



Council Report – June 2026  
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## **Memorial Day Ceremony**

The City of Groveport hosted the annual Memorial Day Ceremony to honor and remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country. The event began with a short parade through downtown Groveport, followed by a ceremony at Groveport Cemetery. The program featured opening remarks from the American Legion Commander, who served as Master of Ceremonies; the National Anthem performed by a Columbus firefighter; the Pledge of Allegiance led by Warren Motts; remarks from a representative of the Department of Veterans Services; and recognition of the City's Hometown Heroes banner honorees by Mayor Westcamp. The ceremony also included a traditional gun salute and the playing of Taps. Following the ceremony, attendees were invited to place white carnations, provided by the City, on the graves of veterans as a tribute to their service and sacrifice.

## **First Thursday Festival – June**

First Thursday welcomed a tremendous crowd, thanks in large part to beautiful weather and sunny skies. The event featured six food trucks, more than 50 vendors, live music, pony rides, a petting zoo, inflatables, and face painters, providing entertainment for attendees of all ages. As part of the event, the City distributed 250 tote bags featuring Groveport's new logo, helping promote community pride and awareness of the City's refreshed brand. The strong attendance and positive atmosphere made June's First Thursday a successful kickoff to the summer festival season.

## **Fourth of July Family Fun Day & Parade**

The Community Affairs Department is currently preparing for Groveport's Fourth of July Family Fun Day and Independence Day Parade. This year's Family Fun Day will take place in a new location, the east parking lot of Groveport Middle School Central, located at 751 Main Street. The event will be held on July 3 and will feature 10 food trucks, five large inflatables, airbrush tattoo artists, and three bands performing on the main stage, including local favorite Shuckin' Bubba Deluxe. The evening will conclude with a fireworks display.

The Independence Day Parade will be held on July 4. Community members, organizations, businesses, and clubs interested in participating in the parade have until June 22 to submit their registration. The City looks forward to welcoming residents and visitors for this annual community celebration.