

**SECOND AMENDED AGENDA
CHILLICOTHE CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER**

September 28, 2026

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL BY CLERK

READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING BY CLERK

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BY CLERK

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND ALDERPERSON

COUNCIL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

ANYONE WITH BUSINESS CONCERNING CITY GOVERNMENT

PRESENTATION OF BILLS, TRANSFERS AND PAYROLLS FOR PAYMENT AND DISCUSSION

MAYOR HUGHES

Approve – Appointment – Alexander Meier – 2nd Ward Alderperson

Approve – Appointment – Alexander Meier – Public Safety and Human Resource Committees

Approve – Letter of Support -Tri County – Application – Protect Grant

Presentation – Tazio Grivetti – Pearce Community Center – Fitness Town

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON SHARP

Approve – Accept and Award Bid – Advance Asphalt – 2026 Overlay

Approve – Additional Expense and Payment – ADA Sidewalk – C & G Concrete

FINANCE COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON CRABTREE

Approve – Invoice – Civic Plus

Accept – 25-26 Audit

Approve – General Fund Priority One Project – Landscaping

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON CONNOR

Approve - HELP Loan – Arthur and Shirley Loser

Approve - Resolution - Bike Path - ITEP Grant - Cloverdale Road from Ridgewood East to 3rd Street Spur

Approve - Marketing Plan – The Social Day

Approve - Master Plan for City Park – TWM Proposal

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON BREDEMAN

Approve – Special Event Request - Benefit for Epilepsy Advocacy Network

Approve – Special Event Request – Merchant Trick or Treat

Approve – Special Event Request – Rob Davison Celebration of Life

CEMETERY & PARKS COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON LEVELL

Approve – General Fund Priority One Project – Skid steer

Approve – Purchase – Skid steer Attachment

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON BREDEMAN

Refer – Plan Commission – Code Change – R1- Special Use – School District Bus Transportation & Administration Facility

HUMAN RESOURCE- ALDERPERSON SEMTNER

Approve – Hiring Police Officer – Devin Rutledge

Approve – Communication Policy

ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA CLERK

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2026**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session in person September 28, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Michael D. Hughes presiding and with proper notice having been posted.

Mayor Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance, to the Flag of the United States of America, was recited.

Chairman Hughes directed Acting Clerk Crabtree to take roll.

Present: Mayor Michael D. Hughes
City Treasurer Andrea Bredeman
Acting Clerk Michael Crabtree

Alderspersons Present: Barry Bredeman, Brett Cantwell,
Patricia Westerman-Connor, Michael Crabtree,
Patrick Semtner, Gary Sharp

Also Present: City Attorney Kevin Day
Acting Police Chief Douglas Hahn
City Engineer Jacob Nora
Office Manager Denise Passage
Assistant Office Manager Chelsea White
Economic Development Director Amanda Beadles
Superintendent of Public Works Shawn Sutherland

Alderspersons Absent: Sandi Levell

Others Absent: City Clerk Jill M. Byrnes
Police Chief Jeremy Cooper

Chairman Hughes declared a Quorum present

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The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on September 14, 2026 were presented. Motion

- Alderperson Connor, second Alderperson Sharp, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the September 14, 2026 Regular Council Meeting and approve the Minutes as presented.

Motion Carried Via Voce vote.

Alderperson Levell entered the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BY THE ACTING CLERK:

Acting Clerk Crabtree presented the following Committee and Commission Minutes:

- 1. Police Commission – 07/30/2026, 8/18/2026, 09/15/2026**
- 2. Public Safety Committee – 08/11/2026**
- 3. Economic Development Committee – 09/15/2026**
- 4. Finance Committee – 09/16/2026**
- 5. Shademakers – 09/22/2026**

Communications by the Acting Clerk:

- 1. Annual Treasurers Report – 04/2026**
- 2. City Treasurers Report – 08/2026**

I am in receipt of a letter dated 9/15/2026 which reads:

Chief Copper Chillicothe Police Department, Mayor Hughes and members of the Chillicothe City Council,

The Chillicothe Police Commission is pleased to announce that Devin Rutledge has accepted our offer of employment as a probationary officer. Per Chief Cooper's request, Devin will begin his employment on October 7th, 2026. Please join us in welcoming Devin to our department.

Best Regards, Gary Fyke, Chairman Chillicothe Police Commission

There was a bid letting held on Monday 9/21/2026 at City Hall for the MFT Overlay. The bids were as follows:

UCM, United Contractors Midwest, Tremont, IL. - \$468,017.18

Advanced Asphalt, Princeton, IL. - \$236,038.70

I am in receipt of an application to rezone property located at 130 N Fourth Street from a C-3 to a C-3 Special Use, Consumer Fireworks. This will be sent to the Plan Commission for a hearing date.

I am in receipt of an application to rezone property located at 1300 W. Sycamore Street from an R-1 to an R-1 Special Use. The public hearing date has been set for Tuesday October 6, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

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Nays: None
Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson Semtner, that the Council approve an additional \$5,103.00 for the ADA Sidewalk project and approve the final payment in the amount of \$96,124.00, payable to C & G Concrete Construction Co., Inc. Payable as follows:
ARPA Funds – Remaining amount available from the Bradley Drainage Project - \$ 1,062.35
Road & Bridge – Priority One Project Curb/Overlay - \$95,061.65

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Cantwell, Connor, Crabtree,
Levell, Meier, Semtner, Sharp

Nays: None
Chairman declared motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson Crabtree, second Alderperson Levell, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$6,300.79, payable to Civic Plus for the full-service supplementation subscription regarding ordinance codification. Payable from General Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Cantwell, Connor, Crabtree,
Levell, Meier, Semtner, Sharp

Nays: None
Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Crabtree, second Alderperson Bredeman, that the Council accept the 25-26 Annual Audit as prepared by Phillips, Salmi & Associates, LLC.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Cantwell, Connor, Crabtree,
Levell, Meier, Semtner, Sharp

Nays: None
Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Crabtree, second Alderperson Levell, that the Council approve the Priority One General Fund Project – Landscaping in the amount of \$6,000.00 as an approved project and approve an expenditure not to exceed \$6,000.00 for the landscaping at City Hall and Police

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Station. The public works department will remove the current landscaping, replace with a weed barrier and decorative rock which will be sealed.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Cantwell, Connor, Crabtree,
Levell, Meier, Semtner, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson Connor, second Alderperson Bredeman, that the Council direct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary documents for the HELP Loan between the City of Chillicothe and Arthur and Shirley Loser d/b/a Covered Wagon Crafts in the amount of \$30,000.00 at a rate of 4% interest for a term of 10 years securing the note with a mortgage on the Covered Wagon Crafts property. Payable from the HELP Loan Fund.

Note: September 28 – Wall Street prime rate 7% - 3% = 4%. Current HELP Loan balance \$499,997.92

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Cantwell, Connor, Crabtree,
Levell, Meier, Semtner, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Connor, second Alderperson Cantwell, that the Council approve Resolution No. 26-09-06, a Resolution in support for the ITEP Grant Application to fund pedestrian/biking trails on City of Chillicothe right-of-way properties.

Note: Continues bike path on Cloverdale East from Ridgewood to Second Street. Project is \$1.29M of which ITEP Grant pays 1.03M. City's portion – up to \$258,001.60 payed out over 3 years.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Cantwell, Connor, Crabtree
Levell, Meier, Semtner, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Motion Alderperson Connor, second Alderperson Cantwell, that the Council approve the Social Media proposal from The Social Day in the amount up to \$2,600.00. Payable from Marketing & Tourism/Promotion Fund.

Note: This proposal is for a series of 30 to 60 second social media reels designed to bring in tourism to Chillicothe.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Cantwell, Connor, Crabtree,
Levell, Meier, Semtner, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Connor, second Alderperson Bredeman, that the Council approve the Master Park Plan proposal submitted by TWM in the amount of \$19,000.00. Payable from the Energy Transition Grant Fund.

Note: This plan will focus on City Park picnic table locations, shade structure location and electric service needs along with a review of Cutright and Moffitt Park.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Cantwell, Connor, Crabtree,
Levell, Meier, Semtner, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson Bredeman, second Alderperson Sharp, that the Council approve the Special Event Request as submitted by Nathan Oedewaldt, Castaways for the "Epilepsy Advocacy Network Block Party Fundraiser" on October 10, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. with open containers & pending receipt of insurance. Location event is 1635 N. Fourth Street & 1707 N. Fourth Street for the use of Wilmot Street from Rt 29 to back of Castaways fence, street closing from 12:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Motion Carried Via Voce vote.

Motion Alderperson Bredeman, second Alderperson Cantwell, that the Council approve the Special Event Request as submitted by the Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce for the "Merchant Trick or Treat" on 2nd Street from Walnut Street to Chestnut Street on October 23, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Motion Carried Via Voce vote.

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Motion Alderperson Bredeman, second Alderperson Levell, that the Council approve the Special Event Request submitted by Amber Gibson, Gilmore's Sports Bar for the use of Chestnut Street from Second Street to the alley with open containers on Saturday October 17, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for the "Rob Davison Celebration of Life" event.

Motion Carried Via Voce vote.

CEMETERY & PARKS COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson Levell, second Alderperson Bredeman, that the Council approve the Priority One Project – General Fund – Skid Steer in the amount of \$20,000.00 as an approved project.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Cantwell, Connor, Crabtree,
Levell, Meier, Semtner, Sharp

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Levell, second Alderperson Cantwell, that the Council approve the purchase of a Skid Steer Attachment – Swing Boom Cutter in the amount of \$11,967.00, payable to Central Illinois Equipment Sales, Inc. Payable from the Priority One General Fund – Parks Department Project.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Cantwell, Connor, Crabtree,
Levell, Meier, Semtner, Sharp

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson Bredeman, second Alderperson Sharp, that the Council refer to the Plan Commission the Ordinance to add a Special Use – School District Bus Transportation & Administration Facility to the R-1 Zoning Classifications.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Cantwell, Connor, Crabtree,
Levell, Meier, Semtner, Sharp

Nays: **None**

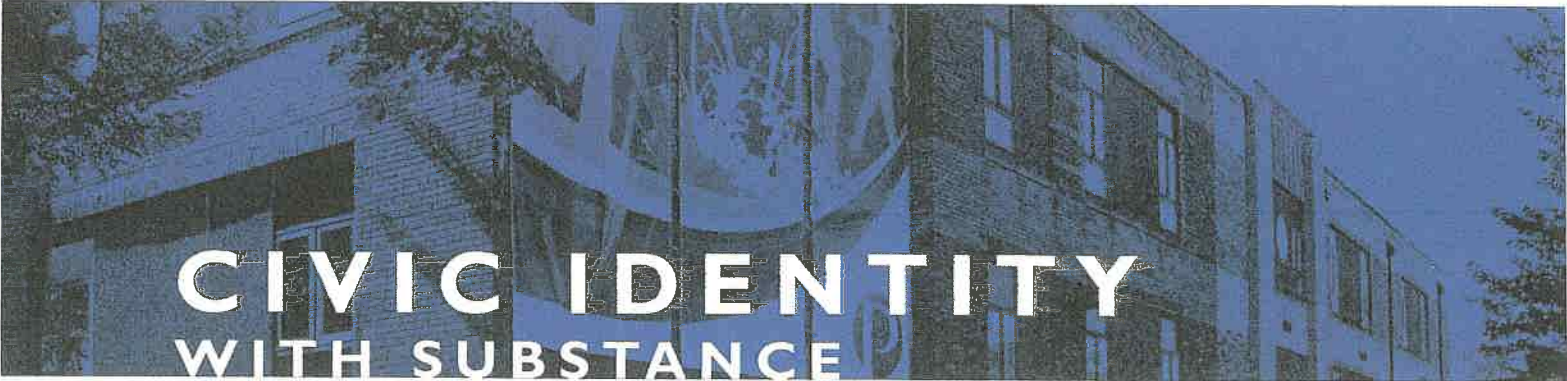
Chairman declared motion carried.

HEALTHIEST SMALL TOWN IN AMERICA

RALLYING FOR BETTER HEALTH

PEARCE COMMUNITY & FITNESS CENTER 5711 25TH AVENUE S.E. SUITE 100

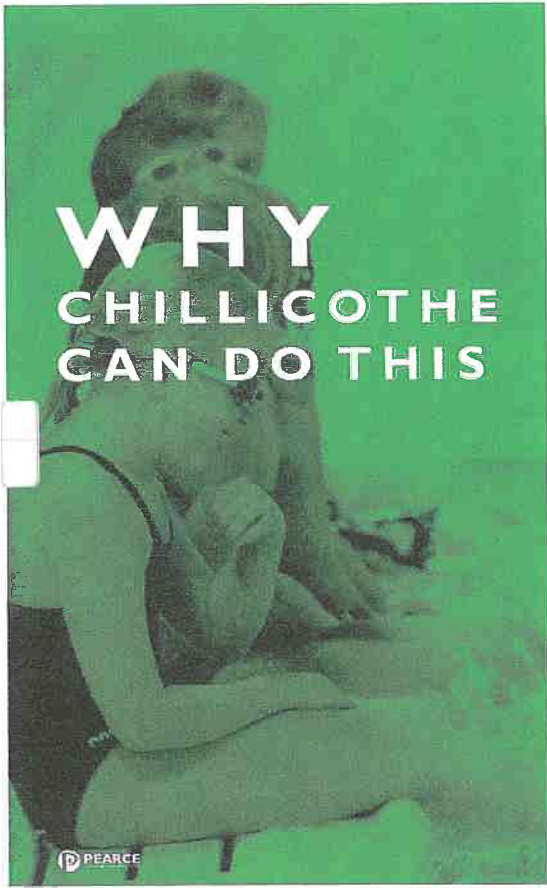




CIVIC IDENTITY

WITH SUBSTANCE

♦ A community goal residents can join — and data can test.



WHY CHILlicoTHE CAN DO THIS

- ◆ Pearce's large community footprint
- ◆ Strong park and recreation assets
- ◆ Schools and established youth-sports organizations
- ◆ A community culture that rallies around local causes
- ◆ A scale small enough to coordinate, but large enough to measure

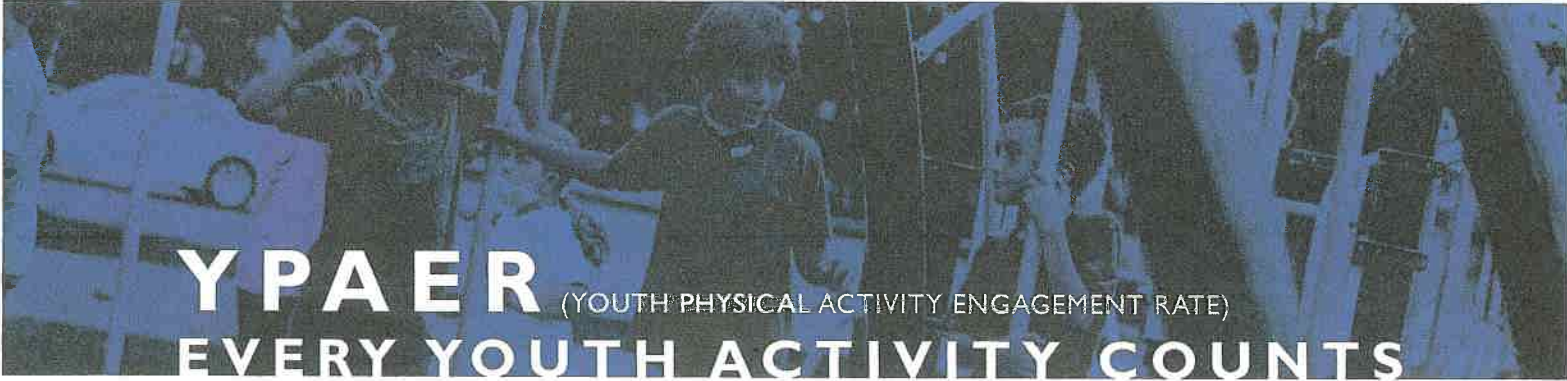
FAIR SMALL-TOWN INDEX

- ◆ Retain measures that matter in a small community — including park access and chronic-disease outcomes linked to physical activity.
- ◆ Replace metropolitan-only measures such as public-transit commuting and walking/bicycling to work.
- ◆ Move asthma prevalence and selected demographic/economic measures to Community Context rather than the score.
- ◆ Add small-town engagement measures, led by Youth Physical Activity Engagement Rate (YPAER).
- ◆ Publish the rules, baseline and annual progress so another town can reproduce the score.

BIG CITY CURRENT INDEX

PER THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SPORTS MEDICINE

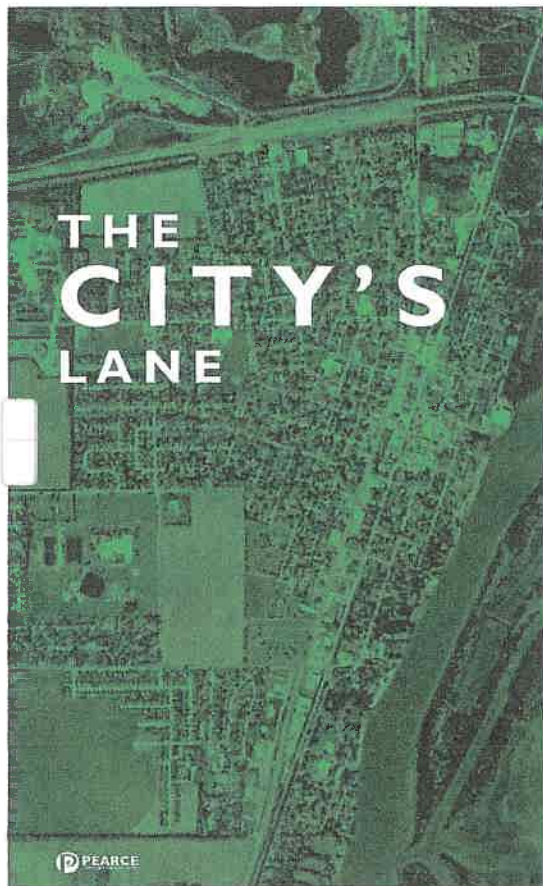
- ❖ Physical Activity: measures how active residents are and whether they meet recommended activity levels.
- ❖ Parks & Recreation: evaluates access to parks, recreational facilities, trails, and opportunities for active living.
- ❖ Walkability & Transportation: sidewalks, bike paths, public transportation, and opportunities to walk or bike.
- ❖ Environmental Health: examines factors such as air quality and other environmental conditions that affect community health.
- ❖ Food Access: considers residents' access to nutritious food and levels of food insecurity.
- ❖ Community Well-Being: looks at the broader conditions that help residents live healthier, more active lives.



YPAER (YOUTH PHYSICAL ACTIVITY ENGAGEMENT RATE)

EVERY YOUTH ACTIVITY COUNTS

- ◆ Annual qualifying youth physical-activity registrations ÷ total population × 1,000
- ◆ Football, cheer, dance, baseball, softball, soccer, swimming and other recurring physical extracurriculars count
- ◆ Multi-sport youth intentionally contribute multiple engagements
- ◆ Every additional registration becomes a visible contribution to Chillicothe's score

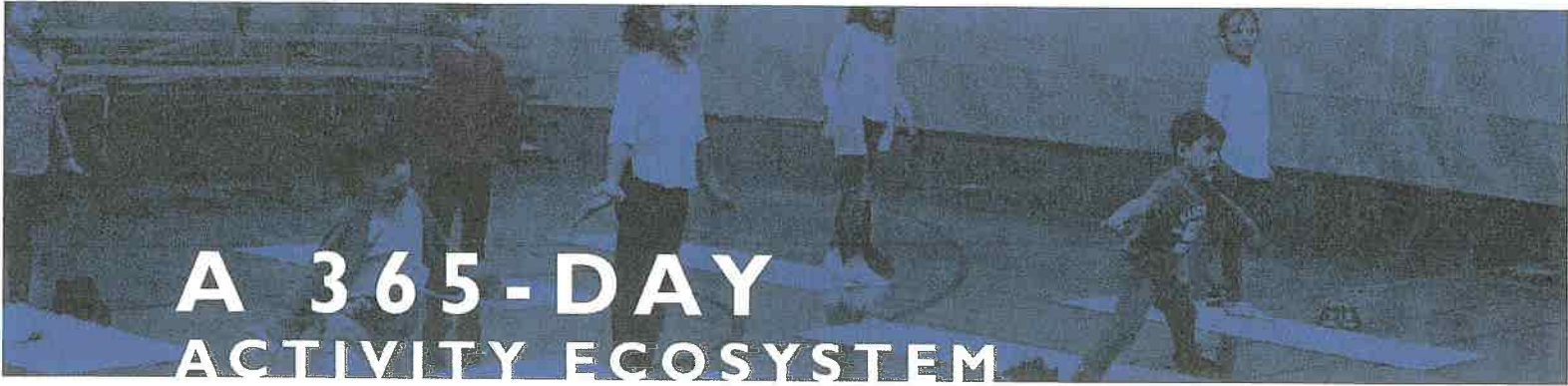


- ◆ Civic leadership and legitimacy
- ◆ Community branding and communications
- ◆ Infrastructure and public-space coordination
- ◆ Business and economic-development engagement
- ◆ Convening organizations around a shared goal

YOUTH ACTIVITY & ACCESS

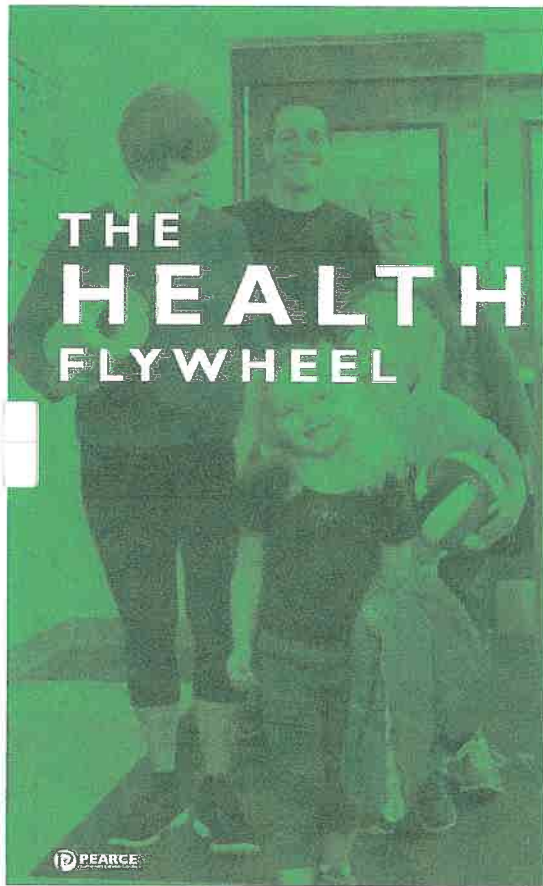
- ❖ Make organized physical activity a community priority
- ❖ Reduce financial and seasonal barriers
- ❖ Use Pearce Play Promise and partner scholarships as access tools
- ❖ Build a community where no child sits out solely because the family cannot afford participation





A 365-DAY ACTIVITY ECOSYSTEM

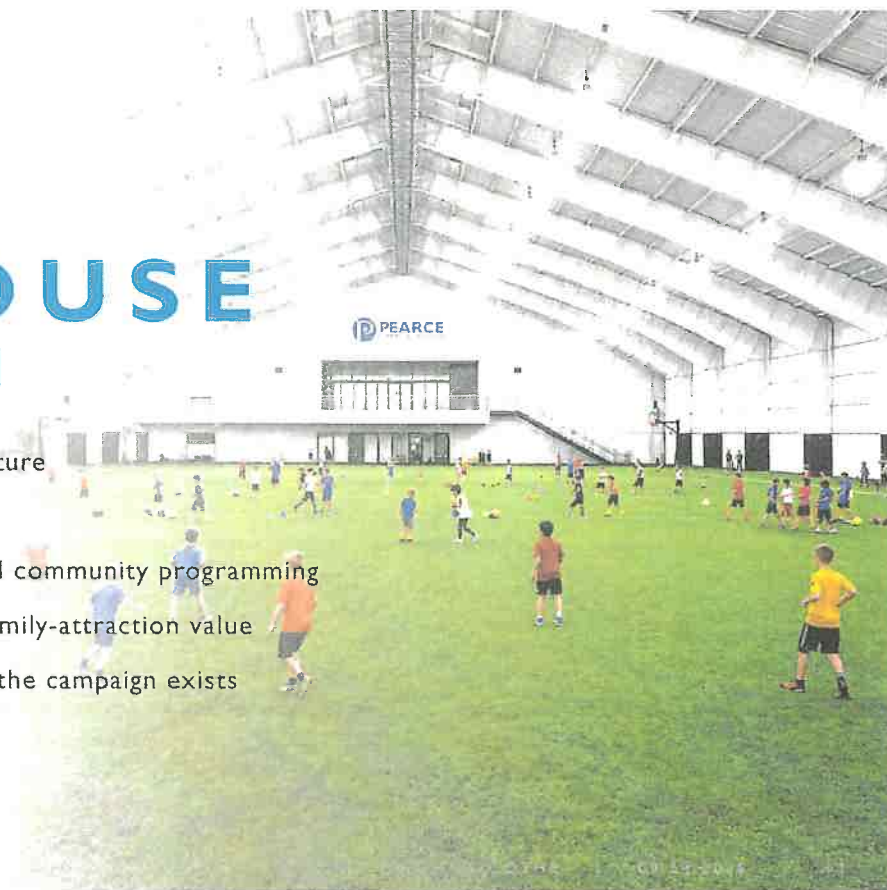
- Warm months: parks, trails, fields, outdoor leagues and events
- Year-round: Pearce fitness, aquatics, leagues and classes
- Schools and youth organizations add structured activity across the calendar
- The objective is to increase total activity — not redistribute it among organizations



- More participation → ***stronger health behaviors***
- More Pearce check-ins → ***stronger nonprofit capacity***
- More park and youth-sports use → ***stronger community engagement***
- Stronger organizations → ***more programming, access and reinvestment***
- Better outcomes → ***stronger civic identity and publicity***

FIELDHOUSE CONNECTION

- ◆ Potential year-round activity infrastructure
- ◆ Additional school and youth capacity
- ◆ Supports indoor/offseason practice and community programming
- ◆ Could strengthen regional event and family-attraction value
- ◆ An enabling project — not the reason the campaign exists



THE ASK

- Recognize the City as a Founding Partner
- Appoint a City representative to the steering group
- Coordinate appropriate communications and branding
- Collaborate on relevant infrastructure/data needs
- Help convene businesses and community organizations

YEAR

ONE

- Finalize and independently review the small-town methodology
- Establish baseline scores
- Launch a community-wide 90-day challenge
- Activate youth, parks, Pearce, schools, employers and businesses
- Publish the first annual progress report

THANK YOU.





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