

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Smith and Members of Council
FROM: Doug Elliott, City Manager
RE: Friday Letter
DATE: November 5, 2021

OXFORD COTTAGE COMMUNITY

The closing for the purchase of approximately 2.1 acres of land located at 5234 Hester Rd. is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. The next step is for Council to approve leasing the land to the Center for Community Revitalization (an Ohio nonprofit corporation). An Ordinance authorizing a 20 year lease for one dollar per year will be placed on the Council agenda for the November 16 meeting.

BAN ON EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE

City Council adopted an ordinance on February 4, 2020 banning the use of expanded (foam) polystyrene by food service operations in Oxford. It included both civil and criminal penalties for violation of the ordinance for both individuals and organizations. It provided for a phasing out period of December 31, 2020 for national food service operations and December 31, 2021 for all other food service operations.

The Ohio Legislature adopted in 2020 Senate Bill 242 which was signed by the governor and preempted the City of Oxford's legislative action. The bill will sunset after January 15, 2022.

If after January 15, 2022 the Ohio Legislature does not take any action to extend the ban, then Oxford's local ordinance will become effective. All food service operations in Oxford would be required to cease using expanded polystyrene disposable food service ware. If this is the case, the City will notify all food service operations of the reinstatement of this requirement by email and/letter on that date and give them 30 days or more to comply.

DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA)

City Council approved an application for a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) by adoption of Resolution 7192 on June 16, 2020. It allows the City Manager to amend the dates and times of the DORA with consent of City Council. **City Council approved by resolution reopening the DORA from December 17, 2021 to January 23, 2022 to provide a Winter Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area for the benefit of Oxford citizens, visitors, and uptown businesses.** The City has over 20 qualified permit holders eligible to participate in the DORA.

FY 2022 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

The Budget work session with Council was held on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM. A first reading of the Budget Ordinance occurred on Nov 2nd and a second reading will take place on Nov. 16th.

The 2022 Proposed Budget is an essential and sustainable budget. It does not eliminate any programs or services presently provided by the City. It includes the contracted pay adjustments for the three Police Unions and a 3% pay adjustment for all other employees excluding the nine Fire Fighter/Paramedic

positions since the City is negotiating a first time labor agreement with the union. Also, there are no major changes proposed in the employer provided health insurance program for 2022.

In the General Fund, proposed operating expenditures at \$11,304,408 are up from the 2021 Budget by \$228,740 (2.1%). The increase in expenditures of the 2022 Proposed Budget from the 2021 Budget is due primarily to overall increases in salaries, wages, and related costs plus the addition of a Social/Case Worker for the Police Division at an annual cost of \$70,000 (\$55,000 salary plus \$15,000 fringe benefits).

General Fund Revenues (excluding advances and transfers) for FY2022 are estimated overall to increase from the FY 2021 Budget estimate by \$392,931 (or 3.2%). This is due primarily to an estimated 16.7% (or \$200,000) increase in property and 62.5% (or \$84,600) increase in hotel tax revenues. The income tax which provides 69% of General Fund revenues is estimated to remain essentially the same as last year. The local property tax provides 11.2% of General Fund revenues.

Security of persons and property (Police, Traffic Control, and Street Lighting) which comprises 53.3% of General Fund Operating Expenditures (excludes Transfers and Advances) has been increased by \$171,094 or 2.9%. Leisure time activities has increased by 3.3% and General Government by 7.8%.

Given the challenges and opportunities our local government faces, I believe this is a fiscally responsible and sustainable Proposed Budget for 2022.

COVID-19 UPDATE

The Butler County Board of Health (BCBOH) updated information regarding COVID-19 reported cases from the 45056 ZIP Code. The new figure is **4,087 as of October 23, 2021 and includes Miami University student confirmed cases. This represents 7.8% (down from a high of 13.0% in late December 2020 and declining over the previous six weeks) of all reported cases in Butler County. The total reported cases for Butler County is 52,264. The total verified deaths for Butler County is 724.**

The Ohio COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard provides vaccination numbers for the state and for each county. It provides information on how many individuals have been vaccinated (started) as a percent of the total population. **For example, as of October 21, 2021 in Butler County, 203,911 individuals or 53.22% of the population have received a first dose. For older age groups in Butler County, 80.01% of the 80 plus, 83.56% of the 75-79, 88.96% of the 70-74, 83.56% of the 65-69, and 77.45% of the 60-64 age groups have been vaccinated.** You can also view the data by sex, race, and ethnicity.

The state vaccination rate as of October 21, 2021 is 55.3% (percentage of total population with at least one dose). The vaccination rate for those aged 65+ is 84.0% and 62.3% for those aged 18+. The percentage of the population fully vaccinated is 51.4%. Ohio ranks 35th in the percentage of the total population fully vaccinated by state. Ohio is the seventh most populous state.

In the State of Ohio as of October 29, 2021, there have been 1,539,490 (or 13% of the population) cases of COVID 19 since January 2020. There have been 24,527 Ohio resident deaths ranging in age from less than 1 year old to 111 years old with an average age of 39. This equates to about 1 death per 63 cases of COVID-19.

According to Miami University, the on-campus vaccination rate for students is above 74%.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY

On April 19, 2021, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy approved increasing the number of dispensary licenses in Ohio by 73. The City has received several inquiries regarding possible locations. A retail dispensary is prohibited by state law from locating within 500 feet of a school, church, public library, public playground, or public park.

There are currently 57 dispensaries in Ohio. The state may issue up to 73 additional provisional medical marijuana dispensary licenses. This would bring the total to 130 if all 73 are approved. **The application window begins November 4, 2021 and ends November 18, 2021.** The application fee is \$5,000. Applications are site-specific which means they must have eligible property secured prior to application. The additional 73 provisional dispensary licenses will be issued through a lottery process.

The state is divided into 31 geographic dispensary districts. The drawing will occur according to available professional dispensary licenses in each district. Oxford is located in the SW District 2. This district includes Butler, Darke, and Preble Counties. Three additional provisional dispensary licenses are available in this district which would bring the total to five. Presently, there are two dispensaries located in our district and both are in Butler County- Bloom Medicinals in Seven Mile and Cannascend Alternative, LLC in Monroe.

Drive-through windows will be permitted. No owner may possess more than five dispensaries in Ohio. Applications must specify the districts in which they are applying, include site-specific plan, professionally prepared survey, and form from local zoning officials.

MASK MANDATE

City Council was provided an updated and revised face covering ordinance for the August 17, 2021 Council meeting. **The expiration date is December 13, 2021.** This date can be extended or shortened by City Council depending on a review of the local Covid-19 number of cases and the vaccination rate or other public health information.

It was adopted by Council at a special meeting on August 30, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Miami University has an indoor face covering requirement for all of its buildings.

COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT

The City of Oxford desires to provide an economically viable reuse for the closed municipal landfill. In order to advance the City's environmental sustainability goals, the City developed a Request for Proposals (RFP) to lease the closed Municipal Sanitary Landfill for development of a Community Solar Energy Array. The RFP required the development company to design, obtain approval from the Ohio EPA, receive approval for a Point of Interconnection (POI) with Duke Energy, finance, construct, operate, and maintain the solar energy system. The City received five responses to our RFP. Four companies were selected to interview. Two companies responded to our request for interviews. After interviewing both companies and gathering additional information including references, BQ Energy Development, LLC was selected as the proposal which best meets the City's needs. BQ Energy Development, LLC has developed many solar energy array projects on closed municipal landfills and brownfield sites over the last seven years. The company is currently under contract with the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) to construct a 50 MW solar energy array project on a 173 acre closed municipal landfill south of Columbus, Ohio. The Service Director and I recommended that Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a Lease Option Agreement between the City of Oxford and BQ Energy Development, LLC for

approximately 20 acres of the city-owned close municipal sanitary landfill. Council approved the authorization resolution. The option agreement shall remain in effect for a period of three years. BQ Energy Development, LLC shall make a payment of \$10,000 to the City for this option. Upon exercising the option, BQ Energy Development, LLC will pay an annual lease rate of \$519.39 per acre. Once a firm price is established for the power, the City may elect to exercise a Power Purchase Agreement to meet the City's own needs or for the City's Electric Aggregation Program. Whether or not this comes to fruition will depend on the timing for availability of the power and pricing as the City is already under contract for both programs.

This community solar project could provide up to 6 megawatts of power. (A megawatt is equal to 1 million watts) The current national average (through 2018) of homes powered by a MW of solar is 190 according to the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA). Thus, 6 MW of solar could power 1,140 homes or 18% of Oxford's occupied housing units (1,140/6,322).

The option to lease agreement has been signed by both parties. The Memorandum of the Option to Lease has been recorded.

OXFORD DIVISION OF FIRE & EMS- LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

The City has received a Notice to Negotiate from the City of Oxford Professional Firefighters IAFF 5272 bargaining unit and an Assignment Letter from the State Employment Relations Board. A date will be set to adopt rules of negotiation and bargaining so that negotiations may begin. This will be a time consuming process for the administrative and legal staff of the City as this is the initial agreement between both parties. There are six IAFF Locals in Butler County with labor agreements. They vary in membership size from the City of Hamilton with 103 members to Liberty Township with 33 members. The City of Oxford's will be the smallest with 9 members (including one vacancy).

An executive session with City Council was held to discuss this. Staff and I have met to begin management planning for the negotiations. **The parties are in the process of negotiating a contract.** An executive session with City Council was held before the July 6th regular meeting to provide an update on negotiations.

A tentative agreement has been reached with the City of Oxford Professional Firefighters IAFF 5272 bargaining unit. An agreement will be drafted. Once finalized, it will be presented to City Council in executive session and voted on after approved by the bargaining unit members.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Section 2.04 of the Oxford City Charter states that the term of office of Council members shall begin on the third Monday after the election. Section 2.06 states that Council shall meet within five days after the beginning of the term of office of the newly elected members of Council for the purpose of organizing. The organizational meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2021 at 7PM.



Assistant City Manager
Weekly Report: November 1 to November 5, 2021
Submitted by: Jessica Greene

Highlights for E-Newsletter:

Website! Website! Website! Most of this week was spent checking and triple-checking our draft new website. Ensuring forms are working, making sure links are correct, and preparing for Go Live. Our goal is to go live Monday morning 11/8 at 5:30 am. A special thank you to Andrew Wilson, who is volunteering his time from Hilliard to help us with this transition from our old website to our new one.

Communications:

- City weekly staff reports sent 11/1
- Website: Goal to go live Monday 11/8 at 5:30 am.
 - Gov QA review with Department Heads and reviewing other possible citizen input tools. After input, we have notified Gov QA that we will not be continuing with them. We spent some time building out new forms for citizen reporting this week. Hopefully, we can save \$4.5K next year.
- Reporters:
 - Student journalist regarding Covid 19 and Fire Staffing.

Special Projects and Meetings:

- City Council Meeting
- Short Term Rental Tax Planning Meeting with Sam and Joe.
- Granicus Training with Heather. She brought up wonderful points about our need to consider accessibility in our meeting recordings and minutes.
- Oxford Parks and Recreation Meeting to discuss pools staffing models and review the goal of a new TRI community recreation facility.

Economic Development:

- Workforce Development Grant Research-
 - Meeting with Butler, Clermont, Warren Counties Workforce Development Board to review possible Good Jobs Grant partnership.
 - Drafting outline of workforce development grant outline.
- Broadband
 - Meeting with Ohio TT a startup broadband company trying to bring broadband to rural areas. Reviewed possible support for Broadband Ohio Grant.

- Amtrak-
 - Touch base with TSD regarding Nelson Morrow Building and exploring trade options with the City. Possibly the Senior Center Building. We need to conduct an appraisal of the Senior Center and review this possibility with the Oxford Seniors as well.

Human Resources:

- This was our first week with the required covid testing for nonvaccinated employees. It had a few hiccups but overall I believe it worked well.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training implementation planning meeting and notice to all Department Heads of the training timeline.
- Meeting with NextStep to review our IT staffing needs and possible staffing models.

City of Oxford

Finance Department

Weekly Report

November 1st through November 5, 2021

Accounting Activities

- Payroll checks were processed this week.
- Follow-up phone call with Paylocity took place this week. Our account is set up and we've gained access to training material. Data extractions will be taking place November 11th for set up, and tablets are being ordered for clocking.
- The Woodside Cemetery project has been put on hold as the teams of student have been pulled from the project by their professor.
- Supplemental Budget Ordinance #8 will be on the agenda for 2nd reading at the November 2nd City Council meeting.
- 2022 Appropriation, Transfers, Advances, and Fee Ordinances will be on the agenda for 2nd reading at the November 16th City Council meeting.
- Resolution of the City's updated Purchasing Policy will be on the agenda at the November 16th City Council Meeting.

Utilities Activities

- Meter readings for December billing began this week.
- Staff is working with service technicians to get additional radios installed that will read from the tower. We currently have 3,715 accounts reading from the tower.
- Training continues within the Finance and Utilities areas.

Week ending 11/5/2021

Facilities & Programs

- **OPRD Staff teamed up to install new mulch on three playgrounds (2 at TRI, 1 at Dog Park; still have more mulch coming to complete Merry Day Park)**
- Halloween Event moved from 10/28 to 10/31. Excellent attendance in the uptown parks on that date. Estimated 1,500+ people.
- Upcoming Community Events: [Veterans Day](#) – Nov. 11: 11:00am; Uptown Parks
[Holiday Fest](#) – Dec. 4: 12-2pm (OCAC); 5-9pm (Uptown)
- Exterior painting completed at the Oxford Senior Center by Evans & Sons Painting.
- Our [October – March Activity Guide](#) has been updated; new cover and new details
- **New [Memorial Tree Plaque](#) work is complete. New plaque has been installed.**
- Still working with Miami Senior Design class to potentially design and construct a dirt pump track at a city park location in 2022.
- New [interactive map of the Oxford Community Park](#) is complete.
- Service department has begun winterizing drinking fountains at the parks; restrooms will be coming soon.

Sports Activities

- **Youth Basketball: Sports staff are working on team drafts, coaches' meetings and practice schedules. Most teams begin practice later this month.**
- Brand New [Multi-Sports Field](#) has been installed at Leonard Howell Park.
- Met with a local community member and Miami staff member about designing a disc golf course at the Oxford Community Park.
- Some soccer and softball are still occurring at the community park.

Aquatic Center

- **Preparing Resolution to take to City Council regarding the publication of an RFP to contract out lifeguarding services at the aquatic center in summer 2022.**
- Met with staff this week to discuss potential plans for summer if we were to contract out the staffing operations of the Aquatic Center.
- Main water is ready to be turned off by Service Department. Activity pool partially refilled again to protect the concrete surface during the winter months.
- Budget analysis completed for revenues versus expenditures. Successful 2021 season!

Miscellaneous

- Attended Needs Awareness meeting this week on Nov. 3rd.
- Met with local community member to discuss ADA Accessibility and compliance in different locations around the city.
- Working with intern to apply for grants for ADA accessible playground equipment.
- Meeting next week with City, OCAC, Enjoy Oxford and others to discuss winter programming options during J-Term to help bring visitors to uptown businesses.
Focused on enhancing Chocolate Meltdown into a larger event.
- Meeting with American Red Cross representatives to discuss using Senior Center as a location as a disaster relief center should the need arise in the future.
- Coordinating with service department to repair new bottle filler units installed at [Oxford Community Park](#) and TRI Community Center.

Veterans Day – Nov. 11th at 11:00am

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THANK YOU
VETERANS

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11th
11:00 a.m.
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARK








New Memorial Tree Plaque installed at Oxford Community Park.



New mulch installed on several city playgrounds at the TRI and Dog Park. More to come for Merry Day soon.

Oxford Holiday Festival
 Saturday, December 4th 9 a.m. ~ 9 p.m.
 at Oxford Community Arts Center
 ~Talawanda Band Boosters Craft Market
 9 a.m. ~ 4 p.m.
 ~Pictures with Santa 12-2 p.m.
 ~Kids Korner 12-2 p.m.
 (Holiday activities for kids)

at Uptown Parks
 ~Musical Entertainment 5-9 p.m.
 ~Ice Skating Rink 5-9 p.m.
 ~Carriage Rides 5-9 p.m.
 ~Santa's arrival by fire truck 6:30 p.m.
 ~Pictures with Santa 6:30-8:30 p.m.








Holiday Fest – Dec. 4th
 9:00am-4:00pm – Oxford Arts Center
 5:00-9:00pm – Uptown Parks

Notable Highlights

- **Private sector construction projects:** Kettering Health continues construction of a new facility on the south side of Oxford, slated for completion in June; an expansion of an existing Oxford health care service. Also on the south side of town, the Southpointe Gas Station/Convenience Store continues interior and exterior finishes. Uptown, the Caroline Harrison building continues masonry work and the 12 S. Beech one story replacement restaurant building begins brick cladding. The dark brick cladding color was chosen as an alternative to the surrounding colors. On S. Locust St, TJ Maxx is remodeling a portion of the interior service areas.
- 20 inspections were completed in the past week, a combination of rental, zoning, and code enforcement. A total of 32 new construction/alteration permits were issued in the month of October, with a total permit fee of \$24,436.70 and a total estimated construction value of \$1.8M. A total of 213 Residential Rental Unit Permits were issued in the month of October for a total of \$8,140.00 in fees. There were a total of 12 code enforcement (documented) cases closed in the month of October.
- **Building Board of Appeals:** This Board is in need of four members due to term expirations. If you are interested in volunteer public service and have working knowledge of building safety, building construction, or public safety, please consider applying to serve on this board. Application link [here](#). Code information [here](#).

Board and Commission Highlights:

- **Planning Commission:** The November 9th meeting has been cancelled. The next regular meeting will be December 14. Planning Commission will review the Preliminary Plans for Owl's Landing, a proposed 89-unit residential subdivision on Brookville Road. Planning Commission will also review the Preliminary Planned Development for Episcopal Retirement Services to potentially build 42 Affordable Senior Units at Western Knolls (dependent on OHFA funding). These two cases will make for a full agenda.
- **Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission:** In October the Commission discussed the scope of work for updating the 1994 Design Guidelines. A subcommittee was formed to assist staff. The November meeting has been cancelled due to no new cases. Future vacancy recruitment: If you are interested in volunteer public service and have an interest in maintaining the architectural or historical themes of Oxford, this Commission may be for you. Design professionals or general public encouraged to apply [here](#). Additional info [here](#).
- **Housing Advisory Commission:** Two weeks ago, the Commission created a subcommittee to make recommendations for a new housing non-profit model. Last week the subcommittee met and participated in a webinar on Community Land Trusts. Thank you to the Assistant to the City Manager, Seth Copenbaker, for

organizing the subcommittee. Next regular meeting of the full Commission is on Nov. 15.

- **Board of Zoning Appeals:** Last week the Board reviewed 3 cases including an “after-the-fact” Variance at 310 Bishop (denied), Administrative Appeals for a project at 212 N Elm (decisions upheld), and a re-application for Variances at 822 S Beech (approved). The **Monday**, November 22 meeting includes 5 cases. November’s regular meeting was moved to Monday to accommodate a City Council meeting on 11/23.

Long Term Projects:

- The “Oxford Tomorrow” Comprehensive Plan Update continues to press forward. This week, the City’s consultant, [MKSK](#), led by project manager / Miami alum, Sarah Lily, conducted a Steering Committee meeting debrief with City staff. Planner Zachary Moore remains the City’s contact with the consultant. No future Steering Committee meetings or Public Input dates have been set at this time.
- GIS: Department Heads met recently to review organizational needs with HR regarding recruiting staff to supply technology assistance. The City continues to contract with LJB of Miamisburg, Ohio to maintain computer mapping software basic services.

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Community Development Department
15 South College Ave
Oxford, Ohio 45056
November 5, 2021



Recent Parcel Transfers

Transfers Date Range
Oct 29, 2021 - Nov 4, 2021

ABOUT THIS MAP: This map displays transfers within and adjacent 0.25 miles to City of Oxford. Parcel lines and transfer data come from the Offices of the Butler County Engineer and Auditor. The City of Oxford does not guarantee the dimensional accuracy of this map. Precise dimensional accuracy should be based upon recorded deeds, plats or a professional survey.

PURPOSE: Show City staff and decision-makers locations of recent parcel sales and transfers.

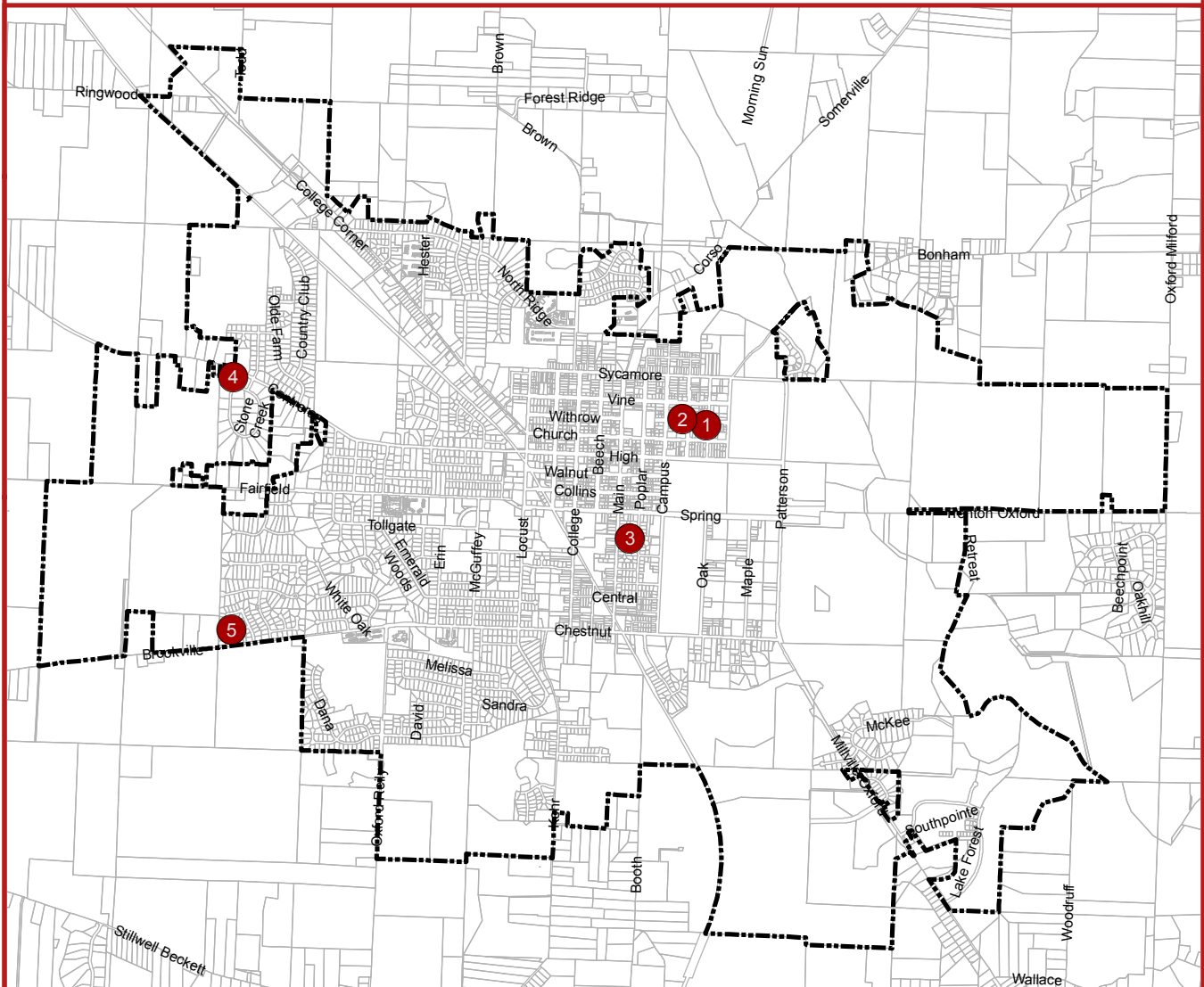
PRODUCED BY: Kelly Haws, GIS Manager, LJB Inc., for City of Oxford Community Development Department, 15 South College Avenue, Oxford, OH 45056, KHaws@LJBInc.com, 937-259-5172



1 inch = 3,500 feet
(8 1/2 x 11" paper)



No. *	Parcel ID	New Owner	Address/Location
1	H410006000176	NIELSEN BRET M TR OF THE BRET M NIELSEN LIVING TRUST A GMT	2951 ENT
2	H410006000049	CORDOVA GAY VILLAFLO	351 E 58 FT & PT VAC ST
3	H4100103000113	PARSONS CHARLES B & ANDREA	3566 ENT HEITZELMAN
4	H4100036000014	GEORGE WILLIAM & LINDA	2915 ENT STONE CREEK
5	H4100135000095	WITMER R LYNN ETAL	3341 ENT MUSKOPF FARMS





Weekly Report
Oxford Division of Police
October 25, 2021 – October 31, 2021

1. **Records Specialist Matt Stitzel and Dispatcher/Clerk Ashlee Conrad** attended the Central Square Records configuration workshop at BCSO last week. BCSO is upgrading the Records Management System we utilize under our dispatch contract. This upgrade will migrate existing records databases to new technology, allowing users to access data and complete incident reports via a web browser instead of a legacy client installed application. This project will last thru February, at which time OPD reports will likely take on a new appearance. Staff time dedicated to this project will be considerable as 2 weeks a month thru February are needed to complete the buildout and configuration of the new system. *This project is being funded thru Butler County Capital Improvement Funds. OPD is being included in the buildout and configuration of the system with HPD and BCSO as an enterprise user of BCSO communications systems.*
2. Officers participated in several trunk or treat events throughout the week, plus they passed out candy during Uptown trick or treating and while patrolling the neighborhoods on Halloween.
3. **Lt. Robinson** conducted an onsite vulnerability assessment for a local non-profit/religious facility to support their application of a State of Ohio Safety/Security grant.
4. Members of the Butler County Regional SWAT team took a field trip to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office for their bi-monthly training. Training tasks focused on team entries and deliberate search / room clearing tactics. Simunitions were utilized for force on force training that incorporated critical decision making for use of force options. Teams were also put through injured officer/victim drills to demonstrate their tactical casualty combat care knowledge while working in an active shooter environment.

Meetings

- **Chief Jones**
 - Monday staff meeting
 - Mary Anderson, Journalism student – cold case investigations
 - Fee ordinance discussion with Lt. Fening, PSA Fields, and PSA Schatzle
 - City Manager Staff meeting
 - Butler County Chiefs of Police Association meeting
- **Lt. Fening**
 - Handle with Care meeting – discussion on the role of SROs in the process
 - Kinesiology class interview

- Olivia Schenkenberger, MU student – Public Health project
- Viviana Selvaggi, Journalism student – Domestic violence calls
- Jamie Coughlin, Journalism student – Underage drinking

- **Lt. Robinson**
 - New Verizon Representative – review account and discuss cost saving measures
 - Operations section meeting with Patrol/CIU supervisors

SRO News

The welfare check of the children from a previous call, that were never enrolled in school, led to CPS removing the children from the parents and placed in foster care. The children are now enrolled in another Butler County school district.

Weekly Report: By the Numbers					
Arrests and Citations	Oct 25 - Oct 31	YTD	Incidents Reported	Oct 25 - Oct 31	YTD
Minor Misdemeanor	6	156	Traffic Crashes	13	206
Misdemeanor	24	460	Sexual Assault	0	16
Felony	2	47	Robbery	0	5
Moving Traffic	20	581	Assault	2	35
Non-Moving Traffic	4	98	Burglary	0	55
Drivers License Law Violations	2	117	Theft	7	264
Civil Offense Citation	16	450	Motor Vehicle Theft	0	22
Underage Alcohol Violation	12	167	Drug Offense	1	47
OVI	4	74	Aggravated Menacing/Menacing	0	34
Disorderly Conduct	7	113	Domestic Violence	1	18
			Property Damage	5	93
			Criminal Trespass	0	9



City of Oxford - Division of Police

Weekly Media Incident Summary

Report span: 10/25/2021 7:00:29AM to 11/1/2021 7:00:29AM

Oxford Division of Police
101 E. High St.
Oxford, OH 45056

FOR PUBLIC / MEDIA RELEASE

Date Reported	Incident Number	Address	Reporting Officer	Offense Type
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10/25/2021 10:54:00AM	21-OPD-1503	131 E Spring St	Morgan David	Criminal Mischief _ move, deface, tamper,
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Multiple subjects damaged the fencing around a business at the intersection of S. Campus Ave. and E. Spring St. The entire incident was captured on camera, no suspects at this time.

10/25/2021 12:07:00PM	21-OPD-1504	4999 College Corner Pike	Sikora Thomas R	Theft
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MEDIA

The catalytic converters were stolen off of three vehicles while they were parked over the weekend at a local business. There are no suspects at this time.

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Date Reported	Incident Number	Address	Reporting Officer	Offense Type
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10/26/2021 12:09:00PM 21-OPD-1505 400-BLK E VINE ST Jones Anthony Criminal Mischief_ move, deface, tamper,

MEDIA

Victim reported that the license plate bracket on her vehicle was damaged by an unknown person.

10/26/2021 7:32:00PM 21-OPD-1507 6 W Walnut St Gilbert Anthony Criminal Mischief_ move, deface, tamper,

MEDIA

A fire extinguisher was discharged on the 3rd floor of the City of Oxford Parking Garage. No further information is available at this time.

10/26/2021 8:37:00PM 21-OPD-1508 5032 Colleqe Corner Pike Hatfield Matthew R Unruly Juvenile Offenses_ habitually

MEDIA

A grandmother reported her grandson as unruly and a runaway.

FOR PUBLIC / MEDIA RELEASE

Date Reported	Incident Number	Address	Reporting Officer	Offense Type
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10/27/2021 1:18:00PM 21-OPD-1510 101 E High St King David L

MEDIA

I received a report from MUPD about a potential case of hazing.

10/27/2021 8:09:00PM 21-OPD-1512 109 W High St Hartwig Brooke Theft _ without consent

MEDIA

Officers responded to a theft in progress in the 100 Block W. High St.

10/27/2021 7:35:00PM 21-OPD-1513 4949 TRENTON OXFORD RD Hartwig Brooke

MEDIA

A deer strike traffic accident was reported on Trenton-Oxford Rd.

FOR PUBLIC / MEDIA RELEASE

Date Reported	Incident Number	Address	Reporting Officer	Offense Type
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10/27/2021 11:39:00PM 21-OPD-1514 S Main St / E Chestnut St Thrasher John R Driving While Under the Influence of

MEDIA

A vehicle was observed stopped off the roadway, but on the railroad tracks. The driver of the vehicle stated that he had lost control of his vehicle. After a brief investigation, it was determined that the driver was intoxicated. The driver was charged with OVI.

10/28/2021 7:13:00PM 21-OPD-1519 5032 College Corner Pike Hartwig Brooke Violate Protection Order or Consent

MEDIA

Officers were dispatched to 5032 College Corner Pike for a violation of a protection order.

10/28/2021 11:30:00PM 21-OPD-1520 36 E HIGH ST Hellwarth Paul Offenses Involving Underage Persons _

MEDIA

Officers stopped a male that was urinating in the alley behind 36 E High Street. Male was issued court summons.

FOR PUBLIC / MEDIA RELEASE

Date Reported	Incident Number	Address	Reporting Officer	Offense Type
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10/29/2021 12:59:00AM

21-OPD-1521

36 E HIGH ST

Thrasher John R

Disorderly Conduct _ intoxicated annoy or

MEDIA

Officers observed a male leaning against the outside wall in the alley behind Brick Street Bar. The male was observed urinating. After a brief investigation it was determined that the intoxicated male was underage. The male was arrested for Underage Liquor Violations.

10/29/2021 2:05:00AM

21-OPD-1522

33 E High St

Thrasher John R

Offenses Involving Underage Persons _

MEDIA

A male was observed jay-walking in front of an Oxford Ambulance and Police Cruiser. Upon requesting identification, a fake ID was observed. After a brief investigation it was determined that the underage male was intoxicated. While attempting to issue summons for the intoxicated male, he became aggressive and prevented officers from removing handcuffs. The male was transported to Butler County Jail.

10/29/2021 5:59:00AM

21-OPD-1523

311 N College Ave

Carlson Derrick A

Theft _ without consent

MEDIA

I met with a resident who stated that her vehicle was gone through over night and that her purse was stolen from under the passenger side seat of the vehicle.

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10/29/2021 6:20:00AM

21-OPD-1524

5032 College Corner Pike

Thrasher John R

Unruly Juvenile Offenses _ habitually

MEDIA

A 14 year old Juvenile was report as missing between the hours of 0200 hours to 0600 hours.

10/29/2021 11:11:00AM

21-OPD-1525

84 Stone Creek Dr

Jones Anthony

Telecommunications Fraud

MEDIA

Victim reported that she received multiple fraudulent calls from people claiming to work for Spectrum. She gave personal information and became involved in a "re-shipper" scam.

10/29/2021 1:33:00PM

21-OPD-1526

5279 College Corner Pike

Morgan David

Theft _ without consent

MEDIA

An individual in the 5200 block of College Corner Pike had a bowl of nuts stolen from her stoop. The nuts had been kept for feeding wildlife, and there are no suspects at this time.

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10/27/2021 11:13:00PM 21-OPD-1527 36 E High St Hartwig Brooke Offenses Involving Underage Persons _

MEDIA

Officers responded to the 0 block for an assault report. Upon arrival officers discovered the underage customer had a head injury as a result of being escorted off the property.

10/29/2021 7:19:00PM 21-OPD-1528 75 S Main St Hatfield Matthew R Domestic Violence _ knowingly cause

MEDIA

A female reported that her boyfriend choked her during an altercation at their hotel room.

10/29/2021 9:56:00PM 21-OPD-1529 36 Lynn Ave Hartwig Brooke Offenses Involving Underage Persons _

MEDIA

Officers responded for a harassment report. Upon further investigation it was discovered two of the males with the harassing party were intoxicated underage.

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10/30/2021 12:17:00AM

21-OPD-1530

14 N Poplar St

Thrasher John R

Having Physical Control of Vehicle While

MEDIA

While issuing a parking citation, a male was observed passed out behind the wheel of the vehicle. After a brief investigation, it was determined that the male was intoxicated. The intoxicated male was charged with Physical Control.

10/30/2021 12:46:00AM

21-OPD-1531

W Spring St / S Locust St

Martin Kevin

Possession of Drugs

MEDIA

Officers located a disabled vehicle at the intersection of W. Spring St and S. Locust St. Upon further investigation, officers received consent to search the disabled vehicle and the operator. During the search of the operator's person, officers located what they believed to be crack cocaine inside of his pants.

10/30/2021 1:23:00AM

21-OPD-1532

E Spring St / S Campus Ave

Thissen William J

Assault_ knowingly harm victim

MEDIA

On 10/30/21, officers witnessed a physical altercation occur near the intersection of Spring Street and Campus Avenue. Further investigation lead to one male being arrest for assault.

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10/30/2021 1:28:00AM 21-OPD-1533 106 S Elm St Martin Kevin Offenses Involving Underage Persons _

MEDIA

On 10/30/2021 at approximately 0128 hours, officers were dispatched to 106 S. Elm St. for a reported burglary. Upon arrival, officers were advised by the residents of this address that an intoxicated male came into their residence and refused to leave; however, they did not wish to pursue criminal charges. During the investigation, it was discovered that this male was under 21 years of age, was intoxicated to the point that he was unable to care for himself, and was in possession of a fake driver license. He was issued summonses for disorderly conduct, prohibitions, and offenses involving underage persons.

10/30/2021 2:13:00AM 21-OPD-1534 Maple Ave / E Spring St Thrasher John R Driving While Under the Influence of

MEDIA

During the course of traffic stop, it was discovered that the driver was underage and intoxicated. The underage male was charged with OVI and Underage Liquor Violations.

10/30/2021 2:24:00AM 21-OPD-1535 E Church St / N Poplar St Jones John A Prohibitions

MEDIA

A welfare check was conducted on a female who was stumbling near the intersection of Church Street and Poplar Street. She was found to be 17 years old, intoxicated, and in possession of fake IDs.

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10/30/2021 1:50:00PM

21-OPD-1538

22 Linden Dr

Morgan David

Criminal Mischief_ move, deface, tamper,

MEDIA

A vehicle was parked on Linden Ave. between 1730 hrs. on October 29 and 1330 hrs. on October 30, 2021. During this time, an unknown subject broke the passenger side mirror off of the vehicle.

10/30/2021 3:41:00PM

21-OPD-1539

5032 College Corner Pike

Hartwig Brooke

Attempt - USE FOR ORC ARREST OFFENSE

MEDIA

Officers responded to 5032 College Corner Pike for a report of an attempted burglary.

10/30/2021 9:04:00PM

21-OPD-1541

36 E High St

Hartwig Brooke

Offenses Involving Underage Persons _

MEDIA

While inside a bar in the zero block of E. High St. a male was found to be underage and in possession of two fake ID's.

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10/30/2021 11:19:00PM 21-OPD-1542 36 E High St Hellwarth Paul Offenses Involving Underage Persons _

MEDIA

Officers were called to Brick Street for an intoxicated subject. Female was issued court summons'.

10/30/2021 11:58:00PM 21-OPD-1543 75 S Main St Martin Kevin Prohibitions

MEDIA

On 10/30/2021 at approximately 2358 hours, officers were on routine patrol when they observed a male throw a glass liquor bottle down an alley, causing the bottle to break. Officers stopped this subject for questioning. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that the subject was 19 years of age, intoxicated, and in possession of a fictitious driver license. The subject was issued summonses for disorderly conduct, offenses involving underage persons, and prohibitions and released from police custody.

10/31/2021 12:53:00AM 21-OPD-1544 205 E Church St Hellwarth Paul Offenses Involving Underage Persons _

MEDIA

Officers responded for an intoxicated subject. Court summons' were issued.

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10/31/2021 2:01:00AM 21-OPD-1545 S Campus Ave / E High St Hartwig Brooke Offenses Involving Underage Persons _

MEDIA

Officers observed a male subject to be face down in the grass in the zero block S. Campus Ave. The male was cited for DCPI, underage and prohibitions.

10/31/2021 2:19:00AM 21-OPD-1546 101 E High St Thrasher John R Assault_ knowingly harm victim

MEDIA

Officers were flagged down for a possible fight. Upon arriving on scene, it was confirmed that a fight occurred and the suspect attempted to flee. After apprehending the suspect, it was discovered that the suspect was underage and in possession of alcohol. The suspect was transported to Butler County Jail.

10/31/2021 2:07:00AM 21-OPD-1547 375 S College Ave Thissen William J

MEDIA

On 10/31/21, officers responded to the Hampton Inn for a welfare check on an intoxicated female. The female was located in the company of a male subject. The female was taken home and an information report was completed.

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10/31/2021 4:58:00AM 21-OPD-1548 1011 Arrowhead Dr Martin Kevin Criminal Damaging/Endangering _

MEDIA

On 10/31/2021 at approximately 0459 hours, officers were dispatched to 1011 Arrowhead Dr. for a reported criminal damaging. The caller stated that unknown suspect/s threw an unknown object at his window, causing damage to his window screen. The suspect/s then fled the scene.

10/31/2021 2:11:00PM 21-OPD-1550 431 S Locust St Campbell Jeffrey S Theft _ deception

MEDIA

Victim at 6134 Fairfield Road reported after giving her credit card to a co-worker to purchase items for her the co-worker lost the card sometime on the way to the store. Victim stated her card was discovered being used at several locations in town.

The credit card company has been notified and a stop has been placed on the card.

The suspect is still unknown at this time.


10/31/2021 4:47:00PM 21-OPD-1551 101 E High St Gilbert Anthony Theft _ without consent

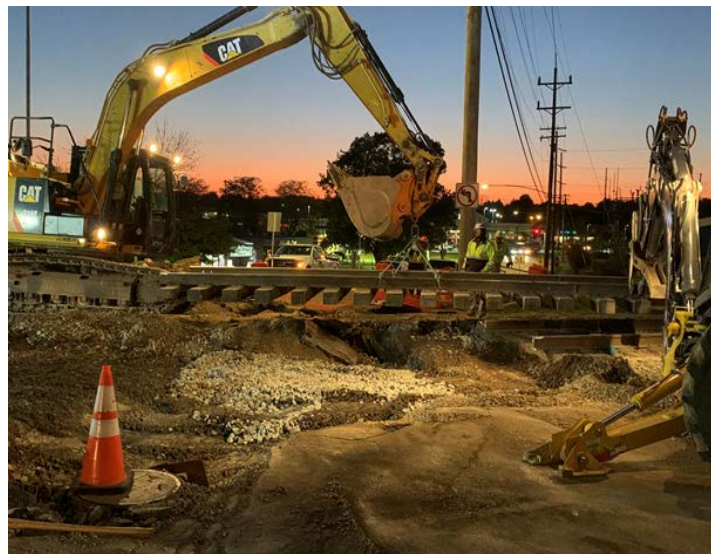
MEDIA

Victim stated that her cell phone was lost on 10/31/2021 at approximately 0030hrs. Victim stated that using the Find My app. the phone is showing in the Pittsburgh PA area.

This report highlights major projects and does not detail daily department / division operations. Please let me know if you need any additional information. MBD

Special Projects and Items of Interest:

-  **Railroad Crossing Improvements:** All crossings are now open except for Spring Street. The City has worked with CSX on an emergency basis to install a new 30” storm conduit through the RR ROW. The 100+ year old existing hand laid stone channel failed during railroad maintenance activities. Crews worked into the night on Wed and Thursday to make sure rail traffic was still able to move during the period. This was a scheduled project for 2023, but was advanced due to the emergency repair. Final rail replacement is scheduled for Friday with paving of the crossing to follow. Our estimate is to have the crossing open by Tuesday, Nov. 9th.



- **Glenwood Energy** – The City received a letter discussing pricing for natural gas and the upcoming winter heating season. Glenwood cautioned of lower supplies due to a number of factors, and also cautioned that pricing for natural gas supply continues to increase. While some gas volume prices are hedged and fixed, the entire supply for the winter is not and there may be pricing instability in the coming months depending on weather and heating demand.
- **Ohio Dept. of Development Grants for Water and Wastewater Projects** – Per House Bill 168, the City has submitted a listing of potential water and wastewater utility projects that might qualify for prioritization and funding through the State. \$250M will be made available on a competitive basis with priority to economically disadvantaged areas, areas without utility services, failing systems, public health concerns, and time frame for construction. Our list of

potential projects was submitted to the BCEO and OEPA / ODOD by the August 16th deadline. Potential projects include water storage tank coatings, water main replacements and extensions, water system interconnections with Hamilton and/or SWRWD (planning), and WWTP Biotower media AGU replacements. We do not know at this time what the cut off will be for funding of the ranked projects. City Council approved grant applications for these projects on October 5, 2021.










- **Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations** –Signed agreements with the OEPA were submitted April 21st. An agreement for installation of the PG charger was approved at the June 15th Council meeting. Electrical plans have been submitted to NIC for review and permit approval. **Installation is ~ 95% complete. OEPA grant applications for “fast chargers” (Level 3) will be accepted through January. The City plans to apply for chargers to be installed at the surface parking lot at Church & Main as well as the Municipal Building parking lot.**



- **Railroad Passenger Platform / BCRTA Facility** - Staff is working on joint design professional RFP's for development of a Rail Platform in conjunction with Butler County RTA's multi model maintenance facility to be developed near the City Garage. A pre submittal meeting was conducted Sept. 15 for potential firms to ask questions regarding the projects. Submittals were due October 19, 2020; seven proposals were received and were reviewed by the Assistant City Manager, Community Development Director, and Service Director. Rankings of proposals was submitted to BCRTA on October 29th. Three finalists were identified and have been interviewed and ranked. The City has begun contract negotiations with AECOM for architectural / engineering services for the City's Rail Platform project. BCRTA has signed their contract with Bowen Architects, and they conducted their first site visit at the end of March. RTA also announced that their \$4.5M in CMAQ funding will likely be moved up from 2024 to 2022. Staff attended the design kickoff meeting held at the Shriver Center. Representatives from the City, Ox. Township, MU, TSD, and BCRTA were in attendance. City Council approved a \$250k contract with AECOM for architectural and engineering services on April 20, 2021. Council would also like to move forward with a purchase of the Nelson Morrow Building from TSD. The law director is reviewing the agreement currently in advance of signatures. The contract has been signed by all parties. BCRTA's initial estimate for their project exceeds \$20M as of June 3, 2021. Project kickoff meeting with CSX, Amtrak, and the City was conducted June 18, 2021. Site review meeting conducted July 15th. **CSX has signed the Preliminary Engineering agreement with the City (Oct. 28, 2021); we await additional guidance from AMTRAK on operation parameters for the project. Project coordination meeting with BCRTA**

was conducted October 5th. Survey field work has been completed by Bayer Becker. Soil boring locations have been approved; work will be coordinated with the RTA contractor.

-  **Water Softening Evaluation and other WTP Improvements** – Council has approved a contract with Strand Associates for this project. Kickoff meeting with our consultant was conducted January 21, 2020. Staff is meeting with the Engineers on a biweekly basis to review progress. Technical memorandum #1 has been received evaluating four softening solutions. This will be pared down to three for further evaluation. We have received a draft of the report and are reviewing the data and recommendations. Staff met with Strand Assoc. the week of Jan 18th to obtain more data for the report, particularly softening’s impact on process control and raw water consumption as well as potential impact to water quality in Four Mile Creek and the City’s wastewater treatment plant; **Alternatives presented to the City Council on June 15, 2021. The City will investigate the feasibility of purchasing wholesale water from the Hamilton system and build a new pipeline from their North Plant to our existing pipeline at the Seven Mile Well Field. Staff is also discussing an interconnection with Southwest Regional Water District for emergency water transmission between the utilities.**
-  **Elevated Storage Tank Exterior Coating** – Staff is developing specifications for replacement of the tank’s exterior coating. We expect to have a contract completed by 4Q 2021 for work to be performed summer 2022. **The City has been notified by the County Engineer that this project ranked #9 for funding of all projects submitted for Butler County for federal water and wastewater infrastructure improvement funding. We do not know at this time what the cut off will be for funding of the ranked projects. Specifications are being completed to begin advertising for bids in November.**
-  **Seven Mile Well Field Water Main Improvements** – Staff is developing a project to install new valves / discharge ports on the raw water main at Seven Mile. **This will allow for the removal of iron and manganese deposits at the source rather than at the water treatment plant where the material can cause fouling of our sand filters.**
-  **Electrical Improvements for West Booster Station** – Staff is developing specifications and quantities for improvements including the installation of variable speed drives that synchronize with water level transducers. **This will allow for automated pumping to the service area when the elevated tank is taken off line for maintenance.**
-  **Backflow and Cross Connection Control Program** – As required by the OEPA, the City continues to implement this water quality program. Staff is evaluating new software that will minimize paperwork, postage expenses, and staff time administering the program. **The agreement has been signed and program migration has begun.**
-  **Annual Water System Testing for Lead** – The Utility sampled a representative cross section of residential users (30 samples from different locations). **The 90th percentile result of all the samples was 1.6 ug/L. The OEPA action level for lead in drinking water is 15.0 ug/L.**
-  **ADA Transition Plan** – Federally funded projects will require to have an approved ADA Transition Plan on file with ODOT. Jessica and Seth have identified a Miami group that will assist Engineering in writing this plan during the Spring 2021 semester. **The City Council approved the City’s Transition Plan at their June 1st meeting. Staff will continue to enhance the plan where necessary and begin planning and budgeting for**

improvements. Parks and Service met in a Zoom meeting with a Miami professor to discuss development of a computer App showing ADA compliance and where improvements are needed. The App would allow for mapping of issues and specific locations could be noted by users.



- **Main St. (SR732) Reconstruction between High St. and Park Place** - The Ohio Public Work Comm. – District 10 Integrating Committee approved funding for our project to reconstruct the bricked portion of Main St. (SR732) between High St. and Park Pl. in the Uptown Parks. We should receive written approval from the OPWC this summer for construction in summer 2022. Our project scored 13th highest out of 25 projects that were recommended for funding. 21 additional projects were not selected for funding in this round. **Written confirmation of our project funding was received July 2, 2021. Funding will be via supplemental budget in December, 2021 for work to be performed in summer 2022.**




- **Solar Array Potential for Closed Sanitary Landfill** – Staff is working with the City Manager to evaluate technologies and options for a potential project. Ultimately, Staff will develop a Request for Proposals to determine the most advantageous technology and financing for this type of project. The City will need to interface with Ohio EPA to stay in compliance with post-closure rules, and with Duke Energy to receive solar generated power from the facility. Miami University has released an RFP, for a study, to determine the feasibility of a solar array at either the Hamilton or Oxford campus. **Five proposals were received by the June 30th deadline; the proposals are now under review by Staff. The CM and SD have interviewed two firms. Permitting with OEPA, power transmission agreement with Duke Energy, and facility construction could take up to two years for completion. On September 7th, City Council passed a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease option agreement with BQ Energy Development LLC.**
- **2021 Special Assessments for Curb, Gutter & Sidewalk** – The Engineering Division is marking defective curb, gutter, and sidewalk on streets slated for resurfacing later in 2021. Certified notices will be sent following a Resolution of Necessity to be approved by the City Council at a future meeting. It is important to have defects resolved prior to repaving later this summer to increase the longevity of the improved street. 171 properties were sent notices to repair at a total estimated cost of \$482,701. **Bids were opened March 25th. Council awarded a contract to Adleta Construction for this project on April 6th. Contractor began work May 10th and is complete. Second reading of an Ordinance authorizing special assessments is scheduled for City Council at their Nov. 16 meeting.**





- **Conversion of Conventional Streetlights to LED Technology** – Staff has budgetary estimates from Duke Energy on this PUCO regulated project. City Council has awarded a contract to Duke Energy for this project. Field conditions are now being inventoried and verified. **Installation of new LED lights began in September and is 40% complete.**





- **OPWC Culvert Improvements for US27 North** – City has signed the agreement with OPWC; The City has advertised plans and specifications for the project and opened bids on December 4th. Staff anticipates a recommendation to the City Manager and City Council in early January 2021. City Council approved a contract award to Larry Smith, Inc. Documents have been signed and a preconstruction meeting was held. This project is to be completed by mid-August 2021. **Work began on this project on July 16th and is approximately 50% complete.**

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• **OATS Phase I – Black Covered Bridge Maintenance – Staff is developing specifications and quantities for a maintenance project for the bridge. Work will include the removal of unwanted vegetation around the bridge’s siding and roof and well as minor wood replacements.**
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• **OATS Multi Use Trail – Phase II-** Work is complete on this phase of the project.
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• **OATS Multi Use Trail – Phase III-** The City has received a letter from OKI informing us that Phase 3 has been awarded a grant of \$1.5M for this segment of the OATS trail. This grant will require a 25% local match. Phase 3 will construct a new segment from US27 to the RR tracks and Talawanda High School and will pave existing gravel / ash segments between Bonham Rd and SR73. The City is working with ODOT, MU, and TSD to develop the scope and alignment for this project. City Council approved a design contract with Environmental Design Group on Feb. 4th. Kickoff meeting for the projects was held March 4th. Contract documents have been signed and consultant is proceeding with work. Feasibility Study / Alignment documents were received from the consultant May 29, 2020. The City has received Stage 2 plans for this phase in conjunction with preliminary cost estimates and Geotech reports. The coal ash segments will require cement stabilization to function during high water events. Preliminary cost for segment “A” (Bonham Rd. to SR 73) is \$840,000. Preliminary cost for segment “B” (Peffer Park to Talawanda High School) is \$720,000. Total estimate for Phase III is \$1.56M. Now proceeding with ROW / easement acquisition as needed. ODOT comments for this Phase were received on Feb. 8 and are being incorporated into design plans. **Miami has agreed to pay the grant match on Phase III for trail segment on their property (78%).... \$303,922 of the required \$390,000. Tree clearing must be completed by March 31, 2022 to comply with threatened species regulations followed by a survey to ensure Indiana Bats are not displaced (or a mitigation plan enacted). Stage III plans have been submitted to ODOT for review. Bidding expected in 1Q 2022 with construction beginning in spring.**
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• **OATS Multi Use Trail — Phase IV – Talawanda Middle School to Oxford Community Park –** the City was successful in obtaining grant funding for the OATS trail, this time \$750,000 for a segment from the Talawanda Middle School on SR732 to the Oxford Community Park. This segment will be approximately 11,590 feet long and is proposed for construction in 2022. Funding comes from OKI and the Transportation Alternatives program. The City is working with ODOT, MU, and TSD to develop the scope and alignment for this project. City Council approved a design contract with Environmental Design Group on Feb. 4th. Kickoff meeting for the projects was held March 4th. Contract documents have been signed and consultant is proceeding with work. Feasibility Study / Alignment documents were received from the consultant May 29, 2020. **The City has received Stage 2 plans for this phase in conjunction with preliminary cost estimates and Geotech reports. Preliminary cost estimates for this segment of the OATS system is \$2.7M. Now proceeding with ROW / easement acquisition as needed. Stage III plans for this project are 95% complete and will be submitted to ODOT in a few weeks. The City has secured an easement with Talawanda School District for the path to the High School; this will be an agenda item for City Council beginning September 7, 2021. Tree clearing must be completed by March 31, 2022 to comply with threatened species regulations followed by a survey to ensure Indiana Bats are not displaced (or a mitigation plan enacted). Stage III plans have been submitted to ODOT for review. Bidding expected in 1Q 2022 with construction beginning in spring.**
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• **OATS Multi Use Trail – Phase V – THS to TMS -** Staff is beginning to identify possible alignments and impacts on ROW acquisition and construction costs. Enjoy Oxford has identified a significant private contribution that could possibly be utilized for this phase

of the project. **The ACM is coordinating an application to OKI for Surface Transportation Block Grant funding for \$3.3M to pair with \$1.55M in local levy funds for this segment of the OATS trail. \$2.76M has been awarded by OKI for this phase of the OATS trail.**



- **OATS Multi Use Trail – Phase VI – OCP to US27 North** – Staff evaluating timelines and funding opportunities for this section of the OATS trail. Engineering reviewing sanitary sewer trunk main for this area designed in the late 1980’s to see if this could dovetail into the OATS project. Community Development is promulgating an RFP for this phase to determine initial alignment possibilities and rough cost estimates for grant writing purposes. **A contract for alignment and cost estimates was awarded to Bayer Becker at the April 6th Council meeting. Staff is beginning to review potential route segments.**



- **Pedestrian Safety** – New rapid flash beacons have been installed on N. Poplar St. connecting the hospital with the parking lot on the east side of Poplar St. Additional tree pruning is scheduled to make the signs on the east side of Poplar as visible as possible.
- **2021-22 Deer Management Season** – **Three deer were harvested so far this season with the venison being donated to the Community Meal Center.**



- **Pedestrian Safety Improvements – High St. and Patterson Ave.** - The City is working with MU to design landscaped pedestrian refuge islands on Patterson Ave, SR73, and High St. between Patterson Ave. and Campus Ave. Council approved a construction contract on Jan 19, 2021 with Sunesis Construction (builders of Phase II of the OATS trail segment). Miami has paid \$2.079M for their portion of the work. ODOT will be funding the other \$1M for the project. **Once final invoices have been received, a reconciliation will be calculated for possible refund of pre-paid contingency funds fronted by Miami University.**