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## Biking & Walking News

Ira S. Weiss, Editor

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Looking for a new bike? Welcome to BikePedia

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<http://www.bikepedia.com/Default.aspx>

### The Columbus Winning Campaigns Training is only 20 days away.

The Alliance for Biking & Walking, Consider Biking, and Bike, Walk Ohio! hope you will join us on Friday August 6 at 1:00 to begin a weekend of learning with colleagues from around the state and beyond how to run a winning campaign and use winning campaigns to build your organization. The Cleveland area contingent is already brainstorming the campaigns they will be focusing on at our Winning Campaigns Training.

PLEASE DON'T WAIT: REGISTER TODAY!!!

Go to the Alliance's webpage on the Columbus Winning Campaigns training to register:

<http://www.peoplepoweredmovement.org/site/index.php/site/EventRegistration-Overview/2576/>

NOTE: If you register today but want to pay later or don't want to make an online payment today, the registration has a 'Mail' option so that you can be invoiced or pay by mail.

Also, if lodging during the workshop is holding you up, we will be providing homestays to those who need a homestay. We are finalizing a discounted group rate at a downtown hotel close to the Center of Science and Industry for those who want to stay at a hotel.

If you have ANY questions, comments, or suggestions please please please don't hesitate to call or email me.

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## MORPC SCHEDULES OPEN HOUSE ON WESTERVILLE ROAD (SR 3) CORRIDOR STUDY FOR JULY 29, 2010

(Columbus – July 16, 2010) The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has completed analysis of options for transportation improvements in Westerville Road (State Route 3) Corridor Study. The results will be displayed at an open house scheduled for Thursday, July 29, 2010, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Blendon Township Senior Center, 6330 S. Hempstead Road, Westerville. A short presentation will be held at 6:00 p.m. This study reviews current travel conditions in the Westerville Road corridor from north of Morse Road to south of I-270 and has identified options for improvements that include additional travel lanes, access management, transit service upgrades, and improved bicycle and pedestrian access. The study is funded by the City of Columbus, Franklin County, and the Ohio Department of Transportation. “A meeting last November brought community members, local officials and MORPC transportation planners together to share insights and concerns about the corridor and ‘gaps’ that must be addressed to serve the community and the region effectively in the future,” said Dave Paul, president of the Northland Community Council. “The July 29<sup>th</sup> open house will enable local stakeholders to learn MORPC planners’ recommendations for improving the corridor, and the data they have collected about current and future usage of the corridor.” The public is encouraged to attend the public meeting and provide comments. Comments on the study will be accepted thru August 13, 2010. For more information, contact Ethan Ortman, [eortman@morpc.org](mailto:eortman@morpc.org) or 614-233-4153 or visit <http://www.morpc.org/transportation/study/SR3CorridorStudy.asp> 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.

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## Education Forum: Safe Routes to School

Wednesday, August 18, 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. How to Create a Walking Map
- III. How to Create a Walking School Bus
- IV. How to Create a School Pool Program
- V. How to Create a School Block Watch Program
- VI. Closing Remarks

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

## FHWA Pedestrian Safety Webinar - Accommodating Pedestrians with Disabilities at Roundabouts

You are invited to the next FHWA Pedestrian Safety Webinar, to be hosted at MORPC Friday, August 13, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. This webinar will focus on accommodating pedestrians with disabilities at roundabouts. Scott Windley, of the United States Access Board, and Janet Barlow, of Accessible Design for the Blind, will be speakers. 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. **LOCATION:** The webinar is hosted by MORPC. We are located just south of downtown Columbus. 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. **Please note:** FHWA is offering this webinar for free. You do not have to come to MORPC to attend. To register to view the webinar at your own location, visit [https://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/webconference/web\\_conf\\_learner\\_reg.aspx?webconfid=20815](https://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/webconference/web_conf_learner_reg.aspx?webconfid=20815).

Thank you,

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## Less than 80 days till the first Ohio Cyclocross race.

<http://www.capcitycross.com/>

2010 Schedule

9/5 - [The Frankenbike 50](#) -- 50 mile dirt road/singletrack/road 'Grand Fondo' at Scioto Trail State Park

2010 Cap City Cross Race Series:

10/ 4 -- Big Run Soap Box Hill (southwest Columbus, excellent venue.)

10/17 -- Coffman Park - Dublin

10/31 -- Uncle Steves Halloween Race

11/14 -- Infirmary Mound OVCX

11/28 -- OVCX/Cap City State Champs at John Bryan

12/5 -- Smith Farm

12/12 -- Winter Snow Cross (venue to be announced soon)

## RIDES

### Three Creeks

DAY	TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
<a href="#">Jul 22 Thu</a>	<a href="#">6:30 pm</a>	<a href="#">Family Ride Night</a>	<a href="#">See June 3rd. N/R</a>

## COMMUNITY TIES RIDE OFFERS TOURING, FAMILY BICYCLING OPTIONS PLUS LOCALLY SOURCED LUNCH JULY 24

WESTERVILLE, OH, July 13, 2010 – Bicycling enthusiasts and families seeking a safe, fun bicycling experience and lunch from a local farm need look no farther than the eighth annual Community Ties Ride Saturday, July 24, in Westerville. Sponsored by the Delaware County Friends of the Trail, Community Ties is held annually to promote safety and healthy lifestyles, and to raise funds to help complete the Ohio to Erie Trail through eastern Delaware County and develop multi-use trails in local communities. Cycling enthusiasts can opt for 31-, 62- and 100-mile rides through Delaware County with SAG support and homemade cookies at each food stop. Families or those seeking a shorter ride can choose an eight-mile route on the Genoa Trail in Genoa Township. A full post-ride lunch featuring fresh, healthful foods from the Graumlich Family Farm of Mount Vernon will be provided for all participants. Naturally grown foods will include chicken salad, cole slaw, marinated vegetables, lettuce and more. “Community Ties is a great tune-up for late-summer rides including the Pelotonia ride to cure cancer Aug. 21-22,” said Dave Bender, DCFT president. “The family fun ride is a great introduction to the advantages of multi-use trails for health and recreation for everyone.” All rides start and end at Northside Fellowship Church, 6841 Freeman Rd., just north of Westerville off State Route 3. Riders on the 31-, 62- and 100-mile routes may start anytime from 7-9 a.m. The family ride begins at 9 a.m. Cost for the family fun ride is \$20 per family in advance, \$25 the day of the ride. Cost for the longer rides is \$20 per rider in advance, \$25 day-of-ride. Participants can register online via the DCFT website, [www.dcf.org](http://www.dcf.org), through July 22, or at the starting location on the day of the ride. The DCFT is dedicated to the health and safety of area residents through the promotion, planning and building of multi-use trails for recreation and transportation in Delaware County. The DCFT is working to create a 13-mile stretch of multi-use trail between Westerville and Knox County through or near the communities of Galena and Sunbury. The trail is envisioned as part of the Ohio to Erie Trail stretching from the Ohio River to Lake Erie.

## Fest opens eyes to safe, healthful cycling in Columbus

\* This weekend's Bike Columbus Festival features a pair of rides and related fun and entertainment.

By GARTH BISHOP

Published: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 10:06 AM EDT

Cyclists from throughout Central Ohio will take to the streets this weekend for the annual Bike Columbus Festival. The festival takes place Friday and Saturday, July 16 and 17. Bike Columbus has existed in some form since 2008, but this is the first time it has been expanded to more than one day, said Barb Seckler, director of the Columbus Public Health Department's Institute for Active Living. "It's an entire festival -- an experience ... where everyone from recreational to serious cyclists can enjoy the benefits of bicycling," Seckler said. July 16 is the Mayor's Twilight Ride, an evening bike ride that starts and ends at Crew Stadium. Two separate rides are offered -- a 20-mile ride and a nine-mile ride -- though both start and end at the same place. The ride begins at 8 p.m. and is preceded by festivities from 6 to 7:30 p.m. It wends through Clintonville, the Ohio State University campus and downtown Columbus. The Twilight Ride reflects the commitment Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman -- an avid cyclist himself -- has to making the city ever friendlier and more accommodating to cyclists, Seckler said. "The idea behind the Twilight Ride is really about the mayor's personal commitment to promoting bicycling as a fun way to live active," she said. Registration for the Twilight Ride costs \$25 in advance or \$30 the day of the ride. Each participant receives a ticket to the Aug. 28 Columbus Crew game. July 17 brings the Barbour Memorial Challenge Tour, named for Steve Barbour, an Upper Arlington resident who was killed after a car struck his bicycle in Hilliard in July 2009. It offers four rides -- of 31, 62, 93 and 124 miles -- with the longest stretching all the way to Hocking County. Check-in runs from 7 to 9 a.m., with the two longest rides starting at 7:30 a.m., the 62-mile ride starting at 8:30 a.m. and the 31-mile ride starting at 9:30 a.m. All begin from McPherson Commons in the Arena District. Entry costs \$25. Those interested in participating in the Twilight Ride and the Barbour tour can register for both for \$40. Both rides will be fully supported, which means police presence, a handful of experienced cyclists and support trucks to keep riders safe. In addition, both rides will offer food, beverages and entertainment afterward. Proceeds from the Barbour tour go to the Consider Biking Steve Barbour Memorial Fund, which promotes bike safety and education programs, as well as the Columbus Outdoor Pursuits program, which goes to infrastructure that can include amenities such as bike racks and signs. The Twilight Ride raises money for the Institute for Active Living... [http://www.snponline.com/articles/2010/07/19/gahanna\\_news/news/ghallbikec\\_20100712\\_0446pm\\_1.txt](http://www.snponline.com/articles/2010/07/19/gahanna_news/news/ghallbikec_20100712_0446pm_1.txt)

## Memorial-tour cyclists to pedal in honor of friend

Thursday, July 15, 2010 02:55 AM

By BY CHRISTINA A. STAVALE

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Steven Barbour would have wanted to participate in the BikeColumbus Festival. "He would ride from his house (in Upper Arlington) to the start of the ride, finish the ride, then ride home," said Donna Bush, a friend and fellow cyclist. Barbour was killed July 18, 2009, at age 58 after he was struck by a pickup truck while on a sunrise bike ride in Hilliard. This weekend, the festival will honor the avid cyclist with the inaugural Steve Barbour Memorial Tour. The tour will travel from McFerson Park in the Arena District into Hocking County, with routes ranging from 50 to 200 kilometers. The goal of the events is to urge more bicycling and to promote active living, said Jeff Stephens, executive director of Consider Biking, a sponsor. "The more people on bikes on the roads makes it safer for cycling. That's been proven across the country," Stephens said. "We're trying to encourage people to get out and cycle, and try to educate and reduce the fear. It's a cultural change."

BikeColumbus Festival

STEVE BARBOUR MEMORIAL TOUR: MCFERSON PARK, 218 WEST ST. (614-447-8894, [WWW.BIKECOLUMBUSFESTIVAL.COM](http://WWW.BIKECOLUMBUSFESTIVAL.COM))

Bicyclists are given the option of a 50-, 100-, 150- or 200-kilometer ride.

TIMES registration from 7 to 9 a.m. Saturday; 200K and 150K tours at 7:30, 100K tour at 8:30, 50K at 9:30

REGISTRATION \$25 <http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/weekender/stories/2010/07/15/memorial-tour-cyclists-to-pedal-in-honor-of-friend.html?sid=101>

## Twilight Bike Ride Promotes Bicycling As Means To An Active Lifestyle

Twilight Bike Ride

A twilight bike ride is set for Friday night to promote bicycling as a means to live active in Columbus.

By Rick Reitzel

Published: July 16, 2010

A twilight bike ride is set for Friday night to promote bicycling as a means to live active in Columbus. A twilight bike ride is set for Friday night to promote bicycling as a means to live active in Columbus. Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman calls it "a night to remember." A twilight bike ride Friday evening from Crew Stadium aimed at promoting

bicycling as a means to active living in Columbus. The ride has two distance options: A 20-mile ride with a rest stop in the Arena District, and a 9-mile ride out and back with refreshments upon return to the Crew Stadium. The family-friendly rides will loop through Clintonville, the Ohio State University campus and downtown. "One of the messages we are trying to say to everybody in Columbus is you need some balance in your life," said Columbus Division of Police Deputy Chief Kim Jacobs. Beyond the obvious balance with a bike, Jacobs, is talking about work, health and safety. "We have people that are using bikes for work, using it for recreation to stay in shape and to lose weight," Jacobs said... <http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2010/jul/16/twilight-bike-ride-promotes-bicycling-means-active-ar-153830/>

## **Tour de Cause a rousing success**

First Tour de Cause event brings out more than 500 riders to promote drug addiction recovery

BY MICHELLE GEORGE • The Eagle-Gazette Staff • July 18, 2010

LANCASTER -- When Ron Burris decided to organize a bicycle tour that would raise awareness of Lancaster's opiate and heroin problem, his goal was to bring in about \$40,000 for the Recovery Center in Lancaster. But that was before he knew more than 500 bikers would be showing up on the day of the event. "As of Wednesday, we had 416 registered bikers, which is 116 more than we thought we would have," Burris said Saturday morning, an hour after the first annual Tour de Cause kicked off at Ohio University Lancaster Campus. "We checked with other ride organizations and were told to expect 20 (percent) to 30 percent more than that if it's nice weather, so we're expecting about 500 to 550 people in all." It was a welcome surprise for Burris, who originally had thought the event would bring in about 300 bikers Saturday...

<http://www.lancastereaglegazette.com/article/20100718/NEWS01/7180303/1002/Tour-de-Cause-a-rousing-success>

## **Bike Tour Raises Money In Fighting Addiction**

By Denise Yost

Published: July 14, 2010

LANCASTER, Ohio --

Fairfield County is battling a serious drug issue -- one that is going to take a while to beat. But you can take a haul of your own to raise money this weekend to fight addiction issues. The Tour De Cause will take bicycle riders on tour from 10 to 100 miles throughout Fairfield County. The hope is to raise money for the Recovery Center of Fairfield County, a group dedicated to take on addiction issues and turn lives around. "I'm really excited about it. It will be a tremendous event, raise money for opiate awareness and treatment, and also will create awareness on its own about how serious opiate addiction is in Fairfield County," said Orman Hall, executive director of the ADAMH board. The tour will provide riders with a look at more than ten historic covered bridges in the county. For more information, visit <http://tourdecause.org/> [http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2010/jul/14/bike-tour-raises-money-fighting-addiction-ar-149740/?sc\\_cid=CMH-NEWS-8pmDlyNews](http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2010/jul/14/bike-tour-raises-money-fighting-addiction-ar-149740/?sc_cid=CMH-NEWS-8pmDlyNews)

## **Land of Legend Bike Tour gives cyclists chance to see countryside**

Three courses give cyclists opportunity to take in county

BY ANNA SUDAR • Advocate Reporter • July 18, 2010

NEWARK -- Before taking off on his 64-mile bike ride, Steve Reinhart looked at his map of Licking County, pointing out the two hills that would make the journey difficult -- the Dragoo Road hill and the Saint Joseph Road hill. But for Reinhart, of Columbus, and his friend, Lisa Romer, of Mansfield, the hills were a welcomed challenge. "The hills are what we are here for; we want to get some good hill training in," Reinhart said. "This is just going to be a fun ride." Reinhart and Romer have ridden in Licking County before, but Saturday was their first time participating in the Land of Legend Bike Tour. In its 39th year, the bike tour gives riders the opportunity to chose among three rides, a 32-mile course, a 64-mile course or a 100-mile course. The event began early Saturday at the Licking County Family YMCA. Halfway through registration, more than 100 riders had signed up, said Ed Bohren, executive director of the YMCA. "I'm hoping we get close to 200 riders; that's the goal," Bohren said. "So far, so good..."

<http://www.newarkadvocate.com/article/20100718/NEWS01/7180317/Land-of-Legend-Bike-Tour-gives-cyclists-chance-to-see-countryside>

## **RTC Climate Ride**

Does the idea of a week-long bicycling vacation in Northern California thrill you? Do you long to glide through the Golden State, ride among redwoods, and wend your way through wine country? And are you compelled to do all this in the name of drawing attention to the importance of bicycling as a healthy transportation alternative? If so, then have we got the ride for you! For the third straight year, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) is sending Team

RTC on Climate Ride—this year in California—and we want you to join us!  
<http://support.railstotrails.org/site/R?i=zFaB5xRCdi61LCZ5Phm6mQ..>

## SAFETY

### **Bicyclists Gain Lane, Traffic Law Responsibility**

By Cabot Rea

Published: July 12, 2010

COLUMBUS, Ohio –

High Street pavement markings and signs remind motorists that bicycle riders have full right to the right hand lane. But do those same bicyclists know they can must follow all motorist traffic law? Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman has recently said he wants Columbus to be the best bike city in the nation because it's environmental and quality of life benefits. Three weeks ago, a \$200,000 grant allowed the city to paint nearly 200 elaborate pavement markings in the right lane of High Street in both directions from Nationwide Blvd. to Morse Road. The lane markings, along with more than 50 signs, remind motorists that bicycles have equal rights with motor vehicles to that lane. But are bicyclists held equally responsible for breaking traffic laws? NBC 4 rode along with eight-year Columbus bike patrol officers Erich Houser and Greg Meyer to see how those that pedal fare along a stretch of High Street in the campus area near 10th Avenue. Within minutes, the crew saw a handful of bicyclists who were riding on the sidewalks, unaware they were breaking the law. "Normally they have no idea there is a law against that," Officer Houser said. "Since this is a heavy pedestrian area we give them friendly reminders and ask them to make sure they are riding in the same direction as traffic on the right side of the right lane..." [http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2010/jul/12/bicyclists-gain-lane-and-traffic-law-responsibilit-ar-146537/?sc\\_cid=CMH-NEWS-7amDlyNews](http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2010/jul/12/bicyclists-gain-lane-and-traffic-law-responsibilit-ar-146537/?sc_cid=CMH-NEWS-7amDlyNews)

### **Texting ban issue headed to council**

Wednesday, July 14, 2010 12:03 PM

By TARA STUBBS-FIGURSKI

ThisWeek Staff Writer

Canal Winchester has decided to abandon its wait-and-see attitude when it comes to text messaging while driving. Village council's safety committee decided last week to ask law director Gene Hollins to prepare an ordinance making it illegal for motorists to text and drive within village limits. The full council is expected to hear first reading of the legislation when it meets July 19. "We are just in the process of drafting the legislation now," Hollins said. "It is our intention to have it prepared for the next meeting of council." In March, council opted to take a wait-and-see stance on whether to prohibit texting while driving. At the time, Hollins had suggested council wait to see what state lawmakers would do with the issue. Councilman Steve Donahue said the state has not passed any anti-texting legislation. "Instead of waiting for them, we are going to step forward," he said. At the July 7 safety committee meeting, finance director Nanisa Osborn provided sample legislation from New Albany, Columbus and the National Highway Safety Traffic Administration dealing with bans on texting while driving...

<http://www.thisweeknews.com/live/content/canalwinchester/stories/2010/07/14/texting-ban-issue-headed-to-council.html?sid=104>

### **City moves forward, sort of, with texting ban**

Wednesday, July 14, 2010 12:03 PM

By MARLA K. KUHLMAN

ThisWeek Staff Writer

Gahanna City Council is poised to improvise on a texting-while-driving ban. Council plans to enhance an existing ordinance by increasing penalties not only for texting while driving but also applying makeup, primping and anything else that could be considered as diverting the driver's full attention from driving. City attorney Tom Weber told council's committee Monday evening that he and Mayor Becky Stinchcomb met with police Lt. Jeff Spence to examine House Bill 415, and they concluded the best approach is to enhance the city's current policy. "What the House did, police thought would be too difficult to interpret and enforce," Weber said. "There are so many exceptions to it..." <http://www.thisweeknews.com/live/content/gahanna/stories/2010/07/14/city-moves-forward-sort-of-with-texting-ban.html?sid=104>

Letter

## Norstrom explains ordinance on hand-held mobile devices

Wednesday, July 14, 2010 12:02 PM

### To the editor:

At the July 6, 2010, meeting of Worthington City Council, I introduced an ordinance that will be heard at a public meeting in council chambers on Monday July 19. The ordinance would make it illegal for persons driving in Worthington to use hand-held mobile devices. This ordinance follows the recent passage of an ordinance to ban texting in the city. I want to encourage citizens to review the ordinance at City Hall or on the web (<http://www.worthington.org/council/july62010.cfm>) and send comments to us Worthington City Council, 6550 N. High Street, Worthington, OH 43085 or to City Manager Matt Greeson at [mkgreeson@ci.worthington.oh.us](mailto:mkgreeson@ci.worthington.oh.us). The reason for the ordinance is straightforward. From my observations while walking in the community and after doing research, I became convinced that driving while using a hand-held mobile device is unsafe. The data can be found on the web so I am not going to repeat it here. I also acknowledge that hands-free use is less safe than no use, but no state has banned hands-free devices for all drivers (although 28 have banned all cell phone use by novice drivers), and it is clear that citizens are willing to live with some level of risk. I've also been asked about tuning a radio, eating, etc. All of these actions can be grouped as distracted driving, which is less safe than when a driver is focused on the driving task. Simply because a driver can do many unsafe activities is no reason not to ban one that is very prevalent and proven to kill and injure people. A realtor friend has indicated how important cell phones are in that business as they are in many. However, a car can always be safely stopped to answer a mobile device and hands-free devices are relatively inexpensive and easy to use. The issue of consistency in the state has also been raised. Only one other community in Ohio has banned hand-held devices, while a number have done as Worthington and banned texting. The state legislature should be leading the way on this issue. It is not. In that absence, individual communities need to take the lead. In doing so, we can show that only hands-free is the best option. Eight states have banned hand-held devices (another 22 ban texting). I propose that we pass the ordinance because it is good for the community and good for the state. I know some will oppose this ordinance on government overstepping its bounds. However, safety is a public responsibility. How much is a life worth? How much is saved by not having a person seriously injured? I believe the answer to both is more than the cost to individuals not being able to use a hand-held device.

<http://www.thisweeknews.com/live/content/worthington/stories/2010/07/14/norstrom-explains-ordinance-on-hand-held-mobile-devices.html?sid=104>

## Ky. texting ban might reach into Ohio

BY JAMES PILCHER • The Cincinnati Enquirer • July 15, 2010

CINCINNATI -- Texting while driving will cost you a ticket in Kentucky starting today, and that could soon be the case in the city of Cincinnati. Yet such sanctions aren't limited to state and local laws -- a small but increasing number of companies are banning the practice and possibly punishing workers as well. Florence-based logistics provider LeanCor, for example, has created a new policy banning texting or e-mailing while behind the wheel for work. "We don't have any set penalties, but we wanted people to know that we value their life more than work, and that we now know it's against the law," company human resources manager Donna Ridner said. "So we're telling our workers to pull over if they absolutely have to return a text or e-mail." LeanCor is among those companies putting in their own texting-while-driving bans into corporate policy, although any punishments there "will be on a case-by-case basis and hopefully not needed," Ridner said...

<http://www.lancastereaglegazette.com/article/20100715/NEWS01/7150302/1002/Ky.-texting-ban-might-reach-into-Ohio>

THE WATCH

## Family wants crosswalk after woman struck, killed

Tuesday, July 13, 2010 02:50 AM

By Vince Bond Jr.

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Marisa Askew knows she can't bring her mother back. She simply wants to stop tragedy from striking another family. On the night of June 23, Askew's mother, Vina Mae Carmichael, was killed while crossing Refugee Road between Noe-Bixby and Hamilton roads. It was her first time crossing the road since she had moved into nearby Walnut Glen Apartments four days earlier. Carmichael, 74, was crossing near a COTA bus stop across from the apartments when she was struck by 82-year-old Frank Graveley, who was driving west. The street doesn't have a marked crosswalk or streetlights in the vicinity, so Carmichael's family is petitioning the city to address the issue. "We're hoping the city is made aware," said Askew, 45, of Pickerington. "It's a dangerous situation..."

[http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local\\_news/stories/2010/07/13/family-wants-crosswalk-after-woman-struck-killed.html](http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2010/07/13/family-wants-crosswalk-after-woman-struck-killed.html)

## Two pedestrians struck, critically injured in separate accidents

Thursday, July 15, 2010 12:18 AM

By Jim Woods

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Columbus police early today are investigating two crashes involving pedestrians who were critically injured after being struck by cars. A woman was transported in critical condition to Ohio State University Medical Center after she was struck by a car on the North Side while she walked east along Hudson Street near Berrell Avenue at 10:15 p.m. Wednesday, police said. The victim's name wasn't available. Columbus police were holding the driver for questioning in the case. About 30 minutes later, police were called to the intersection of E. Broad Street and McNaughten Road on the Far East Side... [http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local\\_news/stories/2010/07/15/two-pedestrians-struck-in-separate-incidents.html?sid=101](http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2010/07/15/two-pedestrians-struck-in-separate-incidents.html?sid=101)

## Cyclist says man pushed her off bike

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A 52-year-old Columbus resident told Worthington police she was pushed and injured last week while riding her bicycle. The incident occurred at 5:40 p.m. July 5 on the Olentangy bike path just south of state Route 161. The victim said an unknown man deliberately pushed her, causing minor injuries to her left shoulder and knee. The man last was seen riding a bike toward Antrim Park, according to reports.

[http://www.snonline.com/articles/2010/07/19/worthington\\_news/news/police\\_beat/wopolice%207\\_20100713\\_1233pm\\_7.txt](http://www.snonline.com/articles/2010/07/19/worthington_news/news/police_beat/wopolice%207_20100713_1233pm_7.txt)

# HEALTH

## Law encourages schools to add exercise, measure body mass

\* Educators succeed in getting physical activity requirements removed from state bill.

By KHALILA PERRIN

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As statistics show the waistlines of American children continuing to bulge, Ohio lawmakers hope educators opt into new measures designed to have a slimming effect beginning next year. Late last month, Gov. Ted Strickland signed the final version of Senate Bill 210 -- the Healthy Choices for Healthy Children Act -- into law. With it comes new options designed to help school leaders encourage more-healthy lifestyles in the students they educate. Under the new act, the Ohio Department of Education will oversee an optional pilot program that requires K-12 schools to incorporate 30 minutes of physical activity into the school day beyond recess. It's set to begin with the 2011-12 school year. Districts are not required to opt into the program. In early versions of the bill, districts were mandated to add the 30 minutes of exercise. But lobbyists from organizations including the Ohio Association of School Business Officials balked at the idea of more unfunded state mandates and they lobbied against the requirement. "We agree that physical activity is important to a healthy lifestyle; however, without additional funding, school districts simply cannot afford this mandate," wrote Barbara Shaner and Jennifer Economus in a March memo to the original bill's sponsors. Shaner and Economus are the OASBO's associate director and legislative specialist, respectively. State Rep. John Patrick Carney (D-Columbus) said "the school boards and the teachers unions and others were very concerned about the physical activity portion (of the bill) ... without a specific funding mechanism." Still, Carney said, he was disappointed when the groups succeeded in their push to have the mandate removed from the bill and replaced with the opt-in pilot -- especially in light of the statistics that rank Ohio the 15th fattest state, he said. An estimated 26 percent of the state's adults and 14.2 percent of its children are obese, according to the Ohio State Medical Association...

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## City fights childhood obesity with new website

'Get Active Columbus' launches today

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By Vince Bond Jr.

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Mayor Michael B. Coleman is announcing a new healthy-living website this afternoon to combat the childhood obesity epidemic. [Getactivecolumbus.com](http://www.getactivecolumbus.com) launches today and features tips on healthy eating and ways to stay active around the community. "GetActiveColumbus is one more tool to help our kids grow up healthier," Coleman says in an introduction posted on the site. "It will take each and every one of us to make this happen." The site provides information on upcoming events and has map links for bike paths, walking routes and parks...

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## Mayor Launches GetActiveColumbus Website to Promote Healthy, Fun Activities

Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman today launched a new website that will offer Columbus and Central Ohio residents a user-friendly online source to find fit and fun activities for families. Joined by Columbus Blue Jackets Coach Scott Arniel, former Ohio State Buckeye wide receiver Dimitrious Stanley, former Buckeye quarterback Stanley Jackson—and Stinger—Coleman said [www.GetActiveColumbus.com](http://www.getactivecolumbus.com) will make it easier for residents of all ages to live healthy, active lifestyles.

"GetActiveColumbus.com gives young people and families important information they need to be physically active, to eat healthier foods, and to have fun," says Mayor Coleman. "It's one more tool we have to fight childhood obesity so all kids grow up healthier and happier."

GetActiveColumbus highlights neighborhood parks and recreation centers, neighborhood walking maps, healthy and affordable recipes, and a calendar of events. It also features fitness tips from Mayor Coleman, Ohio State University President Gordon Gee, Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner, 10TV personalities Andrea Cambern and Angela Pace and other local celebrities. A map tool will help users to locate city activities and locations by neighborhood, quadrant of the city, address and zip code. Featured content on the website will range from 100 ideas for summer activities, fitness tips and workout routines to recipes for nutritious, convenient and affordable meals and healthy snacks and farmers market locations in Central Ohio.

"Almost half of local fifth-graders are overweight, and unless we reverse this trend, today's children will have a shorter lifespan than their parents," says Columbus Public Health Commissioner Dr. Teresa C. Long. "Thanks to this site, residents and visitors now have another information tool to get moving and eat healthier foods in one convenient location."

GetActiveColumbus includes links to information from Columbus Public Health programs such as Creating Healthy Communities, Healthy Children/Healthy Weights, Healthy Places and the Institute for Active Living serves as another tool to provide ideas that get youth and families moving. It will include information about bicycle safety, the city's Bicentennial Bikeways Plan, and ways to participate in the Franklin County Physical Activity Plan. The programs are for everyone, from early childhood through adulthood. GetActiveColumbus will evolve to include links and information about non-profits, sports leagues and facility rental details.

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## Anti-obesity plea amplified

Overeating in U.S. is scourge, first lady tells the NAACP

Tuesday, July 13, 2010 02:50 AM

By Steve Kraske

McClatchy NEWSPAPERS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - First lady Michelle Obama told the NAACP convention yesterday that the time had come for dramatic changes to the diets of African-Americans and young people across the country. Obama, pushing her "Let's Move" initiative designed to attack childhood obesity, said the scourge of overeating is threatening the nation's future. One of every three children in this country is overweight or obese, Obama said. "We need to take this issue seriously," she said - as seriously as the need for better schools and a halt to gun violence and the AIDS threat. The nation is confronting what she called a "perfect storm" of "bad habits and unhealthy decisions" that have

led to skyrocketing rates of diabetes and other weight-related conditions...

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## LOCAL NEWS

### Reports of bicycle thefts roll into police department

POLICE BEAT

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Bexley police said three bicycles were reported as having been stolen sometime between June 27 and July 4 from a residence in the 900 block of South Cassingham Road. The bicycles were reportedly taken from the garage and include: a maroon and gold Vista brand bicycle, valued at \$199; a silver Vista brand bicycle, valued at \$200; and a purple Schwinn brand bicycle, valued at \$100. A bicycle was reported as having been stolen sometime between 9 and 11 a.m. July 4 from a garage in the 800 block of Montrose Avenue. The garage was reportedly open at the time of the incident. The bicycle is a black Schwinn brand, valued at \$150, reports stated. A bicycle was reported as having been stolen sometime between 10:50 a.m. and 1 p.m. July 6 from the Bexley Public Library, 2411 E. Main St. The bicycle was reportedly unlocked at the time of the incident. It is silver and purple Mongoose brand bicycle, valued at \$100, reports stated. A bicycle was reported as having been stolen sometime between 6:20 and 6:40 p.m. July 6 from the 2300 block of East Main Street. The bicycle was reportedly unlocked, but hidden behind bushes at the side of a building. It is a silver Rock Hopper brand mountain bicycle, valued at \$500, reports stated. Three teens reportedly stole a bicycle at 8:56 p.m. July 8 from outside of a restaurant in the 2400 block of East Main Street. The teens had told the bicycle owner they liked his bicycle before he went into the restaurant. When he came back outside, he saw one of the teens riding away on his bicycle, reports stated. The bicycle was valued at \$120, according to reports. It is a black Mongoose brand bicycle with blue handlebars and a tear in the seat...

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### Thieves steal bicycles from several Clintonville garages

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A resident in the 100 block of Crestview Road told Columbus police someone broke into his garage and stole his mountain bike between 7 p.m. Saturday, July 10, and 3:26 p.m. Sunday, July 11. Police said his theft loss is estimated at \$1,500. In a separate incident, a resident in the 100 block of East Como Avenue told police someone stole his mountain bike from his garage between 12:30 and 3 a.m. Thursday, July 8. Police said his theft loss is estimated at \$100...

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### Neighbors complain over ODOT's plans for I-70/71 split

Downtown-area residents say agency, city ignoring concerns

Thursday, July 15, 2010 02:54 AM

By Robert Vitale

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

By its own count, the Ohio Department of Transportation has hosted more than 400 public meetings on its ever-changing plans to rebuild I-70/71 through Downtown. But less than two weeks before a City Council vote to move the project forward, critics still abound. Residents of Olde Towne East, the King-Lincoln District, German Village and other near-Downtown neighborhoods told council members last night that they should put the brakes on construction. They first want ODOT to address concerns that fixing freeway hazards will make city streets more dangerous for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists. They also blasted Mayor Michael B. Coleman's administration for giving in to ODOT on items such as Downtown bike lanes and bridge enhancements, conversion of one-way streets and promises to reunite neighborhoods that were cut apart when the interstate was built more than a half-century ago. "We're sure ODOT has heard us at these meetings," said Downtown resident Jeffrey Darbee. "We're not sure they've listened." Charles Moore, a resident of Olde Towne East, blamed the city's Department of Public Service as well. "We're not getting the opportunity to have input with city staff," he said at a council hearing, the first city-hosted forum on the project. "We haven't heard 'boo' from those people." Public Service officials said ODOT has grown more cooperative since talk of a reconstruction project began almost a decade ago. "There's been a lot of movement by ODOT in the right direction," said transportation administrator Randy Bowman. "I think what's been

shown is that residents want to see more." Council members offered a sympathetic ear to irritated residents at last night's hearing, complaining about some of the same ODOT ideas and saying that they, too, have been kept out of the loop. Although the state's proposals have been endorsed by the group that commissioned a new Downtown plan and the consultant who wrote it, Councilman Andrew J. Ginther told ODOT officials that ideas for Downtown streets heading to and from the highway don't adhere to city policies to accommodate pedestrians and bicycle riders... [http://www.dispatchpolitics.com/live/content/local\\_news/stories/2010/07/15/copy/slow-down-on-i-7071-odot-told.html?adsec=politics&sid=101](http://www.dispatchpolitics.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2010/07/15/copy/slow-down-on-i-7071-odot-told.html?adsec=politics&sid=101)

1-71-70 Interchange

## **ODOT gets earful from council**

Phase I legislation will pass despite communication breakdown

Thursday, July 15, 2010 01:39 PM

By GARY SEMAN JR.

ThisWeek Staff Writer

Columbus City Council fully expects to pass legislation authorizing Phase I of the I-71/70 interchange plan, but not before chiding the Ohio Department of Transportation for a breakdown in communication. At a public hearing July 14, some council members said they were caught off guard by ODOT's urgent request that the legislation needed to be passed by the end of the month. Council basically must approve legislation giving the transportation department permission to work in the city's rights of way, which essentially begins construction of Phase I along 1-670 at Leonard Avenue to Long Street. The hearing was held by the Public Service and Transportation Committee, chaired by Hearcel Craig. Council members in attendance said they had just been notified in recent weeks of the pressing need for the legislation, which will launch one of the largest transportation efforts in the city's history. All said they recognize the importance of the project but said they didn't believe they had time to effectively communicate the work to area residents. Charleta Tavares said the timing "is not fair to us and certainly not fair to the broader community..." <http://www.thisweeknews.com/live/content/germanvillage/stories/2010/07/14/ODOT-gets-earful-from-council-on-communication-breakdown.html?sid=104>

## **Coveted highway caps still in Downtown plan**

But budget will limit final number

Monday, July 19, 2010 02:51 AM

By Robert Vitale

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Bridges over a rebuilt I-70/71 will be better than the standard concrete and chain-link of today. But only one of the six spans to be replaced during the project's first half will include a Short North-style cap that near-Downtown neighborhoods have coveted throughout the planning process. Ohio Department of Transportation officials say earlier drawings and descriptions were conceptual and now are outdated, even though they're still posted on the agency's website. The "visioning exercises" included cost estimates but weren't subjected to the budget realities applied as the state moves toward a 2011 construction kickoff. "We're down to the nuts-and-bolts decisions now," spokesman Brian Hedge said. ODOT plans to spend \$37million on bridge enhancements: fancier design, nicer landscaping, wider sidewalks, new bike lanes, artwork and more decorative lights and fencing. Some money will come from Columbus and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission...

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## **Dublin Bicycle Advisory Task Force**

Group recommends projects, funding

Wednesday, July 14, 2010 12:03 PM

By JENNIFER NOBLIT

ThisWeek Staff Writer

Dublin residents could reap the rewards soon of work done by the Dublin Bicycle Advisory Task Force. During a July 1 Dublin City Council meeting, BATF members recommended projects to improve cycling in Dublin in 2010 and add to the 2011-15 capital improvement program for funding. "The memorandum before you is really a small beginning of what we hope to have to you in a few months," Tom Merritt, BATF chair, told council members. The BATF was created by Dublin City Council to improve cycling opportunities in the city. Members were appointed last September and meetings began in October. Merritt said recommended projects "do not address all of the issues in the community É We thought we would try É to get a toehold in funding of the capital improvement program." The advisory group suggested three projects for completion this year, if funding is available:

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## Show & Tell: Entertainment News

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Dublin native biking U.S.

Megan Matrka, 23, is pedaling her way across the United States for a cause. Matrka, a Dublin native and recent Ohio State University graduate, was tapped as a group leader for JettRide, a cross-country ride for teens that raises money for and awareness of Duchenne muscular dystrophy. She accepted the challenge, she said by phone, so she could apply her biking interest and see the nation in a different way. The group, which travels about 70 miles a day, recently reached Utah - after starting the ride June 24 in San Francisco. Despite the lack of cell-phone service in remote areas, Matrka hasn't missed being constantly connected. "It's nice to be away from things," she said. "I have an excuse." She has learned much about the disorder. "It's really cool how connected these people are, with Duchenne," she said. "It's an open community - very cooperative with each other." The cyclists are scheduled to pass through Cincinnati in mid-August, with the ride ending Aug. 28 in Point Pleasant, N.J. . . .

<http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/life/stories/2010/07/19/1a-showtell19-july-art-g3o95f1q-1.html>

## Editorial: Getting to green

Metro Parks' takeover of city trails will lead to better, bigger system

Monday, July 19, 2010 02:55 AM

Hats off to Metro Parks for taking custody of trails along the creeks and rivers of Columbus. Starting this week, Metro Parks assumes control of 45 miles of the city's pathways for hikers, bikers and joggers. The acquisition more than doubles the length of trails under control of the park system. And Metro Parks Executive Director John O'Meara envisions continued expansion to about 160 miles. The consolidation makes sense because government agencies should focus on what they do best. Metro Parks' primary mission is to preserve natural areas, especially watersheds, and make them accessible to the public. The core mission of the city's Department of Recreation and Parks, by contrast, is to provide recreation and leisure outlets across an urban landscape of 230 parks, 23 recreation centers, seven golf courses and five athletic complexes. Because of the city's budget squeeze in recent years, its trails were given scant attention. That prompted talks with Metro Parks, which puts a high priority on maintaining trails. "I really do think there's a big benefit for all," O'Meara said. "We're going to have unified management. . . . The level of care will be more consistent." With a property-tax base that relies heavily on payments from the urban core, Metro Parks officials have a moral obligation to examine constantly how they can better connect urban residents to the system's emerald oases, most of which lie beyond the Outerbelt. The recent development of Scioto Audubon Metro Park, just south of Downtown, is a welcome affirmation of that obligation. The acquisition of city trails furthers the commitment. . . .

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## Metro Parks Takes Over Columbus Trails; City Saves \$150K

County Takes Over City Trails (Added: July 12, 2010)

Miles of Central Ohio bike and walking trails are under new management.

By Candice Lee

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COLUMBUS, Ohio -- Two years ago the City of Columbus faced an uphill battle trying to fund a balanced budget. Steep cuts in funding to the Recreation and Parks Department were taken. As a result, the city's 45 miles of trails were neglected. Monday, Franklin County Metro Parks took over the maintenance and security of those trails. Rain threatening skies did little to keep Gene Dulin from his ride along the Olentangy Trail Monday morning. "I like to ride in the summer about once every two to three days for about an hour, hour and a half," Dulin told NBC 4. Across town, Jaime Marks bikes her way home along the Alum Creek Trail. "I commute to work every day. It's about 10 miles. I only do it during the warmer months. I back off during the winter," Marks said. Both Gene and Jaime said the trails are in relatively good condition, however, there are areas for improvements. "My biggest complaint would be (that) instead of spending money on benches and things like that, spend a little money on resurfacing. It's getting pretty rough in some places," Dulin said. It is just one of many maintenance issues Franklin County Metro Parks officials said they plan to address as they take over for the City of Columbus. The initial investment to get the trails up to code and put rangers on patrol sits at \$650,000. "We are able to offer safer trails. We are hopefully over time able to provide maintenance of the trails. I think it serves the community better," said John O'Meara, [executive director](http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2010/jul/12/metro-parks-takes-over-columbus-trails-city-saves--ar-146395/) of Franklin County Metro Parks. . . . <http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2010/jul/12/metro-parks-takes-over-columbus-trails-city-saves--ar-146395/>

## Plain Township sells 34 acres to Metro Parks

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By LORI WINCE

ThisWeek Staff Writer

Plain Township trustees agreed last week to sell 34 acres north of Walnut Street to Metro Parks. All three trustees voted in favor of the land sale during the July 7 meeting. "This continues our plan to expand parks in the township," said trustee Dave Ferguson. The resolution will allow the township to sell the 34 acres for \$17,000 an acre, or a total of \$578,000. Township fiscal officer John Brandt said the township paid about \$900,000 for the property, which township administrator Ben Collins said was purchased about five years ago. Collins said the township has been working with other entities on the park idea for several years. He said trustees thought park use was appropriate for the 34 acres and it would be a good resource for residents. "We're excited about this and hopeful that the (Metro) Parks can continue acquiring property," Collins said...

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## Dublin-Granville Road bridge to close July 19

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By LORI WINCE

ThisWeek Staff Writer

The bridge on Dublin-Granville Road that crosses Sugar Run between Hamilton and Harlem roads will close July 19 for 90 days. The county will be repairing the bridge, according to the Franklin County Engineer's Office, and it is anticipated to reopen in late October. "They are taking the bridge deck off and rebuilding it," said Mark Nemecek, New Albany service director. He said abutments and all other understructure will stay in place and the creek will not be disturbed. No work is being done on the embankment. The estimated cost of the project is \$390,380. Funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 are being used and were directed through the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. Shelly & Sands is the contractor for the project...

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## Proposed city income tax increase

Council makes sure roads benefit

\* A stipulation says increased tax revenue from a likely Nov. 2 ballot issue would go toward capital improvements for 10 years.

By LAURA ENGLEHART

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Powell city leaders are another step closer to placing a much-discussed income tax increase on the ballot in November. At their July 6 meeting, Powell City Council members introduced two ordinances and a resolution to make its request official. If passed, the resolution would allow the city to ask voters Nov. 2 to raise the income tax rate from 0.75 percent to 1.5 percent. The new rate would become effective Jan. 1. If the issue passes, the city would receive \$2.2 million more per year in revenue for road and bicycle path repairs and new construction to ease traffic buildup in the city, said City Manager Steve Lutz.

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## Council debates future of Murphy Parkway

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By BONNIE BUTCHER

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Powell City Council members appropriated \$196,000 for engineering an extension for Murphy Parkway but aren't sure how quickly they want to spend the money. "It might be better not to take that (engineering) further until we see if and when we have funding available, so we don't get too far ahead of ourselves," mayor Art Schultz said. Before Powell can engineer the extension, city council must decide how Murphy Parkway will connect to South Liberty Road. Council has reviewed studies on using a "T" intersection to connect the two roads. In April, council heard a report on the effects a roundabout would have at the intersection. The roundabout would cost about \$300,000 more than a T-intersection, which was estimated several years ago to cost about \$1.3-million...

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## Resurfacing projects set to end this month

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By NATE ELLIS

ThisWeek Staff Writer

Local motorists soon will see smoother surfaces and the removal of traffic barrels on two heavily traveled thoroughfares. According to officials from the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Fairfield County Engineer's Office, the resurfacing of state Route 204 and West Columbus Street will conclude this month. Work on both projects started in late spring. Both are being primarily funded by federal stimulus money. The resurfacing of West Columbus Street between Diley Road and state Route 256 began July 6 and is scheduled for completion by the end of this week. "This is part of an overall project to pave some roads in Violet Township, the city of Pickerington and county roads," said Jeff Beard, Fairfield County chief deputy engineer. "We did grinding and repaving on Harmon Road and we repaved Wagram Road, then moved to Columbus Street..."

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## Extension for Town Square Drive opens

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By NATE ELLIS

ThisWeek Staff Writer

According to Pickerington officials, July 9 marked the day the city's "road to nowhere" became the "road to somewhere." More specifically, Town Square Drive, known by many in the community since its opening in 2000 as the "road to nowhere," now leads to Center Street and points southeast. The connection opened officially with an afternoon ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday after crews completed a 700-foot, \$135,000 extension of Town Square Drive. City engineer Greg Bachman announced the scheduled opening of the roadway at a July 6 Pickerington City Council meeting. "Town Square Drive is soon to be the 'road to somewhere,'" he told council members...

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## City Council decides Fishinger doesn't need to go on a 'road diet'

By DONAVON CAMPBELL

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After considering a number of options, Upper Arlington City Council members have chosen to maintain the status quo on Fishinger Road. Council members gave staff the go-ahead at a July 6 meeting to pursue a design plan that simply will replace the current four-lane roadway between the "Five Points" intersection and Kenny Road. The plan includes underground telecommunications work and storm sewer work before the surface is reconstructed, City Engineer Tom Komlanc said. The plan does add a sidewalk, however, that most likely will go along the north side of the road, Komlanc said. City staff asked residents for feedback on a number of options for the roadway in March. Among the options considered was a "road diet" that would have reduced the number of lanes on the stretch of Fishinger from four to three, with a left-hand turn lane in the center. Among other possibilities were a sidewalk or multi-use path along both sides of the road, as well as a mid-block pedestrian crossing island if the street went to three lanes. Council members were divided on the concept of the "road diet" even after Komlanc explained that a three-lane roadway with a left-hand turn lane in the center should be able to handle the projected traffic patterns. "I just don't feel like I have the information in front of me to make that decision," to reduce Fishinger from four to three lanes, Councilman Wade Steen said. Councilman Erik Yassenoff explained he was also against the lane reduction for the time being. "The road diet just doesn't make sense to me," Yassenoff said...

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## SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL – Nothing This Issue

# OTHER NEWS (Includes Tour de France)

## Veteran cyclists: Injured soldiers hope to inspire

BY ABBEY ROY • Advocate Reporter • July 13, 2010

GRATIOT -- To all injured veterans struggling in a wheelchair, or feeling hopeless because of a lost limb, or grappling with the haunting symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder: Seventeen men and women would like your attention. They are riding their bicycles almost 4,000 miles across the country to get it, and their message is this: "We want others to see this and say, 'We can do that,'" said Marc Esposito, 26, who almost died in a bombing while serving in the Air Force in Afghanistan...

<http://www.newarkadvocate.com/article/20100713/NEWS01/7130326/Veteran-cyclists-Injured-soldiers-hope-to-inspire>

## Portman fractures collarbone

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By Jack Torry

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

WASHINGTON - Senate Republican candidate Rob Portman fractured his collarbone Sunday in a fall from a bicycle and is scheduled for what an aide describes as minor surgery this morning in Ohio. Portman, 54, a former congressman from Cincinnati, had been riding with his son Will, 18, in Jackson Hole, Wyo. Portman flew back to Ohio yesterday and was at his Cincinnati-area home last night. A senior aide said Portman was expected to take a short break from the campaign to recuperate. "Rob has learned that it is not a good idea to try and keep up with his 18-year-old son while mountain biking," joked Jessica Towhey, a Portman spokeswoman. Portman, who served as U.S. trade representative and director of the Office of Management and Budget under former President George W. Bush, was in Jackson Hole for a fundraiser Sunday. He is running against Lt. Gov. Lee Fisher, a Democrat, to fill the seat held by Sen. George V. Voinovich, R-Ohio. Voinovich is retiring at the end of this year.

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Broken collarbone

## Portman resting after surgical fix

Wednesday, July 14, 2010 02:51 AM

By Jack Torry

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

WASHINGTON - Republican Senate candidate Rob Portman was resting yesterday at his suburban Cincinnati home after undergoing surgery on his fractured collarbone. Physicians reinforced Portman's collarbone with titanium, prompting Portman to Tweet supporters that his collarbone is "stronger than ever." Portman suffered the break Sunday while bike riding with his son Will, 18, in Jackson Hole, Wyo. Portman, who attended a fundraiser Saturday in Jackson Hole, flew back to Ohio on Monday...

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Sandcastle nearing bike trail agreement

## Last link in Great Allegheny Passage

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

By Jon Schmitz, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Allegheny County and Sandcastle Waterpark are expected to announce an agreement within days that will allow completion of the last missing piece of a biking and hiking trail linking Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C. "I really expect we'll have a formal announcement in the next couple days," said James Judy, vice president of operations for Palace Entertainment, owner of the park. "I believe that is probably going to be the case," agreed county spokesman Kevin Evanto. The deal would cap years of negotiations aimed at finding a way to accommodate the trail on the park's narrow strip of land between a railroad line and the Monongahela River. The roughly one-mile stretch is the last link in the 150-mile Great Allegheny Passage from Pittsburgh to Cumberland, Md., where it connects to the C&O Towpath to Washington. When all is complete, it will be possible to bike about 335 continuous, mostly flat miles from Pittsburgh to the nation's capital without interference from motorized traffic...

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/10194/1072356-455.stm> Thanks to Bob Williams for the link.

## Tour de France: Armstrong's hopes for final win 'finished'

Crashes, climbs push seven-time Tour champion into 39th place

Monday, July 12, 2010 02:50 AM

By Jamey Keaten

Associated Press

MORZINE, France - Close the book on the Lance Armstrong era at the Tour de France. He has. The record seven-time champion wrote off his chances of victory in his 13th and last Tour, the beginning of the end of one of the most celebrated and controversial careers in cycling history. The 38-year-old Texan's hopes for yet another title were dashed yesterday after he got caught in three crashes - one of which brought him down - and struggled to keep up during two tough climbs in Stage 8, the race's first foray into the Alps. "My Tour is finished," said Armstrong, who fell to 39th overall. The stage was won by 25-year-old Andy Schleck of Luxembourg, and Armstrong finished nearly 12 minutes back, in 61st place... <http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/sports/stories/2010/07/12/armstrongs-hopes-for-final-win-finished.html>

## Tour de France: Schleck pulls ahead, but Contador is close

Wednesday, July 14, 2010 02:52 AM

By Jamey Keaten

Associated Press

SAINT-JEAN-DE-MAURIENNE, France - Andy Schleck of Luxembourg captured the overall lead at the Tour de France at the end of yesterday's mountainous ninth stage, which was won by French rider Sandy Casar. Schleck took the yellow jersey from Australia's Cadel Evans after finishing seventh in the stage, two seconds behind Casar and alongside two-time Tour winner Alberto Contador. Evans lost more than 8 minutes on Schleck and Contador. Team doctor Max Testa said Evans was riding with a "small but very painful" fracture on his elbow after crashing in the eighth stage Sunday. Lance Armstrong fared relatively well as other riders dropped off the title contenders on the Madeleine. The Texan finished 18th, 2:50 behind Casar...

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## Armstrong teammate wins last stage in Alps

Thursday, July 15, 2010 02:54 AM

By Jamey Keaten

ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAP, France - Something finally went right for Lance Armstrong's squad at the Tour de France. Team RadioShack got its first taste of success at this year's Tour when Sergio Paulinho of Portugal captured the 10th stage yesterday, narrowly winning a two-man sprint among breakaway riders. Andy Schleck of Luxembourg retained the yellow jersey. He finished in the main pack more than 14 minutes back, alongside his biggest rivals for the title. Paulinho edged Vasil Kiryienka of Belarus over the sun-baked 111-mile trek from Chambery to Gap. It featured one difficult climb - the Laffrey pass - as the race left the Alps...

<http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/sports/stories/2010/07/15/armstrong-teammate-wins-last-stage-in-alps.html>

## Tour de France: Rider kicked out for losing his head

Friday, July 16, 2010 02:53 AM

By Jamey Keaten

Associated Press

BOURG-LES-VALENCE, France - In the frenzied and dangerous mass sprints at the Tour de France, competitors often need to keep their heads. Mark Renshaw decided to use his. The Australian lead-out man for sprint specialist Mark Cavendish was kicked out of the race after head-butting a rival yesterday, which cleared a path for his British teammate to win his third stage at this year's Tour. "This is cycling. It's not wrestling," said course director Jean-Francois Pescheux, who called Renshaw's aggressive tactics "flagrant" and the punishment necessary. "There are rules to respect," Pescheux said... <http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/sports/stories/2010/07/16/rider-kicked-out-for-losing-his-head.html>

Tour de France

## Contador climbs closer to top spot

Saturday, July 17, 2010 02:53 AM

By Jamey Keaten

Associated Press

MENDE, France — Alberto Contador sent a message yesterday to Tour de France leader Andy Schleck: Here I come. The two-time Tour champion dropped the Luxembourg rider on the steep final climb of the 12th stage, the Spaniard's first bold attack of the race gaining him crucial seconds in the title chase. Joaquin Rodriguez, a Spaniard with the Katusha team, got the stage-win glory by edging Contador in a two-man sprint at the finish of the 131-mile course from Bourg-de-Peage to Mende. Contador was content to cut 10 seconds from his deficit to Schleck and now trails by 31 seconds. Samuel Sanchez of Spain is a distant third, 2:45 back. The race has shaped up as a duel between Contador and Schleck, who are seemingly unparalleled in the climbs — and the Pyrenees await as the arena where their rivalry will play out beginning Sunday. Schleck knows that Contador is stronger in the time trial and wants to have the biggest lead possible before the final race against the clock on the eve of the July 25 finish on the Champs-Elysees in Paris...

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Tour de France

## Ex-doper wins Stage 13 scandal-free

Sunday, July 18, 2010 02:59 AM

By Jamey Keaten

Associated Press

REVEL, France — Alexandre Vinokourov did his time for doping. Now, he's back to basking in Tour de France glory. The 36-year-old from Kazakhstan capped his return to cycling's main event by winning the 13th stage yesterday with a solo breakaway that said more about savvy and opportunistic cycling than leg power. It was a far cry from the 2007 Tour, when Vinokourov was kicked out and instantly became an emblem of doping shame after testing positive for a banned blood transfusion. Police raided his Astana team's hotel, and the squad quit the race. Vinokourov has said he doesn't want to dwell on the past. He wants to regain the trust of fans and prove that he can win with hard work alone. "I showed I worked hard in these two years," he said yesterday after his fourth career Tour stage victory...

<http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/sports/stories/2010/07/18/ex-doper-wins-stage-13-scandal-free.html>

Tour De France

## Schleck, Contador stick together

Monday, July 19, 2010 02:55 AM

By Naomi Koppel

Associated Press

AX-3 DOMAINES, France - With the Pyrenees all too ready to punish riders, overall leader Andy Schleck and defending champion Alberto Contador sized each other up, matching wits and pedal strokes in a high-altitude waiting game at the Tour de France. Yesterday's stage victory belonged to Christophe Riblon, a relatively unknown Frenchman who won a Tour stage for the first time. Riblon was spurred on by a French crowd that has had little to celebrate at the Tour in recent years. "(Saturday) night if you'd asked me about today, I wouldn't have bet one euro on me," he said. Schleck leads Contador by 31 seconds in the overall standings. Both finished with the same time, more than a minute behind Riblon. They lost a few seconds to Samuel Sanchez of Spain and Denis Menchov of Russia...

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