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Monday Madness promises fun-filled learning activities

Looking for an activity for you and your little one? Check out Monday Madness, hosted by the Powell Parks & Recreation Department, for ages 3 to 5.

These mommy & me afternoons will include singing songs, crafts, playing with the parachute and many more activities that correspond with the month's theme.

As the leaves fall and Thanksgiving approaches, the November session Birds of a Feather runs from Nov 2- Nov 30. In December we will reminisce old and new Disney characters and movies during the last three sessions from Dec 7-Dec 21.

These afternoons provide an opportunity to stay warm as the months begin to get colder, and have fun singing songs that go along with the theme of the month. Any afternoon during Monday Madness is guaranteed to be fun for you and your little one.

Register by visiting www.recreation.cityofpowell.us.

Upcoming Events

Candy by the Carload
 Saturday, Oct. 24, 5-7 p.m.
 Village Green Parking Lot

Trick or Treat
 Saturday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.
 Rain or Shine

Election Day
 Tuesday, Nov. 3

Veterans Day Ceremony
 Wednesday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m.
 Greater Powell Veterans Memorial in Village Green Park

Holidays in Powell
 Saturday, Dec. 5, noon-5 p.m.
 Powell Municipal Building

Powell Quarterly



Council adopts roadmap for community

For the past 18 months, the community along with the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee have been updating the City's 20-year-old Comprehensive Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan is the key policy guide for land use, development and infrastructure decisions in the City of Powell. This plan serves as a guide for City staff, the Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council and other government entities as they assess the character, location and extent of public investments and private development proposals in Powell.

"Participation from the community in this Plan was outstanding," said City Manager Steve Lutz. "We had several residents attend public workshops and also participate in the online discussion about the Plan."

A Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee was formed last summer and met monthly to discuss updates to the Plan, meet with consultants and provide input. The Steering Committee was comprised of residents, business owners, members of City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission, and staff.

"The Committee played a critical role in the development of the Comprehensive Plan," said Lutz. "The City is grateful for the Committee's guidance and involvement in a Plan that will shape the future of Powell."

The Plan is made up of four major components – land use, transportation, fiscal analysis and implementation. Each area recommends several action items to begin the implementation of the Plan.

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Policy Recommendations

Land Use

- Use the future land use map as a guide in making development decisions
- Update zoning and development regulations to advance the goals of the plan
- Balance land use, community character, infrastructure, transportation and fiscal sustainability goals
- Coordinate with surrounding communities and jurisdictions
- Encourage mixed use development in appropriate locations, as designated in the plan
- Promote sensitive infill development and redevelopment
- Create an interconnected open space system throughout the entire community
- Update the Downtown Revitalization Plan
- Ensure development quality meets Powell's standards for aesthetic and community character
- Explore options for the creation of a community recreation center
- Preserve rural character by requiring conservation development patterns in growth areas north of Home Road
- Ensure adequate development and use of utility infrastructure to support land use and development goals
- Undertake more detailed plans and studies for specific focus areas and development corridors
- Develop an annexation strategy to guide decisions about Powell's physical expansion

Transportation

- Use the Thoroughfare Plan as a guide in the development approvals process
- Proactively address long-term transportation improvement needs
- Balance traffic capacity needs with community character impacts
- Coordinate roadway improvements and maintenance with surrounding communities and jurisdictions
- Implement access management programs to reduce congestion and improve safety
- Maximize roadway connectivity
- Promote multi-modal transportation options throughout the community
- Create a holistic design plan for the four corners intersection and associated downtown roadway improvements

Finance

- Closely monitor trends in revenues and expenses, particularly income taxes
- Undertake a market study to assess the need for proposed commercial developments
- Consider the impact of development holistically and strategically

Consultants used both feedback from the public and research to develop the key policy recommendations. As a result of this, three key priorities were developed – **initiate a strategic urban design plan for Downtown Powell, create a sustainable revenue structure and establish a multi-jurisdictional working group.**

Visit www.cityofpowell.us/comprehensive-plan/ to learn more.

Safety measures coming for railroad crossing

The Powell Police Department issued nearly 300 warnings for motorists stopping on the Olentangy Street railroad crossing last December.

City officials and the Ohio Railroad Commission have since taken steps to implement safety measures at the highly-traveled crossing. A queue cutter is being installed for eastbound traffic this fall.

"We believe a queue cutter will greatly improve the safety at the crossing," said Police Chief Gary Vest. "Prohibiting left turns onto Depot Street was a significant safety measure taken last year and we are anxious for the installation of the queue cutter."

A queue cutter is a traffic signal that prevents vehicles from being stopped across tracks and is activated for one direction of travel by a downstream queue detection or coordination with adjacent traffic signals.

The Ohio Railroad Commission is covering the cost of the queue cutter signal while the City is paying for the expense of creating a permanent right-in, right-out concrete island at Depot Street. The island prohibits left turns onto Depot Street, one of the main causes of vehicles stopping on the tracks.



Four candidates vie for three Council spots

Jon Bennehoof

Jon Bennehoof has served on Powell City Council since 2012. He founded and is the current chair for ONE Community, a committee to improve the working relationship between Liberty Township and the City of Powell. ONE Community has worked to support the Olentangy Powell and Liberty (OPAL) Bike Path Endowment, extending and connecting Township and City bike paths. Additionally, ONE Community has focused on establishing a 1st Responder's recognition event and raising funds for texting and driving simulators in local schools. ONE Community is also working on roadway beautification along Sawmill Parkway.

Jon is also a member of the City's Development Committee.

A business transformation executive, Jon has worked with such companies as IBM and Cardinal Health. Jon also served as the Deputy Chief Information Officer for the State of Ohio.

He has been a resident of Powell since 2003 and lives in Golf Village.

Brendan Newcomb

Brendan Newcomb is an attorney with more than 25 years of experience, primarily with legal services, representing low-income families and individuals in civil matters. He is now a community volunteer, currently working with Catholic Social Services in their Friendly Visiting Program seeking to expand the network of individuals visiting isolated seniors in Central Ohio, particularly Delaware County. Brendan and his family have lived in Powell since 2011, where his son attends Olentangy Local Schools.

Chris Shear

Chris Shear and his wife Kathleen have been City of Powell residents for over 10 years. Chris grew up in Bay Village, Ohio and is a graduate of The Ohio State University. Chris serves his clients as President of Benefits One Consulting, an independent health and Medicare insurance agency located in Powell. Chris has over 20 years of insurance experience helping clients save money at renewal time, life changes and plan selection. Chris is a youth soccer and basketball coach.

Chris and Kathleen have three daughters, Emma, Sophie and Jane attending the local public schools.

Daniel Swartwout

A lifelong Central Ohio resident, Daniel Swartwout has lived in Powell since 2004. He graduated from Upper Arlington High School, where he was the president of his senior class. Dan then earned two degrees from The Ohio State University. In 1996, Dan received his B.A. magna cum laude. Then, in 2000, Dan earned his J.D. summa cum laude from the Moritz College of Law. After graduating from law school, Dan passed the Bar Exam and worked as an associate in the Columbus office of Jones Day.

However, despite having a bright future in the law, Dan had another passion. In May 2002, Dan left Jones Day to pursue standup comedy full time. He has traveled across the country performing at comedy clubs, colleges, resorts, and military bases. As a performer, Dan has also devoted his time to numerous charitable organizations.

Dan is married to Tasha Swartwout, a sales executive with a major food-distribution company. In 2009, Dan and Tasha hoped to start a family. As a result, Dan got off "the road" full-time and started working as a law clerk for the Honorable Roger L. Kline in Ohio's Fourth District Court of Appeals. Two years later, Dan and Tasha were blessed with the arrival of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann Swartwout.

In 2013, Dan opened The Law Office of Daniel Swartwout, LLC. He also continues to perform standup comedy and serve as a master of ceremonies for numerous events.

Harper's Pointe development to appear on fall ballot

Voters will decide the future of the Powder Room & Gun Range site in November.

Powell City Council unanimously approved the final development plan for Harper's Pointe, a proposed single family condominium gated community off of Beech Ridge Drive this May.

Since the passage of the ordinance, a referendum to submit the ordinance to the voters has been filed and the issue will appear on the November ballot.

Arlington Homes is proposing to construct 47 single family condominium homes on 8.75 acres. This site was home to the Powder Room Gun Shop & Target Range until last summer.

As part of the proposed development, a road will be built between Beech Ridge Drive and Grace Drive, providing an additional road connection for the community. This road will be built in conjunction with a new traffic light at the intersection of Grace Drive and Olentangy Street.

Ballot Language

General Election - November 3, 2015

**Referendum On Ordinance 2015-18
City of Powell**

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

An ordinance approving a zoning map amendment and final development plan for the development of 47 single family condominium homes on 8.75 acres off of Beech Ridge Drive and to change the zoning map from PC, Planned Commercial District and R, Residence District to reflect this property to be PR, Planned Residence District.

Shall Ordinance No. 2015-18 proposing a zoning map amendment and final development plan for the development of 47 single family condominium homes on 8.75 acres off of Beech Ridge Drive and to change the zoning map from PC, Planned Commercial District and R, Residence District to reflect this property to be PR, Planned Residence District be approved?

YES
 NO