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Work underway on Bypass 4 widening

The long-awaited widening of Bypass 4 is well underway. Crews began preparation for the construction starting in early spring, with roadwork getting underway in mid summer. While some delays can be expected from time to time, traffic along Bypass 4 will be maintained during the construction.

Currently, Hamilton-Mason Road is closed to traffic at the west side of the Bypass. The road will re-open in late November when crews stop work for winter. The east side of Hamilton-Mason will close to traffic in April 2011 when work resumes in the spring.

The widening adds a lane in each direction, with three lanes in each direction between Symmes and Tylersville Roads. Intersections at Hamilton-Mason, Tylersville and Symmes Roads will be transformed into "superstreet intersections" that will offer greatly improved safety to motorists.

The superstreet intersection essentially eliminates a typical crossroad design, minimizing exposure of motorists to side-impact accidents.

The intersection at State Route 4 at the south end of the Bypass will also be reconfigured in the final phases of



The intersection of Bypass 4 with State Rote 4 and Ross Road will see significant changes as part of the Bypass 4 widening project. Diversion roads will channel traffic away from a traditional intersection design to help improve traffic flow and maximize safety.

- construction to include "diversion roads" for access to either SR 4 or Ross Road, which currently is a traditional intersection where the Bypass ends.

- The project, which costs a total of \$9.3 million, is the result of a coordinated effort among the City of Fairfield, Hamilton, Butler County, Fairfield Township, the Butler County Engineer's Office, the Butler County Transportation Improvement District (TID), and the Ohio Department of Transportation.

- extends from the south end of the Bypass to just south of State Route 129. The Butler County TID is developing plans that could extended the widening effort northward.

STATE ROUTE 4 BYPASS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
Construction Begins June 2010 - Completion in Summer 2012
Contract Amount - \$9,256,826.79

PROJECT PARTNERS: CITY OF FAIRFIELD, BUTLER COUNTY TID, BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, BUTLER COUNTY ENGINEERS OFFICE, CITY OF HAMILTON, FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION: CITY OF FAIRFIELD
PROJECT DESIGNER: L&E, INC.
PROJECT CONTRACTOR: SUNESIS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

The road work within Fairfield is expected to be completed by the end of 2011, with the entire project expected to be completed by the summer of 2012.

Currently, the widening project

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Public safety tribute planned November 22

Fairfield's tribute to public safety workers will be dedicated in public ceremonies planned Monday, November 22, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Located east of the Justice Center on the southwest corner of Nilles Road and Sandy Lane, the bronze monument depicts a police officer, firefighter and an EMS worker surrounding a flag pole. The EMS worker holds a child in her arms.

- The monument, produced by the Verdin Company of Cincinnati, resulted from a nationwide appreciation for first responders following the tragic losses of those answering the call of duty at at the World Trade Center September 11, 2001. Michael Lynch, the brother of Fairfield resident Colleen Parigen, was among the 343 firefighters killed when the towers collapsed.

The monument pays tribute to the bravery of first responders everywhere and will serve as a focal point of honor for local public safety workers.



Annual dinner to honor Veterans

The 11th Annual Fairfield Community Foundation Dinner Celebration will honor America's Veterans. Planned for Tuesday, November 16, at Receptions Event Center, the dinner will be held in conjunction with the Fairfield City Schools.

- Tickets for the event are \$35 (\$20 for veterans). For information and reservations, call the Fairfield Community Foundation at 829-6355. The Fairfield Community Foundation was started in 1999 by local residents. It has awarded more than \$850,000 in scholarships and grants.

The evening, which is open to the public, will include raffle and silent auction items and patriotic music. Lt. Colonel Charles Schretzman, the highly decorated commanding officer of the University of Dayton Army ROTC, will be the evening's keynote speaker.

The Fairfield Community Foundation awards annual student scholarships in memory of Pfc Timothy J. Hines, LCpl Michael Cifuentes and LCpl Taylor B. Prazynski.

Bypass 4 work progressing fast

Work is progressing noticeably on improvements to the State Route Four Bypass. Workers are bringing the ground up to grade and preparing the intersection with Port Union for widening. Construction of the Symmes Road

- intersection is planned for the late fall.
- The roadway within Fairfield is expected to be completed by the end of 2011, with the entire project to be finished by the summer of 2012.



Work progresses along the SR 4 Bypass. Above, crews undertake the massive site preparation for the new intersection with SR 4. The aerial photo is taken on the north side of the Bypass.

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Now THAT's Beautiful!

Details are being finalized for the 2011 edition of the Beautiful Fairfield Contest. The criteria for entries changed in 2010's contest to focus on "Best Remodeling or Landscape Projects" and "Best Green Improvement Project." Winners received \$500 gift certificates to Kroger or Jungle Jim's; runners-up received \$250 gift certificates in the Remodeling/Landscaping division. Up to \$1,000 in gift certificates were available for award in the Green Improvement category.

All projects must have proper permits and must be accomplished since January 1, 2010. Residents planning to enter should have before and after pictures for their entry.



BEST REMODELING OR LANDSCAPE PROJECT WINNER
Dave & Debbie Homer
Mississippi Drive

BEST "GREEN" IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WINNER
Trish Clemmons
Red Oak Court

BEST REMODELING OR LANDSCAPE PROJECT RUNNER UP
Kyle & Angela Cortright
Innsbrooke Lane

BEST REMODELING OR LANDSCAPE PROJECT RUNNER UP
Ron & Barb Hurst
Oberlin Drive

Bypass 4 improvements continue during cold

Despite the bone-chilling cold, work continues on the Bypass 4 improvements within the Fairfield section of the project. Crews are currently working on the west side of the bridge near the southern junction with State Route 4.

Workers are establishing a foundation for the new bridge planned as part of the widening. While the extreme cold prohibits work on the road itself, foundation work is not impacted by the frigid temperatures, except for muddy conditions in areas where construction traffic thaws the ground.

Construction remains on schedule, with work to be completed by the end of the year, with the entire project completed by the summer of 2012.

Other 2010 Improvements

While items in this publication tend to focus on larger more visible projects, Public Works

crews are constantly engaged in smaller projects, all of which address various needs:

Curb/Overlay Improvements: Throughout the City, neighborhoods are enhanced with new road surfaces. Streets are assessed for need, typically requiring work on a 15-18 year cycle. In 2010, improvements cost \$2 million.

Drainage Improvements: To improve stormwater drainage in the area of Vinnedge, Walter, Fairfield and Anthony Wayne Avenues, crews replaced aging drywells. The old wells, constructed of cement blocks about 50 years

ago, were replaced with pre-cast concrete structures, shown in the the photo below. New roll-type castings were also installed to better screen debris and improve safety for vehicles and pedestrians. Work included 16 drywells at a cost of \$103,594.



River Road Curve Improvements: With a relatively high frequency of reported and unreported accidents along River Road north of the original Joyce Park entrance, crews widened the shoulder and added rumble strips to warn motorists of the dangerous curve. The \$28,140 project is designed to prevent future accidents.

Work continues along the SR 4 Bypass

Most of the work along the State Route 4 Bypass has been completed, with the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Superstreet concepts now in use. Work continues on the railroad bridge and at the intersection with State Route 4 in Fairfield.

While the bulk of the project is complete, work is just now beginning on the widening of the bridge over State Route 129. The bridgework is expected to be completed by the end of 2012.



Other projects see completion

Resor Road: After experiencing some delays due to weather and utility coordination, the Resor Road improvements are complete. To the casual observer, the roadway widening and hill reduction may have seemed like a routine project. In reality, the work was far more complex since utilities under the roadway



needed to be realigned so that the hillcrests could be removed. The project added paved

shoulders, curbs, a new water main, stormwater lines, and new gas and electric services.

Groh Lane: Work is nearing completion to reconstruct and widen the road leading to the future site of the Field of Dreams baseball complex. In addition to the roadway improvements, stormwater drainage capacity was enhanced.

Seward Turn Lane:

In response to safety study recommendations, the right turn lane from southbound

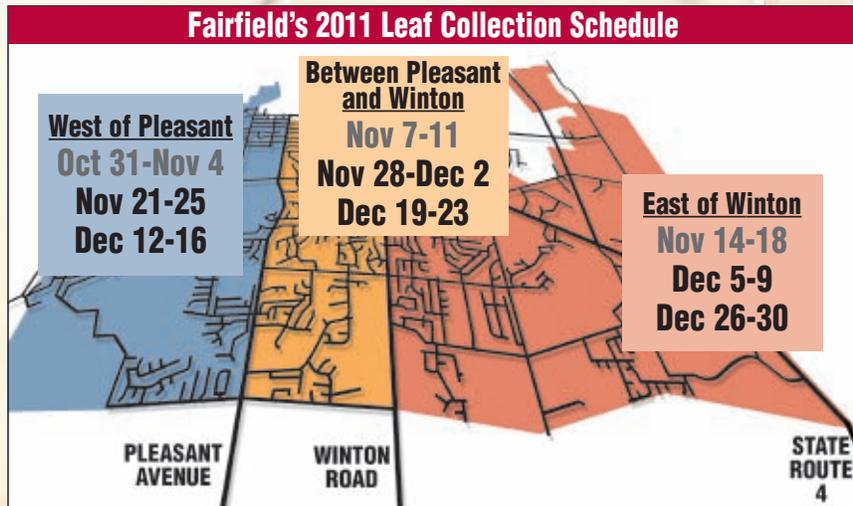
SR 4 to Seward Road was lengthened to give motorists more distance to decelerate safely.

Autumn Leaf Collection

Fall leaf collection has commenced and will continue through the end of December. Crews begin collection as early as 7 a.m. and continue until as late as 8 p.m. In order to facilitate pick up, residents should avoid parking in front of leaf piles. Blocked piles cannot be picked up.

To have leaves collected, place leaves (and leaves only) in rows or piles between the curb and sidewalk; not in the street or gutter. Leaves should be piled adjacent to the street in areas without curbs or gutters.

Federal mandates prohibit the placement of leaves in the street or gutter due to the potential for stormwater runoff to contaminate nearby streams. Contaminants also have the potential to leach into the aquifer; source of the area's drinking water. In addition,



debris in the street and gutter can block stormwater runoff.

Due to the large volume of leaves, crews may run a bit behind schedule. In order to ensure collection, place leaves behind the curb by the posted dates. Special collections will not be made by crews after they have completed an area.

Progress of the leaf collection effort—including significant delays—will be posted on the City's website, included in utility bills, or placed on Fairfield cable television channel 18.

Residents who miss the annual collection program or have a small amount of leaves may want to bag their leaves for curbside pick-up on their regularly scheduled trash collection.