street measurements such as street width, number of lanes, on-street parking, and sidewalk width. Once this baseline data is collected, standards for new development will be created based on the historic character of buildings and streets in Newark. If you have any questions or input on the form-based code process, please contact Assistant Development Director/City Planner, Aaron Schill at aschill@newarkohio.net or 670-7547.



3 million dollar Lead Grant Off to a Great Start

2009 Lead Hazard Control Grant Milestones through March

- ◆ Remediated lead-based paint hazards in twenty-one residential owner and rental units.
- ◆ Twenty-nine lead-based paint hazard assessments were conducted.
- ◆ Participated in Newark's Healthy Green and Growing kick off at The Works. Staff distributed educational and informational materials.

Fair Housing Agenda of Public Meetings

**LANDLORD TRAINING
NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
101 W. MAIN STREET
MEETING ROOM A
MAY 31, 2011
6:30-7:30PM**

**SENIORS REVERSE MORTGAGES
NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
101 W. MAIN STREET
MEETING ROOM A
JUNE 7, 2011
4:00-5:00PM**

**REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS, LENDERS AND RESIDENTS OF NEWARK
REVERSE MORTGAGES
1 CEU ELECTIVE
NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
101 W. MAIN STREET
MEETING ROOM A
AUGUST 3, 2011
12:00-1:00PM**

**TENANT KNOW YOUR RIGHTS
DONALD EAGER AND SPENCER WELLS
NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
101 W. MAIN
MEETING ROOM A
AUGUST 4, 2011
6:00-7:30PM**

Questions: Contact Don Eager and Associates at 1-800-850-0467

Emergency Minor Home Repair Update

The Emergency – Minor Home Repair program is designed to provide immediate assistance in the event a homeowner experiences an emergency situation or to address a minor home repair that doesn't warrant or qualify for full rehabilitation.

Some typical situations that qualify as an emergency repair could be a furnace that needs replaced in the middle of the winter, a hot water heater that's failed or a water service line that is leaking. A typical minor home repair could also be a roof that needs repaired or replaced.

Since January of 2011 the City has assisted homeowners with the following emergency-minor home repairs:

- ◆ Two electrical service upgrades
- ◆ Two furnace repairs
- ◆ One hot water heater replacement
- ◆ One water service line replacement
- ◆ Two furnace replacements
- ◆ One roof replacement

NSP Makes Old Homes New Again



Licking County Housing Inc. is the developer for the NSP rehabilitation projects.

221 West Church is now an asset to the neighborhood.

224 West Locust Street underwent rehabilitation and is now a nice place to call home.



Interior Improvements to NSP Homes



A new kitchen makes a big difference in a home renovation. Energy efficient appliances will complete the upgrades.

New windows, carpeting, and fresh paint make this room a great place to read a book or just enjoy the sunshine.



An updated bathroom is a good investment and will provide years of service.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program Successes

- ◆ Working with the local non-profit developer, Licking County Housing, Inc., five single family residences have been acquired, rehabilitated and sold to low-moderate income families.
- ◆ Eleven vacant, dilapidated, and blighted structures were purchased in order to be demolished and help to improve the neighborhoods.
- ◆ Three houses were demolished and one property deeded to L.C. Habitat for Humanity for the construction of a new single family residence.
- ◆ Of the eight structures still to be demolished, four of them will be combined into two lots and the City of Newark and LCH, Inc. will construct two new single family residences to be sold to eligible low-moderate income families.

Downtown Newark Gateway Project Grant Application

The Department of Development will be submitting a grant application to the Ohio Department of Transportation on May 1st to fund the **Downtown Newark Gateway Project**, and the staff would like to gather additional comments and ideas from the public on the final details of the grant application.

In 2008, a Downtown 4th Street Visioning Study was completed for the City of Newark by the Neighborhood Design Center. The study evaluated land uses, demographics, parking, and mobility and provided recommendations for improvements. Recommendations included gateway features at the two Downtown Newark 4th Street entrances, streetscape improvements, wayfinding signage, and bike routes. Public input was solicited during public meetings for this study.

The proposed **Downtown Newark Gateway Project** will focus on constructing some of the recommendations from the Visioning Study, particularly focused on streetscape and gateway features. Some of the wayfinding aspects from the Visioning Study have already been completed. Plus the bike routes were studied in more detail during the City's Bike Trail Connector Study completed in 2009, and one of the routes is now being constructed this year (2011) via an Ohio Department of Natural Resources grant and the City's CDBG funding. This bike route will run through Downtown Newark along 4th Street.

At the public meeting, the staff would like to know what streetscape components the public would like us to consider before finalizing the grant application and submitting to ODOT. Displays of the Downtown 4th Street corridor and the Visioning Study recommendations to be considered for the grant will be on display during the meeting.

The public meeting for this project will be held during the Economic Development Committee meeting on April 25th. The Committee meetings begin at 5:30pm. The meetings are held in Council Chambers on the 1st Floor of City Hall, 40 W. Main St., Newark, Ohio. Please attend – we welcome public comments.

You may also submit any comments directly to the Department of Development via mail to this address: Department of Development, 4th Floor, 40 W. Main St., Newark, Ohio 43055; or via this email address kburton@newarkohio.net; or call the Development Department at (740) 670-7530.



NEWARK'S WARDEN HOTEL SALAD DRESSING

½ cup sugar	½ teas. celery seed
1 teas. salt (part garlic salt)	1 cup Wesson Oil
1 teas. Worcestershire sauce	1 small onion - grated
¼ cup vinegar	A little garlic
1/3 cup catsup	

Shake before using. You may use more sugar if you wish it to be sweeter.