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## Biking & Walking News

Ira S. Weiss, Editor

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Bike Rodeo and Safety Day set for June 5

THE GAZETTE STAFF • May 25, 2010

A free event designed to help children understand safe bike riding is planned for June 5. Ross County Bicycle Rodeo and Safety Day will be conducted from 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of Chillicothe High School, 421 Yoctangee Parkway. Free helmets will be given away to the first 100 children in attendance. Instruction on hand signals, navigation skills and other skills will be given. Children do not need to own a bicycle to attend or to pre-register. Short guided rides on the bike trail also will be a part of the event. For more information or get a registration form, contact Lucinda Miller, Ross County Bicycle Rodeo and Safety Day co-chair, at (740) 708- 0359 or by e-mail at rossbike [rodeo@yahoo.com](mailto:rodeo@yahoo.com). Registrations must be received by June 4. Drinks and hot dogs will be provided and door prizes. All children must accompany an adult. The event is sponsored by River's Bend, Kiwanis of Chillicothe, Tri-County Triangle Trail Inc., Ross County 4-H Advisory Committee, All Signs and Just Meats. Partners include Scioto Valley Roadies.

<http://www.chillicothegazette.com/article/20100525/NEWS01/5250319/Bike-Rodeo-and-Safety-Day-set-for-June-5>

### Assistance sought with walking map, bike route

Wednesday, May 26, 2010 11:56 AM

Residents of the Forest Park area are being invited to help create a walking map of the neighborhood, as well as a route for Mayor Michael B. Coleman's traditional bike ride during "Pride Week." Those interested in helping to map out the walking route of Forest Park East are asked to meet at the North YMCA on Thursday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m. Assistance in creating the mayor's bike ride route, which will take place during Neighborhood Pride week, Oct. 4-8, is being sought on Monday, June 7. Participants should meet at the Acme Hot Dog Stand on Cleveland Avenue at 6:30 p.m. Both events are part of Columbus Public Health's Healthy Places Program, designed to identify good walking routes as a way of encouraging people to use them. They also are projects of the North Side Health Advisory Committee and the Forest Park Civic Association. "You will help to create a pocket size neighborhood walking map with mile measured routes that highlight neighborhood destination places," according to the announcement. "The routes in West Forest Park will be used for the mayor's Wednesday night bike ride during Neighborhood Pride. For more information, contact Christine Green, coordinator of the Healthy Places Program, at 645-5318 or [CGGreen@columbus.gov](mailto:CGGreen@columbus.gov). Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP Forest Park Civic Association president George Schmidt at [gschmidt@larseneng.com](mailto:gschmidt@larseneng.com) ...

<http://www.thisweeknews.com/live/content/northland/stories/2010/05/26/assistance-sought-with-walking-map-bike-route.html?sid=104>

## **Education Forum: Safe Routes to School, 6-22-10, 10-12**

The May walk to school events have been a huge success. We had 8 school districts across our 12 county region participate. The next Safe Routes to School Educational Forum will be **Tuesday, June 22 at 10:00am-12:00pm in the Scioto Conference Room at MORPC**. Please see below for further details. **RSVP by Friday, June 18 to Amanda McEldowney at [amceldowney@morpc.org](mailto:amceldowney@morpc.org) or 614-233-4112**. If your school district participated in a Walk to School event for May please come prepared to share with the group your success and pictures of the event are always helpful. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Thanks again for all your hard work to make Walk to School a huge success in Central Ohio!

### **Amanda McEldowney**

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Tuesday, June 22, 2010

10:00am-12:00pm

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Scioto Conference Room

111 Liberty Street, Suite 100

Columbus, OH 43215

#### Agenda

I. Welcome and Introduction

II. Peer Exchange — How to Plan a Walk to School Event in May

III. Upcoming October Walk to School Day

IV. Closing Remarks & Next Steps

Please RSVP to Amanda McEldowney at 614-233-4112 or email at [amceldowney@morpc.org](mailto:amceldowney@morpc.org).

## **MORPC Accepting Applications to Fund Transportation Projects;**

Workshop Scheduled June 9

(Columbus – May 28, 2010) The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is seeking applications to fund transportation projects and programs from local public agencies located in Franklin and Delaware Counties, the City of Pataskala and Etna Township in Licking County, and the City of Pickerington, the Villages of Carroll and Lithopolis, and Bloom and Violet Townships in Fairfield County. The funding will be available for State Fiscal Years 2012 – 2019. A workshop on the funding process will be held on Wednesday, June 9, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at MORPC, 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100. Those interested in attending may contact Brenda Noe at 614-233-4146 or [bnoe@morpc.org](mailto:bnoe@morpc.org). Initial Applications for funding are due on Friday, June 25. An online Initial Application Form will be available on MORPC's website by June 1. MORPC is a voluntary association of 47 local governments in central Ohio serving the region through planning, direct service, public policy information and innovative programming and intergovernmental coordinating services in the areas of transportation, land use, energy conservation, the environment and housing.

## **SAVE THE DATE: Central Ohio Greenways & Trails Forum - Tuesday, June 29, 2010, 10:00 am –3:30 pm**

Location: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100. Columbus, OH 43215

RSVP to Amanda McEldowney by Tuesday, June 22, 2010 [amceldowney@morpc.org](mailto:amceldowney@morpc.org) or 614.233.4112

#### Agenda:

Welcome & Introductions

Statewide Trail Focus – Heather Bowden

Lunch & Networking

Ohio to Erie Update – Jerry Rampelt

Franklin County Physical Activity Plan – Christine Green

Roundtable Discussion

Walk & Tour of Grange Insurance Audubon Center

Adjourn

## MORPC Webinars

You are invited to the next APBP webinar, Wednesday June 16, at MORPC, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. The topic will be "Policy Promotion - Getting Policy Makers on Board with Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements." The webinar is free. Please RSVP.

Some of you may get this message forwarded to you by a colleague. If you wish to receive these emails directly in the future, please email me at [agodwin@morpc.org](mailto:agodwin@morpc.org). I send out these announcement emails approximately once per month. You may also email me if you wish to be removed from the APBP webinar list.

If you want more details about the webinar, please continue reading below. Thank you!

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Wed. June 16: Policy Promotion - Getting Policy Makers on Board with Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission will be hosting this webinar on Wednesday, June 16 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Full description here: [http://www.apbp.org/event/jun-10\\_webinar](http://www.apbp.org/event/jun-10_webinar)

The webinar is open to all, and there is no charge. Please RSVP. E-mail Ariel Godwin ([agodwin@morpc.org](mailto:agodwin@morpc.org) or 614.233.4123) to RSVP. Parking passes will be provided after you have RSVP'd. The presentation PowerPoint and feedback survey will also be emailed to you after the webinar is completed. If you are interested in this topic but cannot attend, please request the PowerPoint slides – you will receive them shortly after the presentation.

LOCATION: The webinar is hosted by MORPC. We are located just south of downtown Columbus. You must come to our office to attend the webinar for free. Both car and bike parking is available. Here is a [map with directions](#); here is the location on [Google Maps](#). Please note we will be in the Scioto Conference Room. Often MORPC is hosting more than one webinar at a time in our different conference rooms.

CM Credits: APBP has applied for one CM credit from the AICP for this webinar. A certificate of attendance for those wanting to claim Professional Development Hours will be available. If you need a copy of the sign-in sheet for claiming credits, I can provide it.

Description:

How can you convince elected officials and other policy-makers to make improvements to pedestrian and bicycle facilities? This APBP webinar will examine how jurisdictions in Tennessee worked to create policy change at the state, regional and local levels that supports bicycle and pedestrian programs, projects and promotion. Presenters from Nashville, Knoxville and Chattanooga will talk about successes and lessons learned as their communities worked to develop the state's Strategic Highway Safety Plan, complete streets policies, and improved standards for rumble strips, while engaging law enforcement and bicycle/pedestrian advisory committees. Attendees will learn how to:

- Identify stakeholders within target agencies and jurisdictions to form a coalition for policy change;
- Construct a methodology to effectively engage a Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee to promote policy change;
- Define the role of a regional planning organization in policy change;
- Develop strategies using experiential learning techniques to move policy change forward;
- Address safety improvements that include bicyclists and pedestrians;
- Educate law enforcement on bicycle and pedestrian laws.

Webinar presenters include:

Leslie A. Meehan, AICP, is Senior Transportation Planner for the Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. She specializes in policy, planning and education for bicyclists and pedestrians. Her focus is to strengthen the connection between health and physical activity through active transportation. She sits on the Tennessee Strategic Highway Safety Plan Committee, is co-chair elect of the Tennessee Obesity Taskforce and sits on the Steering Committee for the Safe Routes to School National Partnership. Leslie also teaches bicycle safety classes for adults, bicycle and pedestrian law classes to law enforcement and Safe Routes to School classes

for students.

Philip Pugliese, MBA, was appointed Chattanooga's first bicycle coordinator in 2005. Actively engaged in bicycle planning since 2002, he has chaired the Chattanooga Bicycle Task Force and currently serves on the technical staff of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County/North Georgia Transportation Planning Organization. Philip is an APBP board member and represents APBP on the National Complete Streets Coalition Steering Committee. Melissa Taylor, MS, is the Director of Transportation Planning for the Chattanooga-Hamilton County/North Georgia Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). Prior to accepting the director position almost two years ago, Melissa served eight years as an environmental and land use planner for the regional planning agency. With both Master and Bachelor of Science Degrees in Environmental Science, Melissa brings an earth-friendly perspective to transportation planning and programming. APBP has applied for one CM credit from the AICP for this webinar. A certificate of attendance for those wanting to claim Professional Development Hours will be available.

Upcoming APBP webinars to be hosted at MORPC:

July 21: Bicycle Boulevards Planning and Design  
Aug 18: Road Diets  
Sept 15: Integrating Ped and Bike Facilities with Transit  
Oct 20: Accommodating Pedestrians and Bicycles at Roundabouts  
Nov 17: The Smart Growth - Bicycle/Pedestrian Connection  
Dec 15: Bike Boxes

## RIDES

### Three Creeks

DAY	TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
<a href="#">Jun 3 Thu</a>	<a href="#">6:30 pm</a>	<a href="#">Family Ride Night</a>	<a href="#">Join the park ranger and enjoy a slow-pa...</a>

### Bike to work adventure

Advocate photographer Eric George participated in bike to work week and filmed his adventure. Music is by the Center for Orchestrated Light, Sound and Magic.  
<http://www.newarkadvocate.com/section/VideoNetwork?bctid=87197758001#/Newark+News/Bike+to+work+adventure/49906925001/49924216001/87197758001>

### City, Specialized workers take to bicycles

Wednesday, May 26, 2010 11:56 AM

By EVAN BROOKS

ThisWeek Staff Writer

Grove City officials and employees of Specialized Bicycle Components last Thursday rode their bicycles to City Hall in recognition of national Bike Month and Bike to Work Week. Four city officials and nine Specialized employees met at 7 a.m. on May 20 in the Central Ohio Transit Authority Park and Ride parking lot, 2321 Stringtown Road, before biking to City Hall. The League of American Bicyclists is holding National Bike Month this month. The league dubbed May 17-21 Bike to Work Week. The league states the reasons for riding a bike to work are simple and rather obvious: improved health, less pollution and no fuel costs. Jesse Rogers, manager of the Specialized bike distribution center at 3450 Urbancrest Industrial Drive, said he and his employees work with the city each year to recognize the occasion. "It's an alternative to \$2.75, \$3 a gallon in gas," Rogers said. He said most people can ride to work on a bike in about 40 minutes. Kim Conrad, Grove City parks and recreation director, lauded the health benefits of biking before she set off on her ride to work May 20. "I think good health and physical fitness is very important," she said. "Stay active and have fun doing it..."

<http://www.thisweeknews.com/live/content/grovecity/stories/2010/05/26/city-specialized-workers-take-to-bicycles.html?sid=104>

# SAFETY

## Mayor Coleman, Partners Unveil First Bicycle Sharrow On High Street, Launch Bike To Work Week And Two By 2012 CEO Bike To Work Challenge

To kick off Bike To Work Week today, the city's Share The Road initiative took another step forward with the unveiling of the first bicycle sharrow pavement marking on North High Street. Mayor Michael B. Coleman, City Council President Pro-Tem Hearcel F. Craig, Congresswoman Mary Jo Kilroy, Ohio Department of Transportation Director Jolene M. Molitoris, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Executive Director Chester R. Jourdan, Jr., and Consider Biking Executive Director Jeff Stephens uncovered the first of 189 sharrows that will be installed on High Street between Nationwide Boulevard and Morse Road this spring.

The sharrows, in addition to 54 Share the Road signs installed on High Street in the fall of 2009, remind cyclists and motorists that they, by law, must share the road legally and safely.

"We are investing in signage, bike racks and other infrastructure to make Columbus streets safer for cyclists and motorists to share the road," said Mayor Coleman. "Making Columbus a great cycling city is good for our environment and improves our quality of life."

Share The Road is built around the four E's: Education; Engagement, Engineering; and Enforcement. It's the latest step in the City's Bicentennial Bikeways Plan that calls for an additional 31 miles of off-street trails and 58 miles of on-street bike lanes and routes. The city currently has 87 miles of bike routes and trails.

"I am thrilled to join Mayor Coleman and other local leaders to help kickoff Bike to Work Week. Together we are investing in projects to provide increased bike lanes and accessibility," said Congresswoman Kilroy. "Bicycling is one of the healthiest, most energy-efficient modes of transportation that we have, and it is also a fun way to get around town while getting your daily exercise."

"Safety is the number one concern of people riding their bikes to work, school and for recreation and exercise," said Hearcel F. Craig, City Council Public Service and Transportation Committee chair. "Drivers should remember that both bicyclists and motorists have legal access to our city streets. The shared-lane pavement markings or sharrows will serve as constant reminders for everyone to remember to share the road."

The sharrows, like the previously installed Share the Road signs, are funded through a partnership with ODOT and MORPC.

"Biking and walking are critical components of a thriving, healthy, and complete multimodal transportation system," said ODOT Director Jolene M. Molitoris, who rode in this morning's Bike to Work event on a three-wheel recumbent bicycle. "When we have all of the modes of transportation working safely together, we create a sense of place where people want to live and businesses want to grow."

"MORPC supports the efforts of its local communities to become more bicycle friendly by providing federal funding to build and improve infrastructure. It's not just about building bike lanes everywhere. It's about providing safe accommodations for all bicyclists no matter their age or ability," said MORPC Executive Director Chester R. Jourdan, Jr.

Today's event also launched the new 2 by 2012 CEO Challenge campaign, which calls on business owners and their employees to bike to work at least twice a month by 2012, the City's bicentennial year. The city's Bicentennial Bikeways Plan also sets a 2 by 2012 goal—biking to work at least 2 days a month—that "citizens, government and businesses can achieve together."

The CEO Challenge is a collaborative effort by Consider Biking and the Columbus Foundation.

"We're grateful for the support of The Columbus Foundation and our many partners," said Consider Biking Executive Director Jeff Stephens. "Today's overwhelming support shows that the civic and business leadership of Central Ohio recognize that bicycling is a viable means to make our region more competitive economically. We'll prove that encouraging and facilitating bicycling helps a business' bottom line."

A total of 70 CEOs or their representatives participated in the event, including the ride to the Statehouse. The CEOs include Steve Allen, Nationwide Children's Hospital; David Chesebrough, COSI; Rhonda DeMuth, TDCI; Denny Griffith, Columbus College of Art & Design; Melissa Ingwersen, Chase N.A.; Jolene M. Molitoris, Director, Ohio Department of Transportation; and Jack Partridge, Columbia Gas of Ohio.

"The health of our workforce effects the wellness of businesses and our overall economy," said Ty Marsh, president and CEO, Columbus Chamber. "Biking to work is one way to improve personal and community health. In addition, it supports efforts to ensure that our community is attractive to young professionals – the future of our workforce."

The City of Columbus in 2010 will invest \$10 million in bikeways projects, including:

Department of Public Service projects

- Design of future on-street bikeways projects; the list of projects is yet to be finalized
- Construction of on-street bikeways projects including bike lanes and shared signed routes

Recreation and Parks: 11 projects, more than nine miles of new trails and bikeway improvements:

- The final 3 miles of trail will be built, completing a 22 mile long Alum Creek Trail greenway between Westerville and Three Creeks Metro Park
- Two new projects that will add two miles of trail, between the city's near west side and downtown, extending the Scioto Trail
- Four short neighborhood connectors that will link neighborhoods with the regional trail system
- A new trail underpass will be built from Miranova, connecting the Scioto Trail with the Scioto Mile park improvements.
- New cycling improvements to Goodale Street between Olentangy River Road and Michigan Avenue, including access to Harrison West and the Olentangy Trail.
- Design work on a new downtown pedestrian/bicycle bridge connecting the Arena District, North Bank Park and the west Scioto Trail system

More information about Share the Road is online at [www.sharetheroadcolumbus.org](http://www.sharetheroadcolumbus.org)

## Planned ordinance would ban texting by drivers

Saturday, May 22, 2010 10:52 PM

By CANDACE PRESTON-COY

ThisWeek Staff Writer

The city of Delaware will be the latest central Ohio municipality to consider a ban on texting while driving. An ordinance that would ban texting while driving will be introduced at the May 24 city council meeting. A second reading and public hearing is set for 7:40 p.m. on June 10. It is patterned after a Columbus ordinance that took effect on May 5. Anyone found texting while driving faces a \$150 fine and a minor misdemeanor charge. It covers reading text messages, as well as writing them, and also prohibits a driver from accessing the internet while behind the wheel. It does not apply to passengers. Council considered a ban in April but the city staff asked council to wait to see what would happen to a proposed statewide ban. That law "seems to be stalled" and might not be acted on before summer recess, said councilwoman Carolyn Riggle, the sponsor of Delaware's ordinance. Council, at its April 12 meeting, passed a resolution urging the Ohio Legislature to enact the statewide ban...

<http://www.thisweeknews.com/live/content/delaware/stories/2010/05/22/Planned-ordinance-would-ban-texting-by-drivers.html?sid=104>

## Council approves texting ban

Wednesday, May 26, 2010 11:56 AM

By JEFF DONAHUE

Hilliard Community Editor

Hilliard City Council members voted unanimously Monday night to ban texting while driving in the city. The 6-0 vote (council member James Ashmenhurst was absent) prohibits "the use of a mobile communication device inside a motor vehicle to compose, send, or read a text message while driving." Director of law and public safety Pam Fox said the ordinance is "substantially similar" to texting bans already in place in Columbus, Bexley and several other Ohio cities. Anyone found guilty of violating the new ordinance will be charged with a minor misdemeanor. The fine

is \$150. According to the legislation, in 2008 alone, nearly 6,000 people were killed in accidents where distracted driving was involved — including texting while driving. "It has become universally accepted that texting while driving puts people's lives at risk," council president Brett Sciotto said. "It is my hope that our ordinance, along with the many others being passed in central Ohio, will compel our state legislators to act..."

<http://www.thisweeknews.com/live/content/hilliard/stories/2010/05/26/council-approves-texting-ban.html?sid=104>

## **Hilliard latest community to impose texting-while-driving ban**

Thursday, May 27, 2010 2:54 AM

By Jeff Donahue

Hilliard has joined the ranks of central Ohio communities that have banned texting while driving. Law Director Pam Fox said Hilliard's ordinance, approved Monday, is similar to those in Bexley, Columbus and several other Ohio cities. Violating the law is a minor misdemeanor that carries a \$150 fine.

[http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local\\_news/stories/2010/05/27/hilliard-imposes-ban-on-texting-while-driving.html?sid=101](http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2010/05/27/hilliard-imposes-ban-on-texting-while-driving.html?sid=101)

## **Cell phones are wonderful devices, but safe summer travels start without a cell phone in the driver's hand**

Amine Khaloufi • Verizon Wireless store manager at the Lancaster store • May 28, 2010

To the Editor:

With families finalizing their plans for summer vacations, many will soon be hitting the road on their way to their favorite summer destinations. And although a cell phone offers safety, convenience and even entertainment during road trips -- as a vital lifeline in emergencies; as a navigational tool with turn-by-turn directions to points of interest, restaurants and gas stations; and as your one-stop-shop for music, games and videos -- a cell phone doesn't belong in the hands of the driver...

<http://www.lancastereaglegazette.com/article/20100528/OPINION03/5280316/Cell-phones-are-wonderful-devices-but-safe-summer-travels-start-without-a-cell-phone-in-the-driver-s-hand>

## **Friends Remember Bicyclist Who Gave The Gift Of Life**

By Tanya Hutchins

Published: May 23, 2010

Updated: May 24, 2010 - 6:54 AM

COLUMBUS, Ohio --

Police still are looking for information in Friday's hit-skip crash that killed a local college student. Jeff Stevenson, 20, was struck while riding his bicycle on Sawmill Road early Friday morning. Stevenson died from his injuries over the weekend. His organs were donated to at least seven people. Detectives still are looking for information on the person who was responsible for the crash. Friends have dedicated a YouTube video in Stevenson's memory. The video shows him skating and highlights the art work he created, including several self-portraits. Stevenson was a student at the Columbus College of Art & Design... <http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2010/may/23/6/friends-remember-cyclist-who-gave-gift-life-ar-85715/>

## **Hit-and-run accident kills Scioto graduate**

Wednesday, May 26, 2010 11:56 AM

By JENNIFER NOBLIT

ThisWeek Staff Writer

A 20-year-old Dublin Scioto High School graduate died after a hit-and-run accident on Sawmill Road last Friday. According to Columbus police, Jeffrey T. Stevenson was hit by a vehicle as he rode his bicycle on Sawmill Road south of Sawbury Boulevard around 3:30 a.m. last Friday. The vehicle left the crash scene; no arrest had been made as of press time Tuesday. Stevenson was pronounced dead at Riverside Methodist Hospital last Friday afternoon, Columbus police said. Stevenson had just finished his sophomore year at the Columbus College of Art and Design. He was an illustration major. "Jeffrey was a bright and talented individual who showed much promise as a young artist," a statement from the school said. "We grieve the loss of our friend and student whose life has been cut short by this tragedy, and send our heartfelt condolences to his mother and other loved ones." Scioto High School art teacher Ben Schall said he "thought the world" of Stevenson...

<http://www.thisweeknews.com/live/content/dublin/stories/2010/05/26/hit-and-run-accident-kills-scioto-graduate.html?sid=104>

## Bicyclist Dies From Injuries In Hit-Skip

Monday, May 24, 2010 5:35 AM

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A bicyclist who was struck by a car last week along Sawmill Road died from his injuries on Sunday. A driver crashed into the back of Jeffrey Stevenson's bicycle and drove off early Friday morning. Police have not apprehended the driver involved in the crash. Over the weekend, a makeshift memorial was created with flowers, skateboards and a video game controller where the crash occurred. "Jeff was such an amazing person and so talented," said Chad McCollough, a friend. "He had so much potential and ambition that he didn't deserve what he got." Stevenson was returning home at the time of the crash, 10TV's Kevin Landers reported...

<http://www.10tv.com/live/content/local/stories/2010/05/24/story-columbus-bicyclist-sawmill-jeffrey-stevenson.html?sid=102>

## Dublin man on bike fatally injured in hit-and-run

Monday, May 24, 2010 2:53 AM

By Jim Woods

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

A 20-year-old Dublin bicyclist has died after a hit-and-run accident Friday. Jeffrey T. Stevenson was hit as he rode on Sawmill Road south of Sawbury Boulevard on the Northwest Side, Columbus police said. Stevenson was found about 5 a.m. Friday and was taken in critical condition to Riverside Methodist Hospital. Franklin County Coroner Jan Gorniak said he was declared brain-dead later Friday. No arrest has been made. Columbus police accident investigators are reviewing video footage from Ohio Department of Public Safety cameras to try to identify the vehicle involved... [http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local\\_news/stories/2010/05/24/man-on-bike-fatally-injured-in-hit-and-run.html?sid=101](http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2010/05/24/man-on-bike-fatally-injured-in-hit-and-run.html?sid=101)

## Bike Advocate Says State Slow To Better Laws

Mandie Trimble, WOSU News (2010-05-27)



COLUMBUS, OH (wosu) - Last week, 20-year-old Jeffrey Stevenson, of Dublin, suffered fatal injuries after he was struck by a vehicle while riding his bike along Sawmill Road. That same day, Brent Nimmo, got a ticket on Alum Creek Drive for not riding his bike close enough to the shoulder of the road. Bicycle advocates say these are two examples of why the state needs to incorporate more comprehensive information about bicycle laws into drivers' education. Patricia Kovacs, who has been biking for years, has had her share of run-ins. "We get yelled at all the time to get on the sidewalk. We have to yell back it's illegal in Columbus to ride on the sidewalk. We get passed too closely," she said...

[http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/wosu/news.newsmain?action=article&ARTICLE\\_ID=1655532](http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/wosu/news.newsmain?action=article&ARTICLE_ID=1655532)

# HEALTH

## Child-obesity bill stuck in House

Teachers unions fight exercise requirement

Sunday, May 30, 2010 02:59 AM

By Jim Siegel

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

A bill aimed at getting schools more engaged in the battle against childhood obesity has stalled in the Ohio House because of objections from education groups that do not want a daily exercise requirement in state law, even if schools can easily opt out. The bipartisan bill passed the Senate 24-7 this month, but a scheduled House committee vote was delayed last week when school groups, including teachers unions, continued to hammer the bill, particularly a requirement of 30minutes of exercise per day beyond recess. "We don't want this provision in permanent law because it puts pressure on districts to do that instead of other things," said Barbara Shaner of the Ohio Association of School Business Officials, stressing that lawmakers are not providing the money to pay for it. But the bill's lead sponsors, Sen. Kevin J. Coughlin, R-Cuyahoga Falls, and Rep. John Patrick Carney, D-Columbus, are insisting on the 30-minute requirement. "We can't have reform when it comes to childhood obesity without physical activity being a component of it," Carney said. "Diet is not enough. It has to be diet and exercise..."

[http://www.dispatchpolitics.com/live/content/local\\_news/stories/2010/05/30/copy/child-obesity-bill-stuck-in-house.html?adsec=politics&sid=101](http://www.dispatchpolitics.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2010/05/30/copy/child-obesity-bill-stuck-in-house.html?adsec=politics&sid=101)

## It's parents' job to help kids stay fit

May 25, 2010

To get from childhood to adulthood, you have to grow up. But too many kids are growing out -- too far out. One in three American schoolchildren is overweight or obese. (In Iowa, almost 16 percent of third- to fifth-graders are obese, and an additional 23 percent are overweight.) This week, the White House released a stern report with recommendations to get kids slimmed down within a generation. The Obama administration is right to be concerned about the fattening of America's youth. Obesity leads to illness, which leads to more spending on health care. It hurts the country's military readiness. According to the report, one-fourth of 17- to 24-year-olds are too fat to qualify for service. Childhood obesity also is sad. No one wants to grow up overweight -- something a recent study shows is linked to kids being bullied...

<http://www.lancastereaglegazette.com/article/20100525/OPINION04/5250316/It-s-parents-job-to-help-kids-stay-fit>

## Grant helps middle school students discover fitness

By Pamela Schehl

May 27, 2010 · 10:23 am

MOUNT VERNON — Mount Vernon Middle school students are discovering that keeping fit can be fun. Through a Carol White Physical Education Program grant, the old auxiliary gym has been transformed into a dedicated wellness room, full of age-appropriate exercise equipment. There are treadmills, stationary upright and recumbent bicycles, leg presses, bench presses, ellipticals and more. There are dance pads, medicine balls, jumps ropes, bosu balls for balance, plyo boxes, stretch bands and agility mats. One special piece of equipment is even adaptable for use by individuals in a wheelchair. Under the direction of physical education teachers Kent Miller, Kyle Reynolds, Annette Neighbarger and Doug Savage, the students use the facility once or twice a week during their physical education classes. Each workout, designed to meet national standards, is individualized for each student, and is based on each student's fitnessgram. The fitnessgram indicates, for instance, the need for more aerobic activity or flexibility training. Miller said PEP grant funds are also used for professional development for physical education and health instructors, and there is a nutrition aspect as well that involves software for the food service department. The software examines the menus and analyzes the calorie count and nutritional value of food items... <http://mountvernonnews.com/local/10/05/27/grant-helps-middle-school-students-discover-fitness>

## Food industry works to keep salt use afloat

Campaign fights studies citing health issues

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By Michael Moss

THE NEW YORK TIMES

With salt under attack for its ill effects on the nation's health, the food giant Cargill kicked off a campaign this past November to spread its own message. "Salt is a pretty amazing compound," Alton Brown, a Food Network star, gushes in a Cargill video called Salt 101. "So make sure you have plenty of salt in your kitchen at all times." The campaign by Cargill, which both produces and uses salt, promotes salt as "life-enhancing" and suggests sprinkling it on foods as varied as chocolate cookies, fresh fruit, ice cream and even coffee. By all appearances, this is a moment of reckoning for salt. High blood pressure is rising among adults and children. Government health experts estimate that deep cuts in salt consumption could save 150,000 lives a year...

[http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/national\\_world/stories/2010/05/30/food-industry-works-to-keep-salt-use-afloat.html](http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/national_world/stories/2010/05/30/food-industry-works-to-keep-salt-use-afloat.html)

# LOCAL NEWS

## What's next for Downtown

Bike station, footbridge to Vets Memorial likely to emerge first from new plan

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By Robert Vitale

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

There are no prices attached yet to the 12 ideas packed into Columbus' proposed new Downtown plan. And there really aren't plans in the plan, either, its author insists. "Ideas are not proposals," said Keith Myers of MSI Design, the company hired to shape the document that will guide Downtown development efforts for the next 10 years. The

new plan comes with no firm timetables, either, but that hasn't stopped city leaders and Downtown development officials from creating their own lists of priorities. The plan won't be official until it's approved by the Downtown Commission, which will consider it in June, and then the City Council. Based on interviews with Mayor Michael B. Coleman and a half-dozen others - people who helped shape the plan or who will help make its ideas a reality - here's a possible ranking of items on the emerging to-do list:

<http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/insight/stories/2010/05/30/whats-next.html>

## **Council to get 'big and bold' Downtown plan**

But what would 12 ideas for rebuilding cost?

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By Robert Vitale

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

A dream-big Downtown plan that would remake Broad and High streets and change the course of the Scioto and Olentangy rivers will go before the Columbus City Council by late July. The final version presented last night to city officials also includes a call for new housing near COSI Columbus in Franklinton, in the southeast corner of Downtown where I-71 joins with I-70 and around Deaf School Park behind the Columbus Metropolitan Library. "We could rebuild Downtown in a way that hasn't been considered since the 1908 plan," said consultant Keith Myers, referring to a century-old set of proposals that included more city parks, more public art and a grand civic plaza that stretched from 4th Street to the Scioto's west bank. That plan was never fully realized, and city officials said the new one will require much more study to determine the feasibility - and most importantly, cost - of its big ideas. Mayor Michael B. Coleman called the plan "big and bold" and added: "We shouldn't be afraid of big and bold." But he also said the same thing that's bound to be on the minds of Columbus taxpayers. "It looks expensive." The plan already has been endorsed by the Columbus Downtown Development Corp., the private, nonprofit agency created by city government in 2002 to oversee the last Downtown plan. It will go before the Downtown Commission in June and then to the City Council for final approval. "These 12 ideas are designed to inspire Columbus to think big," said Councilman Andrew J. Ginther, who chairs the council's economic-development committee. Myers, whose MSI Design firm was hired by the Downtown development agency to write the new plan, said the suggestions for Broad Street, High Street and the rivers generated the biggest amount of more than 1,100 comments submitted during four months of public dialogue. Broad Street, as wide as Rt.315 but with the same amount of traffic as Indianola Avenue, would be narrowed from eight to five lanes if the city moves forward with MSI's idea. New walkways and bike paths would be created from today's outer lanes. Grassy, tree-lined medians would separate them from traffic... [http://www.dispatchpolitics.com/live/content/local\\_news/stories/2010/05/26/copy/council-to-get-big-and-bold-downtown-plan.html?adsec=politics&sid=101](http://www.dispatchpolitics.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2010/05/26/copy/council-to-get-big-and-bold-downtown-plan.html?adsec=politics&sid=101)

## **Hilltop plan routes bikes north of Broad Street**

Official opts to save 11 blocks of key parking for businesses

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By Mark Ferenchik

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

In a move that pleasantly surprised some Hilltop leaders, the city decided to route a bike lane through a neighborhood to preserve 11 blocks of W. Broad Street parking that business owners say is vital to their livelihoods. Columbus Public Service Director Mark Kelsey said keeping the parking was key to his decision. Last week, the city's Transportation and Pedestrian Commission voted in favor of a route that would have preserved only three blocks of parking. But Kelsey said he followed his staff's recommendation, which he called a good compromise to please both cyclists and business owners. Westbound cyclists on Broad Street will be routed north on Wheatland Avenue, west on Steele Avenue past Hague Avenue and south on Westgate Avenue back to Broad. The city will mark the route with pavement markings and signs through the Highland West neighborhood. The bike route, supporters say, will help Highland West's effort to reclaim a neighborhood that has suffered with crime and blight... [http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local\\_news/stories/2010/05/27/hilltop-plan-routes-bikes-north-of-broad-street.html](http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2010/05/27/hilltop-plan-routes-bikes-north-of-broad-street.html)

## **A Bicycle Lane On Broad Street Will Happen By Labor Day**

By Rick Reitzel

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COLUMBUS, Ohio --

A bike lane on Broad Street in the Hilltop will now become a reality. After several meetings between the City of Columbus and Hilltop business leaders, an agreement was reached to allow a bike lane running along West Broad

street. In a compromise, it was decided that the bike lane will stay on Broad street until the Hilltop business district, where westbound bike traffic will turn north on Wheatland Avenue to Steele Avenue and west on Steele to Westgate Avenue, here bikes will travel south until joining West Broad street. According to Columbus Public Services, after resurfacing and Sharrows (markings indicating bicycles may be traveling in the lane) are painted on the roadway, the lane should be ready by Labor Day. [http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2010/may/27/bicycle-lane-broad-street-will-happen-labor-day-ar-90492/?sc\\_cid=CMH-NEWS-8pmDlyNews](http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2010/may/27/bicycle-lane-broad-street-will-happen-labor-day-ar-90492/?sc_cid=CMH-NEWS-8pmDlyNews)

## **Columbus' strategic plan**

Participants cite High, Broad as needing most attention

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By GARY SEMAN JR.

ThisWeek Staff Writer

If one thing is clear about downtown's future: Something must be done about the condition of High and Broad streets. Judging by the 1,200 comments submitted during the current strategic planning process, people want the city to spruce up each corridor's appearance and functionality. "High Street was generally recognized as one of the two most important, if not the most important, streets downtown," said Keith Myers of MSI Design, which is aiding the city in the strategic plan of the downtown area. Blighted by vacancies, a disjointed look and lack of pedestrian-friendly amenities, the city's main thoroughfare needs swift and immediate attention, participants said. The plan calls for adding more retail and relocating buses. "High Street is the connector to so many places in and around downtown," one respondent wrote. "Because it is so high profile, it just has to be improved. All those vacant (stores) and buildings suggest Columbus isn't as vibrant and healthy as it really is. This is a good idea." As for Broad Street, which runs east-west and intersects with High at the center of downtown, one resident questioned when it was going on "a road diet." "That really got us thinking," Myers said. Traffic counts have decreased on the roadway, which is eight lanes wide almost as wide as state Route 315. That opens up the potential for narrowing the roadway and installing walking paths as well as attractive landscaping, Myers said...

<http://www.thisweeknews.com/live/content/bexley/stories/2010/05/26/participants-cite-high-broad-as-needing-most-attention.html?sid=104>

Intersection debate

## **City rejects claim of 'unlawful' spending**

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By KEVIN PARKS

ThisWeek Staff Writer

North Broadway Street Association president Carole W. Tomko demanded last week that Mayor Michael B. Coleman halt planning for a left turn lane at the intersection of North High Street and East North Broadway. In her letter to Coleman, Tomko declared that funds used for planning the intersection project were being spent in a "potentially unlawful" manner. They're not, according to a spokeswoman for the Department of Development. In response to repeated requests for comment from the mayor, Department of Development assistant director Cynthia Rickman said last Friday: "The claim about we weren't allowed legally to use those dollars, we are..."

<http://www.thisweeknews.com/live/content/clintonville/stories/2010/05/26/city-rejects-claim-of-unlawful-spending.html?sid=104>

## **Letter: Turn lane will not take away anyone's front yard**

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To the Editor:

I want to correct the main assertion of Carole Tomko's letter to the editor (The Booster, May 12) about plans for a new turn lane at High Street and North Broadway. Referring to the space needed for this project, she claimed that "almost 50 percent of three front yards would need to be used." At best, Ms. Tomko is redefining "front yards" to mean the sidewalks and berms bordering the curb. At a community meeting in March 2009, Columbus Development Director Safford and Public Service Director Kelsey reported that all construction for the turn lane will occur on public land, within the city's right-of-way. Moreover, street widening will be tapered from a maximum of 10 feet at High Street, down to zero at Broadway Place. Depending on the specific contour (continuous, curved, straight, etc.), the work might even spare the berms at one or more of the houses on this block. Beyond these details, the design of the project is unknown, since draft plans will not be finished until early 2011. But what we do know clearly refutes Ms. Tomko's claim. Naturally, she is entitled to her opinion and to express it freely in public. But respect for her audience would dictate closer attention to well-established facts...

[http://www.snponline.com/articles/2010/05/28/the\\_booster/opinion/letters/bo%20mclaugh\\_20100526\\_0600pm\\_4.txt](http://www.snponline.com/articles/2010/05/28/the_booster/opinion/letters/bo%20mclaugh_20100526_0600pm_4.txt)

THE WATCH

## Cyclists can have long wait to cross Front Street outside park

Tuesday, May 25, 2010 2:53 AM

By Gina Potthoff

The Columbus Dispatch

Who can fix it

- Rick Tilton, assistant director of the Columbus Public Service Department, at 614-645-7263

THE WATCH

Is there a problem in your neighborhood? Tell The Watch. Each Tuesday, *The Dispatch* features a problem from Columbus, its suburbs or surrounding counties and explains how officials are working - or not working - to fix it. Then, we'll keep watch to make sure they keep their word. Call The Watch hot line at 614-461-8731 or send an e-mail to [thewatch@dispatch.com](mailto:thewatch@dispatch.com). More times than not, Amanda Timko turns right. But when she needs to bike straight across Front Street from Scioto Audubon Park, she has to wait. "Sometimes, when you're on a bike, you're not heavy enough to trigger" the traffic light, said Timko, 31, who bikes the Scioto Trail almost every day. Bicyclists sometimes have a long wait at the park's Whittier Street entrance for a vehicle to come along and trigger the sensor in the pavement that will change the light. The alternative is to risk illegally crossing Front Street. Rick Tilton, the city's assistant public-service director and an avid cyclist, said his department increased the sensitivity of the loop for the Whittier Street traffic light so that motorcycles will trigger it, but additional funding would be required to install a separate device in Whittier Street to specifically detect a bicycle. Such devices are used in places around Franklin County, he said. For now, the easiest thing to do, Tilton recommended, is to push the pedestrian walk button at that intersection to trigger the signal. He said bicyclists should not go through red lights even if the signal is slow to change. "It's not usual for a bike to trigger a traffic light. Per state law, they have to obey traffic laws," Tilton said. [http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local\\_news/stories/2010/05/25/cyclists-can-have-long-wait-to-cross-front-street-outside-park.html?sid=101](http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2010/05/25/cyclists-can-have-long-wait-to-cross-front-street-outside-park.html?sid=101)

## North Linden residents demand removal of medians

Tuesday, May 25, 2010 2:52 AM

By Robert Vitale

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

More than 600 North Linden residents have asked the city to remove medians and other traffic-slowing barriers that they say have done more harm than good on two neighborhood streets. What Columbus Department of Public Service officials call "traffic-calming devices" have been renamed "trauma-causing devices" because of the number of motorists who've hit them, said the Rev. P. James Freshour of Maize Manor United Methodist Church. He told City Council members last night that he sees three or four wrecks a day from the window of his Maize Road church. They're also a hazard on Norris Road, said residents who worry that the concrete barriers don't leave enough room for cars, pedestrians and bicyclists in an area with no sidewalks...

[http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local\\_news/stories/2010/05/25/copy/residents-demand-removal-of-medians.html](http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2010/05/25/copy/residents-demand-removal-of-medians.html)

## Township gets grant for West Broad improvements

(by Alexa Libert, staff writer - May 27, 2010)

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is dangling a \$1.9 million dollar carrot in front of Franklin Township trustees. A \$1.9 million grant is available to fund a complete streets project in the new casino district on Broad Street from I-270 east to Wilson Road, explained Chairman Timothy Guyton during the May 13 trustee meeting. Prairie Township was awarded the same grant for I-270 west to Galloway Road, he added. The complete streets project is a green initiative to facilitate multiple methods of transportation while improving the aesthetic of the area, he explained. It would include sidewalks, bike lanes, raised islands, trees, bushes and street lights, he said. The only stipulation is that Franklin Township needs to accept maintenance responsibility for the grass and mulching of flower beds, said Guyton. All other maintenance, such as the replacement of trees or street lights, for instance, would be done by ODOT, he added... <http://www.columbusmessenger.com/NC/0/8306.html>

## Genoa trustees hear details of road swap proposal

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By CHRIS ALEXIS

ThisWeek Staff Writer

At their May 20 meeting, the Genoa Township trustees heard details of a proposal to swap some road maintenance responsibilities with Delaware County. The township currently is responsible for the upkeep of Big

Walnut Road while the county is responsible for Lewis Center Road. Delaware County officials have suggested a trade. Several residents attending the meeting criticized the plan. The county wants to take over maintenance duties for 4.34 miles of Big Walnut Road, east of Africa Road, which runs to Sunbury Road. The county would swap 2.79 miles of Lewis Center Road, east of Africa Road to its dead-end at Hoover Reservoir. Delaware County deputy engineer Pat Blayne spoke to the trustees on the issue and took questions from residents. "The reason (for the swap) is that Big Walnut (Road) will need to be upgraded sometime anyway between state Route 3, Worthington Road and Africa Road because there is a good bit of recreational traffic in there," Blayne said. "The benefit to the township in this would be about 9/10 of a mile less of roadway..."

<http://www.thisweeknews.com/live/content/sunbury/stories/2010/05/22/Trustees-hear-details-of-road-swap-proposal.html?sid=104>

## **Grove City man travels 'Coast to Coast'**

(by Dedra Cordle, staff writer - May 27, 2010)

David Knight, a 40-year resident of Ohio who currently lives in Grove City, has been an avid cyclist since 1992. In the years that have followed, he has accrued approximately four to five thousand miles per year on his bicycle. His love for the sport has taken him all over the state, but at the age of 71, he was ready for a different challenge, one that would take him further than he has ever gone before on the road. On March 14, he dipped the rear tire of his trusted bicycle into the Pacific Ocean and took off across the southern tier of the United States. "I had always thought of riding across the country from time to time, but the planning always seemed like it would be really tough to do," said the retired computer programmer from West Virginia. A few friends of Knight's mentioned a bicycle tour they had been involved with called Bubba's Pampered Pedalers. The company, which was founded in 2002 by Bubba Barron, a retired police officer and fellow cycling enthusiast, provides the riders with tents, air mattresses, deluxe chairs, and cold drinks and snacks, to name a few amenities...

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25,000-ACRE MARK

## **Metro Parks growing a little**

Latest acquisitions expand new park near Groveport

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By Vince Bond Jr.

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

For Franklin County Metro Parks, even the smallest acquisitions can have a huge impact. Yesterday, Metro Parks officials completed a deal that adds 146 acres to the unopened Walnut Woods Metro Park, pushing the system's holdings past the 25,000-acre mark. For the record, the system now maintains 25,113 acres. "It's an important milestone. We're keeping our promises to the public," said Director John O'Meara. "We're looking forward to having the park open so people can start enjoying." O'Meara said the agency is shooting to open the 628-acre park this year. It will be the 16th park in the system...

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## **Park district needs to listen to voters**

BY DARRELL HENSLEY • May 25, 2010

I am as big a supporter of the Licking County Park District as you'll ever find. But when a park system loses eight straight levies, it's time for a change. Our wonderful park system needs fresh faces and a fresh look if it's going to survive. Our neighboring counties support their parks; Licking County will, too, but first the park system has to win back the community's trust. I've spend a lot of time around our county parks -- maintaining trails, as a contractor and volunteer -- and have thought a great deal about how to save our park system. What we need to do:

<http://www.newarkadvocate.com/article/20100525/OPINION02/5250326/Park-district-needs-to-listen-to-voters>

## **Construction begins on East Orange Road**

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By BONNIE BUTCHER

ThisWeek Staff Writer

Preparations for improvements to East Orange Road began in 2005, said Scott Overturf, project manager for Orange Township, and on May 19, the groundwork started. As the roadwork progresses, sections of East Orange Road will be closed to through traffic, Overturf said. The first section of Orange Road to close will be from Abbey

Knoll Drive to Bale Kenyon Road. That will close June 10 until the work is complete. The next section to be worked on will be Abbey Knoll Drive to Roes Park Boulevard. Overturf said if that work occurs when school is in session during the fall, crews will accommodate traffic to and from nearby Olentangy schools. The third section will be from Roes Park Boulevard to Old State Road. Overturf said East Orange Road might close at Old State Road for a couple of weeks for installation of a new culvert. That work will widen the road and raise the ground level for a pedestrian-bicycle trail to be installed. It has not been determined when the culvert work will be done...  
<http://www.thisweeknews.com/live/content/olentangy/stories/2010/05/26/construction-begins-on-east-orange-road.html?sid=104>

## SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

### **Eight Local School Districts Participate in May Walk to School Activities**

Since 2009, MORPC has been promoting and coordinating Walk to School efforts around the region. Participating agencies include schools, health departments, service departments, police agencies, and parent associations. The goal is to bring communities together, to build partnerships among different agencies, and to work towards a safer and more livable region. The international Walk to School day is held in October and in 2009 MORPC had 40 schools participate. In May, MORPC kick-off the 2010 series of Walk to School events. Eight school districts participated including Gahanna (Lincoln Elementary), Grandview Heights (Robert Louis Stevenson Elementary School), Dublin, Newark (Legend Elementary), Pataskala (Licking Heights South Elementary School), Pickerington, Columbus (Livingston Elementary), Upper Arlington (Barrington Elementary). Events such as Walking Wednesday and the Walking School Bus were held throughout the month to encourage kids to walk and bike to school. For more information visit [www.morpc.org/walktoschool](http://www.morpc.org/walktoschool).

## OTHER NEWS

May 25, 2010

### **Cycling Doping Inquiry May Broaden**

By MICHAEL S. SCHMIDT and JULIET MACUR

Federal authorities investigating allegations that Lance Armstrong and other top cyclists engaged in doping are considering whether they can expand the investigation beyond traditional drug distribution charges to include ones involving fraud and conspiracy, according to two people briefed on the investigation. The authorities, who are in the early stages of their investigation, are seeking to determine whether Armstrong, the owners and managers of his former cycling teams and his teammates conspired to defraud their sponsors by doping to improve their performances and garner more money and prizes, one of the people said. In particular, the authorities want to know whether money from the United States Postal Service, the main sponsor of Armstrong's team from 1996 to 2004, was used to buy performance-enhancing drugs, one of the people said. Fraud charges can carry longer sentences than charges of drug distribution... <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/26/sports/cycling/26cycling.html?th&emc=th>

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