

Council Report – June 2025

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First Thursday

June 5 was our first “First Thursday” event to kick off the summer! Despite the weather, we had at least **40 vendors** who weathered the storm and may have chased down a couple of tents, but they showed up, as did the community. In true Ohio fashion, it turned out to be a beautiful evening.

NEW this year is the **Columbus Metropolitan Library: Southeast Branch – Mobile Library**. The community can check out books for all ages and even sign up for a library card on-site.

We have 76 vendors signed up for our August event!



Fourth of July

Preparations are well underway for this exciting two-day celebration. The deadline for parade registration and sponsorships is **Friday, June 20**. On June 13, Chief Adams coordinated with officers to distribute informational letters and special parking passes to Wirt Road residents. These materials outlined road closures related to the festivities and designated parking at Heritage Park specifically for Wirt Road residents.

EVENT NUMBERS AS OF JUNE 13, 2015

2025 Sponsors: (8) Total - \$2,200

1. Turnpoint Church – Volunteered Services
2. Madison TWP – \$1,000
3. Komar Industries – \$500
4. Faro Services Inc. \$250
5. WicklessWest Scentsy (\$100)
6. Baker Creative (\$50)
7. Groveport Moose Lodge 1245 (\$200)
8. Dominic Vincent Salon (\$100)

Note: Amounts shown in parentheses indicate sponsors who have confirmed they will send payment by mail.

Food Trucks: (11) Total

1. Chubby Hawaiian Grill (*New*)
2. Lemon Shakeups (*New*)
3. Ari's Coneys (*New*)
4. Vibe Energy
5. Kona Ice
6. All American Popcorn
7. Family Rice Bowl
8. Hogs "N" Hunnies
9. Spanglish
10. Grill King
11. Groveport DeMolay – Funnel Cakes

2025 Political entries: (4) Total

1. Abdullah Barsa
2. Andrew Nimbley
3. Jack Rupp
4. John Hougland

SAVE the DATE

Schedule of Events

Thursday, July 3, 2025

Independence Day Fireworks & Family Fun

Live Music • Fireworks • 10+ Food Trucks • Family Activities
All activities will take place on Wirt Rd.

Complimentary Kids Activities
5:00pm - 8:00pm

MUSIC ON THE MAIN STAGE WITH GUEST PERFORMERS:

5:00 pm—6:00 pm	Mama Drama
6:30 pm—7:30 pm	Devin Henry
8:00 pm—9:30 pm	Parrots of the Caribbean

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Friday, July 4, 2025

Independence Day Celebration Parade

10:30am • Red, White & Kids Parade:
10am - Staging at the elementary playground. Designated parking at Middle School Central, 751 Main St., with parade beginning promptly at 10:30am
**Kids Parade Route: Begins at 751 Main St., West Bound on Main, South on Oak to Crooked Alley KidSpace, 630 Wirt Rd.*

11:00am • Main Parade:
8:00am - Staging begins at Groveport Rec Center, 7370 Groveport Rd., with parade beginning promptly at 11:00 am.
**Main Parade Route: The parade starts at Richardson Rd. travels west on Main Street, then turns right on Hendron Rd., concluding at the Glendening Elementary School.*

MAMA DRAMA

5:00PM - 6:00PM

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PARROTS OF THE CARIBBEAN

8:00PM - 9:30PM

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MUSIC ON THE MAIN STAGE

DEVIN HENRY

6:30PM - 7:30PM

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Rain or Shine

Adult Programs on the Go– Grant Sawyer House

The latest *Program on the Go* outing was a great success. Participants enjoyed a guided tour of the historic Grant Sawyer House, followed by a relaxing lunch at Brothers Diner. The day was filled with history, engaging conversation, and meaningful community connection.



Next Adventure: Thursday, June 27

The group's next destination will be the Dr. Increase Mathews House, featuring a beautiful display of antique quilts, local glass, and pottery. The outing will conclude with lunch at Tom's Ice Cream Bowl.

Registration Deadline: June 23 | **Cost:** \$7 per person for the house tour

Participants are encouraged to register early to secure their spot.

Children's Programs

With the arrival of warmer weather, KidSpace participants have been enjoying a variety of outdoor adventures (weather permitting), providing engaging and educational experiences for children and their families.

June 4 – Sycamore Creek Park Exploration

Participants had a wonderful morning exploring the creek at Sycamore Creek Park.

Highlights included a surprise snake sighting—although our nets weren't quite fast enough to catch it! The outing ended with some playground fun under sunny skies.

Attendance: 12 children / 6 adults



June 5 – Sunpoint Park Playtime

Our little explorers had a great time enjoying the playground at Sunpoint Park. It was a fun and energetic morning for everyone!

Attendance: 18 children / 11 adults



June 10 – Police-Themed Fun with Groveport PD



KidSpace's *Little Learners* program teamed up with the Groveport Police Department for a police-themed morning of learning and laughs.

Lieutenant Shellie Rimmer gave children a close-up look at her police car, including the buttons for lights and sirens, and allowed them to sit in the back seat. Back inside, kids took turns answering pretend “police phones,” while several parents were hilariously “cited” for playful offenses like jumping on the couch and having stinky socks. “Punishments” included no dessert, no TV, and standing in the corner—much to everyone's amusement. A big thank you to Lt. Rimmer and the Groveport Police Department for an exciting and memorable visit!

Attendance: 25 children / 17 adults

June 12 – Water Fun at Heritage Park

It was the perfect summer day for water fun at Heritage Park! Children splashed in pools, played water games, tossed balloons, and shared snacks with friends. A special thanks to families who provided water balloons, a kiddie pool, snacks, and extra fun.

Attendance: 41 children / 21 adults



Current Happenings

- ✓ The First Thursday registration deadline was May 30.
- ✓ First Thursday vendors and Food truck spots are full for August.
- ✓ The Fourth of July registration deadline is June 20.
- ✓ Fourth of July food trucks spots are full and entertainment is booked.
- ✓ Accepting KidsFest vendor applications. Food truck spots are full.

Upcoming Events

Independence Day Fireworks & Family Fun Event: Thursday, July 3, 5:00pm

Independence Day Parade: Friday, July 4, 11:00am

First Thursday: Thursday, August 7, 4:30pm – 7:00pm

KidsFest: Saturday, September 6, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Community Garage Sale: September 12 – 13, 9:00am – 6:00pm
