



Council Report – May 2022

Community Affairs Department – Jessica Wyke, Director

**Afternoon Tea Tasting with the Columbus Symphony Orchestra – May 14, 2pm to 4pm**

The Afternoon Tea Tasting was a classy affair attended by 50+ tea tasters. A tea ambassador from Zen Cha Tea Salon in the Short North led the group through a culinary experience with tea samples from 6 different regions while the Columbus Symphony Orchestra duo played elegant background music.

**Groveport Spring Community Garage Sale – May 20 & 21, 9am to 6pm**

45 residents registered for Groveport's Spring Community Garage Sale. Residents paid \$5 to register which included being added to the garage sale map, a garage sale sign, and a sheet of pricing stickers.

**First Thursday – June 2, 4:30pm to 7:30pm**

First Thursday was well attended and the weather cleared up just in time. The event featured 50+ vendors, 4 food trucks, a face painter, inflatables, and Nashville recording artist, Lee Gantt. Festival attendees lined up 30 minutes prior to the start of the event to get the sought-after Groveport tote bag giveaway. 200 bags were gone in the first 20 minutes of the festival.

**Groveport's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – June 11, 10am to 1:00pm**

Over 400 hot dogs and close to 500 ice cream novelties were given out during Groveport's 175 Anniversary Celebration. Folks of all ages participated in the self-guided tour to receive their commemorative 175 Anniversary t-shirt. Thank you to BJ, Chief Adams, and Kathi for manning the hot dog station. Thank you to the Eastland Career Center cadets for volunteering to hand out postcards at the various stops. Thank you to Rick Palsgrove for providing the pictures and historical significance for each tour site.

**Free Lunch Friday – Every Friday in June & July**

We couldn't be more pleased with Free Lunch Friday's turnout....32 children the first time and 30 children the second time! For the third Free Lunch Friday, we'll be grilling the remaining hot dogs from Groveport's 175 Anniversary Celebration.

**Programs – Children & Adults**

Since waiving the \$5 Program Pass, program participation has more than doubled in both children and adult programming. New programs include a sewing program for adults and a park destination program for children highlighting and visiting different parks in Groveport.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Employee Appreciation Luncheon – June 24, 11am to 1pm

Concerts in the Park – June 25, 6pm to 8pm

Groveport's Fourth of July Celebration – July 4, All Day

First Thursday - July 7, 4:30pm – 7:30pm

Farmers Market Kickoff – July 14, 4pm – 6pm

Concerts in the Park – July 30, 6pm – 8pm

Free Lunch Friday – Every Friday in July