

# 2010 - 2011 ADVENTURE BOOK!

Third Grade Level



Take a trip through the City of Dublin's  
past, present and future with a  
fun and educational book about  
Dublin City Government



This special activity book is presented by  
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As you look through the pages and work  
through the puzzles, we hope you will  
learn more about your city government  
and the services it provides.

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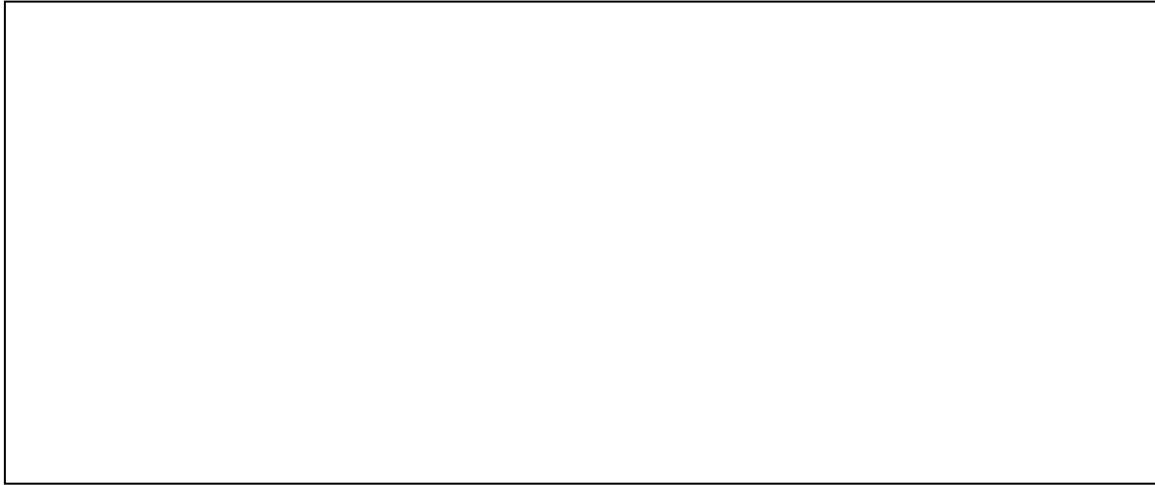
A Fun and Educational Book about Dublin City Government



Draw a shamrock on both sides of the word "Dublin."  
Remember, a shamrock has three leaves.

## Dublin's 200 years of History

Read the story below of Dublin, Ohio, and its 200 year history. Draw a picture of what these two men may have seen as they overlooked the river and the rolling hills of the beautiful valley of in 1810.



A question that is frequently asked is "**Was Dublin settled by the Irish?**" Historically speaking, the answer is "no." In reality, the early settlers of Dublin were largely Anglo-Saxon, Germanic-speaking people from Great Britain. The next question is, "If our community was not settled by the Irish, how did the city get its name?"

**John Sells** began to survey the lots for a town in 1810, aided by an Irish gentleman named **John Shields**. Legend has it that when they finished, John Sells gave John Shields the honor of naming the new town.

It is said they were standing in what is now Historic Dublin,

overlooking the river and the rolling hills toward the northeast. After some thought Shields said, "If I have the honor conferred upon me to name your village, with the brightness of the morn and the beaming of the sun on the hills and dales, surrounding this beautiful valley, it would give me great pleasure to name your new town after by birthplace, **Dublin, Ireland.**"

The word "Dublin" is a combination of two Gaelic words. The first word, "**Dubh,**" means dark and the second, "**linn,**" means pool. Dublin, Ireland, was so named because of the dark water in the Liffey River.

Millions of years before anyone lived in **Dublin**, Ohio, it was covered by a warm sea. This **prehistoric sea** created the limestone around and under the City of Dublin. This land has also seen four **ice ages**. The first was 1.5 million years ago and the last was 14,000 years ago. The last ice age was known as the Wisconsinian and is responsible for forming the **Scioto Valley**.

The first people of the Dublin area were the Hopewell Indians. The Hopewells built burial mounds in the area, one of which is located near Bright Road. The Hopewells disappeared and were replaced by the **Adena Indians**. The **Delaware Indians** moved into this area from the east in 1720. The Delaware were followed later by the **Shawnee** and the **Wyandot Indians**. The white settlers came years later.

The settlement of what is now known as Dublin began in 1807. **Peter and Benjamin Sells** came from Huntington County, Pennsylvania, to buy some land for their brothers and father, Ludwick. They purchased 400 acres for their brother, **John Sells**, which is where Dublin now stands.

The Sells Family, like numerous others, were attracted to the area for the fresh spring water, the abundant wildlife and the lime-rich farmland. This land was ideal for producing many successful crops.

Early settlers were largely **Anglo-Saxons** who settled on the **Indian Run River**. This flows into the **Scioto River**. Members of the Wyandot Indian tribe under **Chief Billy Wyandot** also camped in the area for many years.

Over time, various trades and businesses began in Dublin. In 1812, John Sells started a distillery near the present bridge on Bridge Street and a hat factory just south of the distillery. A **distillery** is where alcoholic beverages are made.



By the 1830s, most lots along North and South High Streets were sold. Many of the existing buildings were erected in what is now **Historic Dublin**. The **Dublin Chamber of Commerce** building at 129 South High Street was constructed in 1845 by Eliud Sells and was used as a residence and tavern.

In 1855, the village applied to be a permanent community and held an election to name **Zenas Hutchinson** as the first mayor. After a year of unhappiness, control of the village was returned to Washington Township. In August 1881, Dublin again became a village with an established jail, marshal and deputy. **T.J. Steinbower** became the mayor. New ordinances, or rules,

controlling horse hook ups, saloon hours and rock throwing were established.

In April 1888, gasoline lamp posts were purchased by the village of Dublin. In 1907, the gasoline lights were retired and carbide lights were installed. In 1920, they were replaced with electric lights. Today's street lights in Historic Dublin reflect the style from the early 1900s.

In the early 1970s, golf great **Jack Nicklaus** had a plan. He wanted to build the **Muirfield Village Golf Club**. He also wanted to build the most upscale housing development in Central Ohio. This plan jump started both residential and commercial development.

Also in the 1970s, Dublin saw the addition of Central Ohio's outer belt I-270. Soon after, **Ashland Chemical**

became the City's first major corporation to be within the Dublin City limits. Today, Ashland Inc. is one of Dublin's largest employers.

Dublin adopted a City Charter in 1987. At this time the **Council/City Manager** form of government was introduced. **Tim Hansley** was the first **City Manger** to be hired.

The community celebrated with a party in Historic Dublin. The same year, Dublin held the first **Dublin Irish Festival**.

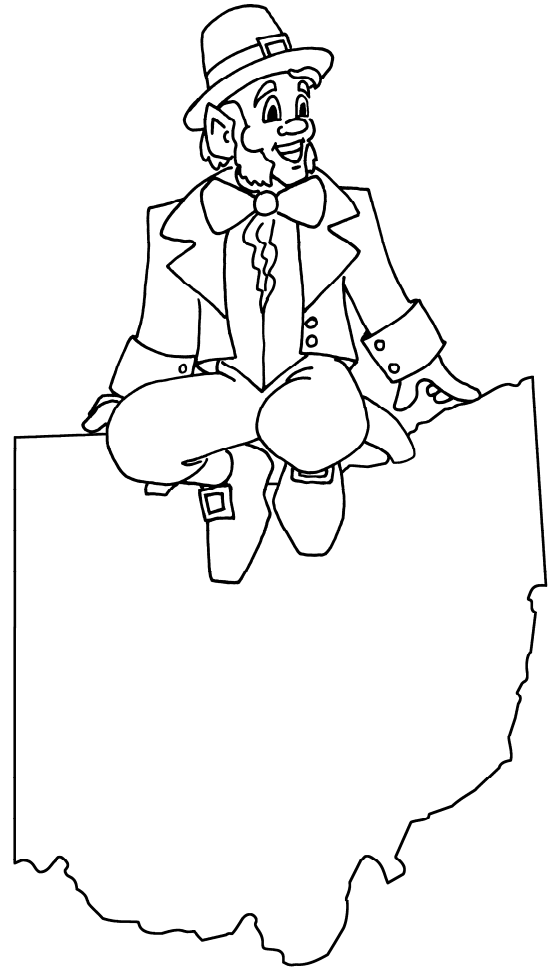


With Dublin growing, the City needed to expand and develop programs. At the end of the 1980s, the first **Community Plan** was completed. The Division of Police also established the **D.A.R.E. Program**.

Dublin was a fast-growing city in the 1990s. **The Chiller** came to Dublin bringing us an ice skating facility. **The Justice Center**, where the Division of Police and Mayor's Court are located, was opened in 1993.

In 1996, the largest community recreation center in Central Ohio opened in Dublin. In 1999, it expanded to twice its original size with the addition of a theater and more fitness areas.

Dublin celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a city in 2007. In the last 10 years, the City has accomplished a lot! New additions are the **Miracle League baseball field** and the **skateboard park**. A new outdoor pool was built, many parks opened and dozens of miles of **bike trails** were built. A new hospital opened in 2008. Dublin celebrated its **bicentennial**, the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a city, in 2010.

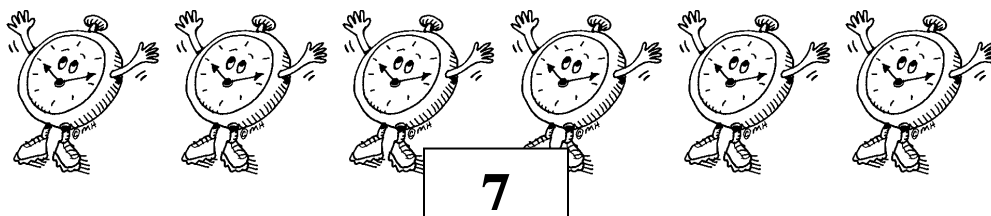


\*Pick four of the bolded words above and describe why they are important to The City of Dublin.

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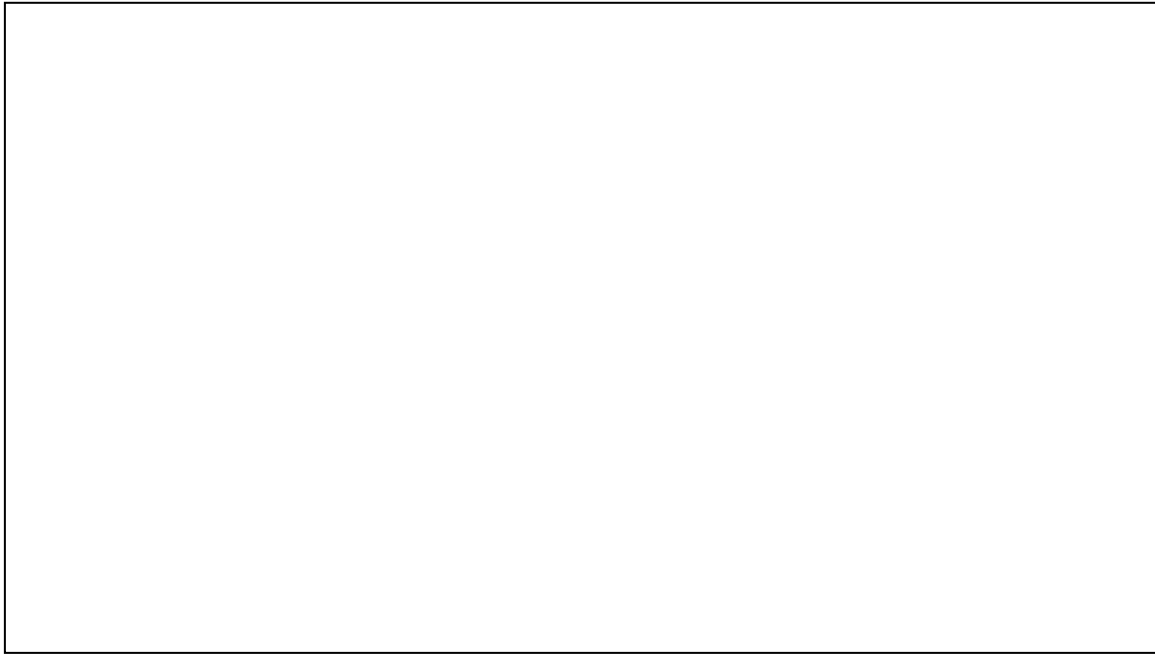
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# Create your own time capsule

Draw and explain five items you would include in a time capsule that will be opened 100 years from now by kids your age. The items should be things that are important to you as well as show them what life was like in 2010.

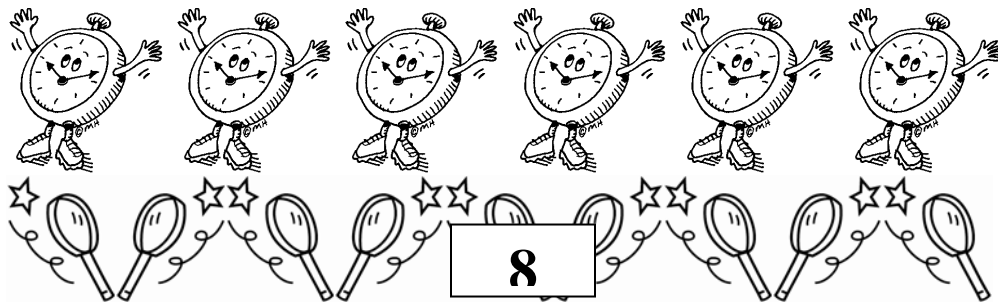


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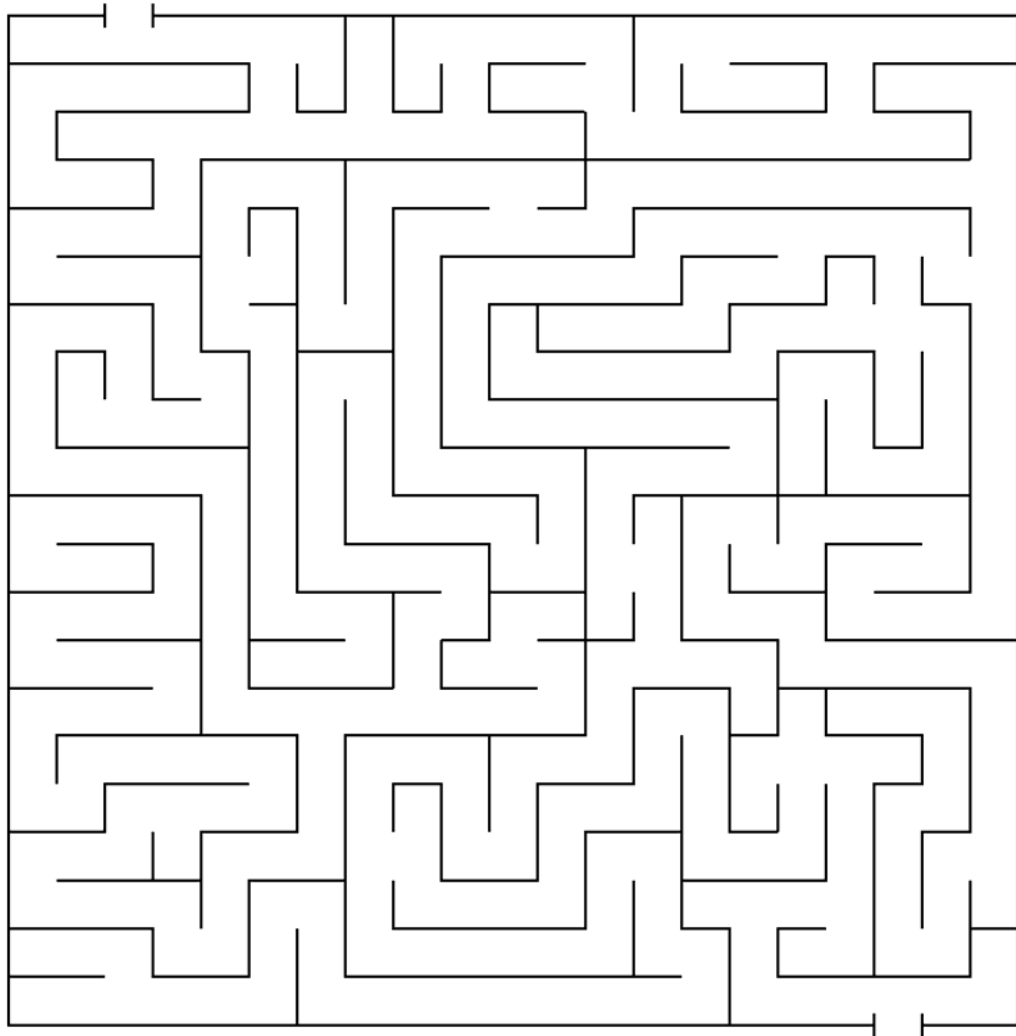
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# "Amazing" Finds

Can you help Dublin's  
Leprechaun find his way through  
the maze?



**You did it!**



# Dublin, Ohio's City Seal

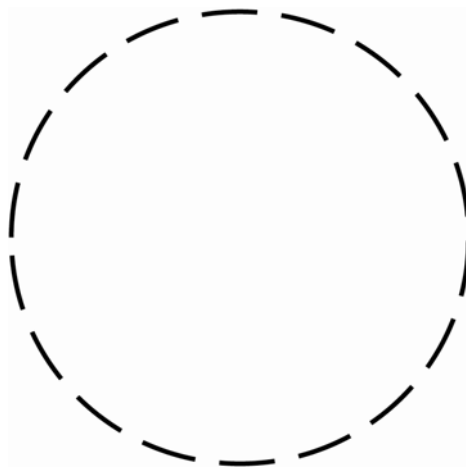
## What is a Seal?

A seal is an official symbol used by a city, county, state or other government agency to validate official government documents. A city seal usually has pictures of things that may be found in the community. For example, Dublin's city seal pictures a limestone fence in front of City Hall.

A seal is also like your signature. You may write your signature on your homework to prove that it is your work.



**-Create your own personal seal-**



# City of Dublin Government Structure

Who are the most important people in Dublin? Residents are! Employees who work for the City, including the City Manager and City Council, make decisions based on what residents need. Below is the structure of the City, which shows who has the most influence on how things should be done within the City.

## Residents



Residents elect individuals running for City Council. Certain members of City Council represent specific parts of the community. Do you know the City Council member who represents your family?

## City Council



## Interim City Manager



City Council set the vision for the City on projects that would be good for the community. These projects could be building new parks or new roads. The City Manager assigns these projects to City employees to complete. Can you name Dublin's Interim City Manager?

## City Employees



City employees are responsible for the everyday tasks required for a city to run smoothly. The departments include Administrative Services, Community Relations, Economic Development, Finance, Human Resources, Parks and Open Spaces, Recreation services, Planning, Public Service and Safety. Can you explain what each department is responsible for?

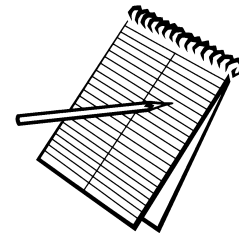
## City Council

The voters of Dublin elect **seven** people to make decisions about how their City should be run. These seven people are called the **City Council**. They are elected to four-year terms. Members of the City Council elect one person to be Mayor and one person to be Vice Mayor. It is the Mayor's job to run the meetings of City Council and **Mayor's Court**.

The City Council meets the first and third **Mondays** of each month to take care of City business. Anyone who wants to attend can go to these meetings. City Council meetings are held in the **Municipal Building**.

Current City Council members are:

Mayor Tim Lecklider (Ward 4)  
Vice Mayor Amy Salay (Ward 2)  
Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher (At-large)  
Cathy A. Boring (Ward 1)  
Michael Keenan (At-large)  
Rick Gerber (At-large)  
John Reiner (Ward 3)



The next City Council election will decide ward council members and is scheduled for November 2013.

## Clerk of Council



The **Clerk of Council** keeps a record of what happens at each Council meeting. The **agenda** is a list of things City Council will discuss at their meeting. These records are called "**minutes**." The Clerk also prepares the agenda for each meeting.

The Clerk of Council also provides information to residents and to people who want to be elected to the City Council. Information is also given to those who want to serve on special **City Committees, Boards** or **Commissions**.

# City Manager

Running the **City of Dublin** is a big job. City Council hires a professional who works every day at the **Municipal Building** and who knows all about making a city operate smoothly. This person is called the **City Manager**. It is the City Manager's job to make sure the City is taking care of the needs of everyone living in Dublin.

Dublin's Interim City Manger is **Marsha Grigsby**.

# Department of Finance

It takes about \$123 million dollars a year to run the City of Dublin (the dollar amount is written as \$123,000,000).

The **Finance Director** prepares a budget for the City. A **budget** shows how much money may be spent on city services, salaries, roads and parks. The Finance Department also pays the City's bills, collects taxes and invests the City's money. One of the major responsibilities is the preparation of the annual **City Operating Budget**. The City's budget tells how money will be spent to run the City for the next year.



Most of the money comes through **income taxes** that pay for City services. Dublin's 3,500 businesses provide a financially healthy environment.

People who own homes, offices, stores or land pay a local **property tax** each year. Property taxes pay for Dublin City Schools.

If you were the City Manager what would you use the City's Budget for?

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## Fun With Numbers

Read the information to the right. Then complete the following questions.

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If a house in Dublin costs approximately \$300,000, how many houses can be bought for about the same amount of money as it costs to run the City of Dublin for one year?

\_\_\_\_\_

What is that dollar amount?

\_\_\_\_\_

Where does the money come from?

\_\_\_\_\_

Who pays the City bills?

\_\_\_\_\_

What shows how much money may be spent each year?

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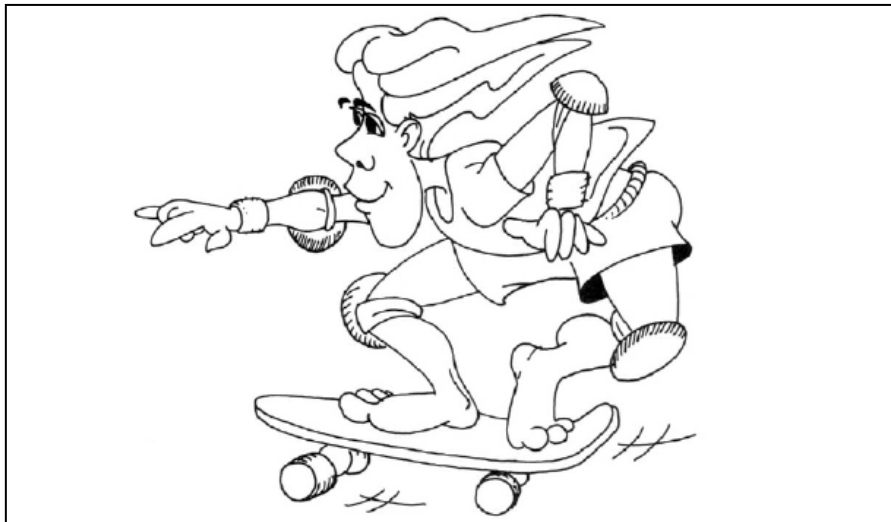
## Citizen Participation in Local Government

How does City Council take care of community concerns?

In 2001 the Dublin Skate Park opened in Coffman Park. The idea for the skate park first started with local kids asking City Council if the City would build a place for them to skateboard. City Council assigned this project to City employees. The skate park was designed by both City employees and the local kids who came up with the idea. Without the help of these kids and their idea, the skate park would have never been built.

This is an example of how ideas can contribute to the community. People with have ideas to make the City better present their suggestions to Council members. This can be done either by contacting your local council member or attending a City Council meeting.

**Color the skateboarder below**





## **Building Standards**

Anyone wanting to construct a building in Dublin must be sure the blueprints meet the City's Building Standards rules.

## **Community Relations**

Community Relations is responsible for informing people who live and work in Dublin about programs, projects and services. This division writes and produces publications, designs the website, and prepares news items for television, radio, and newspapers.

## **Court Services**

Mayor's Court is where people go who have committed minor violations, such as traffic offences, in Dublin.

## **Economic Development**

This department works with businesses to help them open and expand their offices in Dublin. This means there are plenty of jobs and people working in Dublin, which means more income taxes for the City. Those taxes pay for parks, roads and the Dublin Community Recreation Center.

## **Events Administration**

This department plans special events such as the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the Independence Day Celebration and the Dublin Irish Festival.





## **Engineering**

This division designs roads, bridges, and water towers that the City of Dublin needs.

## **Facilities**

This department makes sure all the City's buildings are nice and clean and makes sure that everything is working correctly.

## **Human Resources**

There are 360 full-time employees in the City of Dublin. Human Resources hire most of the people who work for the City.

## **Information Technology**

Information Technology is in charge of the City's technology. This includes working with computers, fax machines, the internet, e-mail, information security and computer software programs in City offices.

## **Land Use & Long Range Planning**

This department makes sure land in Dublin is properly used. It is their job to make sure the buildings, stores and houses that are built help make Dublin an attractive place to live and work.

## **Parks & Open Spaces**

This division is responsible for keeping Dublin's parks and green spaces safe and beautiful. They take care of plants, trees, and flowers in the parks.





## Police

Police have many programs to teach kids and adults how to be safe. Programs for kids include D.A.R.E., School Resource Officers, fingerprinting, bicycle registration and safety. Barrie, Dublin's canine unit, visits schools with a police officer.

## Recreation Services

This division plans all the recreational activities offered to Dublin residents. Programs include gymnastics, tennis, golf, art classes, swimming lessons, theater classes, summer camps and more. Many of these programs are held at the Dublin Community Recreation Center.



## Streets & Utilities

This division plows snow in the winter, repairs potholes in the spring, sweeps streets in the summer, and picks up leaves in the fall. Year-round jobs include sewer inspections and supervising the recycling and trash removal programs.

## Volunteer Services

Being a volunteer means doing something for others without being paid for your work. The City's Office of Volunteer Services works with thousands of people each year who volunteer their time for City projects. Adults, kids and families enjoy helping with festivals, planting flowers in City parks, cleaning up river banks, doing office work and teaching or reading to children at the Recreation Center.



# Protect Our Planet!

Helping the environment is important. The City does many things to conserve energy and protect our resources such as...

- Organizing volunteers to help clean up parks
- Using fewer products that contain harsh chemicals
- Free recycling for residents and employees in City buildings
- Conservation of land for wildlife
- Development of bike paths to reduce pollution
- And much more...

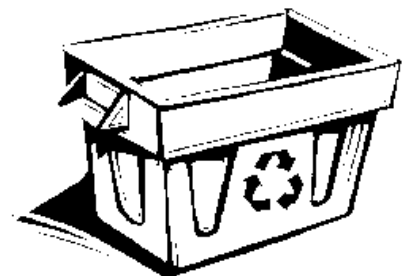
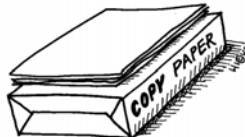
There are many things that you can do to help the environment such as...

- Recycle with your family
- Throw away trash in trash cans
- Teach friends about ways to help the environment
- Turn off lights in rooms and turn off water when not in use

Draw a line from each object to either the trash can or recycle bin

TRASH

RECYCLE



# Recycling Activity Sheet! ♻️

Choose from the words below to complete the sentences

Recycling is good for the environment.

It saves \_\_\_\_\_, reduces  
Pollution, and prevents the \_\_\_\_\_ from  
filling up quickly. Therefore, it is important to recycle as  
much as you can at home and school. In your recycling bins  
at home, you can recycle:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Recycling bins are located in many places. You can recycle  
paper and cardboard at school. So look for recycling  
containers wherever you go. By recycling, you will be helping  
the \_\_\_\_\_.

Help make \_\_\_\_\_ GREENER!

## KEY:

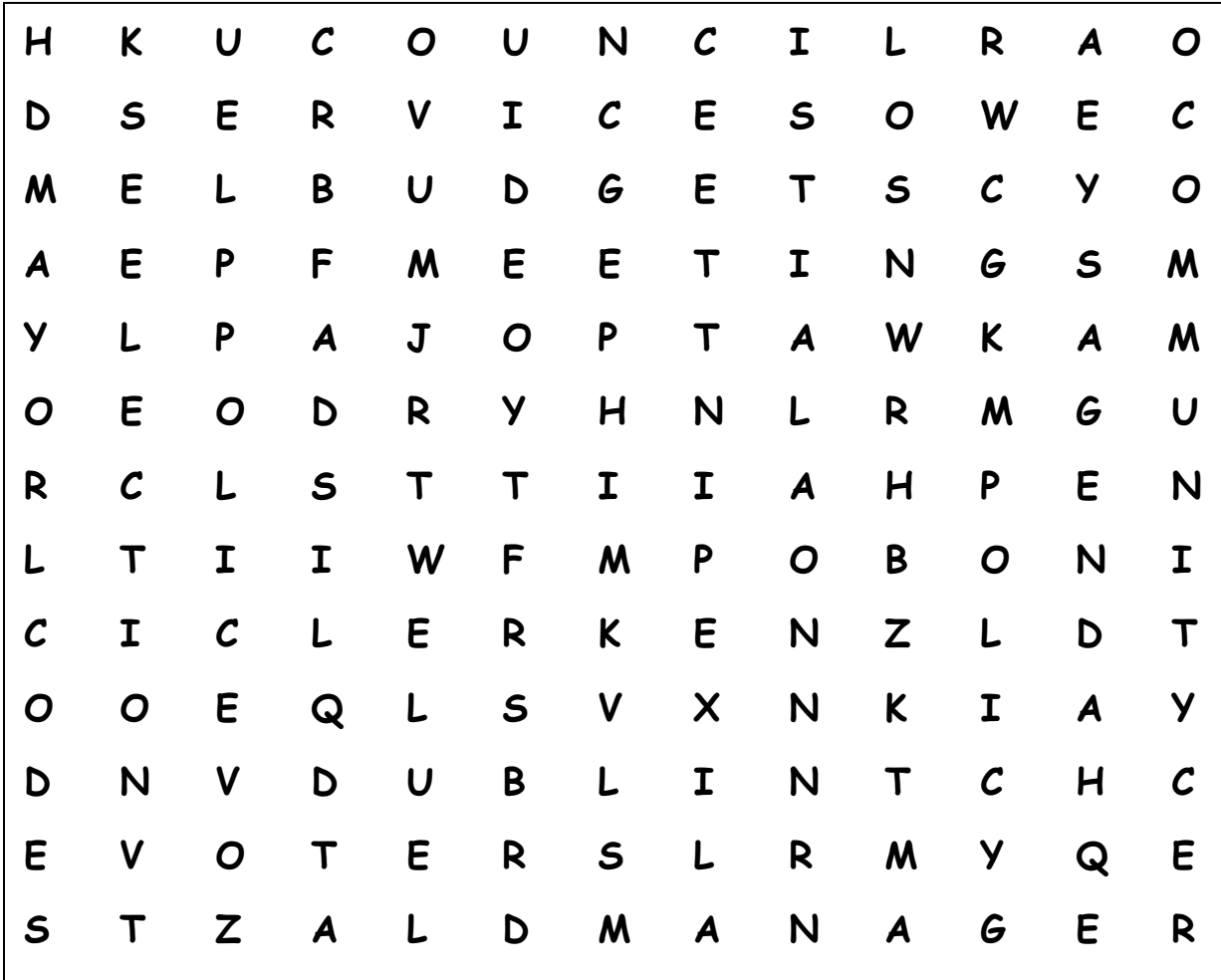
Aluminum Cans  
Newspapers  
Cardboard Boxes  
Environment  
Glass Bottles  
Magazines  
Natural Resources  
Dublin  
Paper Bags  
Landfill  
Plastic Containers  
Paper





## Word Search Fun

The words listed below are located in the word search puzzle. They are written up, down, across, and diagonally. Can you find them all?



Agenda

Budget

Clerk

Department

Codes

Community

Council

Dublin

Election

Manager

Mayor

Meetings

Ohio

Parks

Police

Policy

Service

Voters

Finance

City



## Points of Interest

The City of Dublin has lots of fun things to see and do. These fun things are a benefit to the community and are paid for by income taxes (through Dublin businesses) or Dublin's hotel/motel taxes (through people who spend nights in Dublin hotels/motels).

### Dublin Community Recreation Center - In Coffman Park

This is a fun place for children and adults. In addition to the many activities, the DCRC has a gymnasium, aerobics/dance studio, leisure pool with a lazy river and wading slide, a lap pool, theater, community hall and classrooms. People can also enjoy the jogging/walking track and fitness area.

### Dublin Community Pools

The City has two community pools - one at Earlington Park and one near Ballantrae Park. They are open from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

### Dublin Outdoor Ice Skating Rink - At the Coffman Park Pavilion

The rink is open during the winter months, weather permitting, for some chilly outdoor fun.

### Dublin Parks

Dublin has 49 parks. The largest is Avery Park, where kids and adults can play different sports such as baseball, soccer, tennis and volleyball.

### Bike Paths

Almost 100 miles of bike paths provide a safe environment for bicyclists, walkers, joggers, and inline skaters. Every year, new bike paths are added all over Dublin.

### Skate Park - In Coffman Park

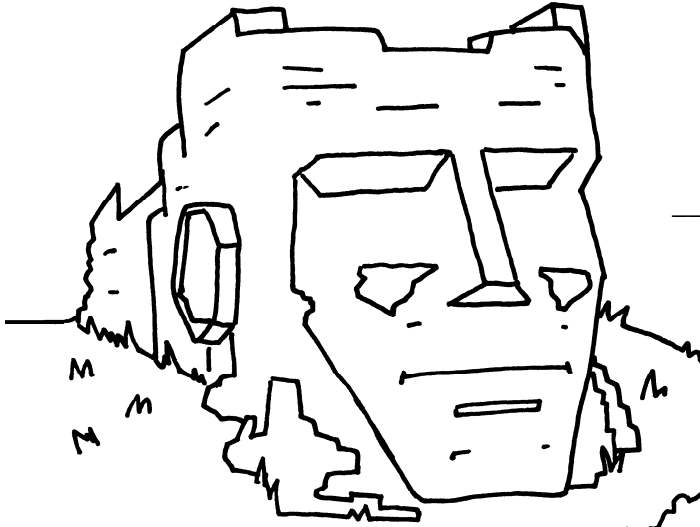
The skate park is a concrete obstacle course with slider rails, vertical walls and quarter pipe features for skate board and inline skating fans.

## Art in Public Places

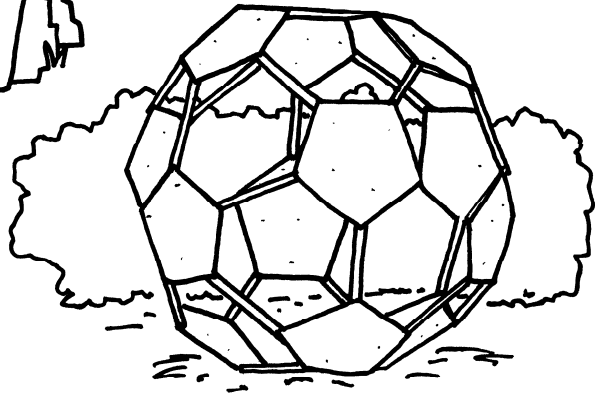
- **Chief Leatherlips - Scioto Park**  
A limestone sculpture of Wyandot Tribal Chief Leatherlips reflects history. It is said that Chief Leatherlips was executed by fellow tribesman near Scioto Park.
- **Out of Bounds - Avery Park**  
Seven 10-foot tubular soccer ball structures placed throughout the park symbolize the activity in the park.
- **Field of Corn - Frantz Park**  
109 six-foot tall concrete ears of corn express a celebration of Dublin's history as a farming community.
- **Relief Sculptures - DCRC**  
These art pieces, made of steel, brass and mirrors, combine themes of community, history, activity and multi-culturalism.
- **Watch House - Coffman Park**  
A circular earthen mound topped by a copper house. Cut-outs in the roof are in the shape of household items that represent family.
- **Tribute to Jack Nicklaus**  
The over-life-sized sculpture along Muirfield Drive represents Nicklaus tutoring a young golfer.
- **Going, Going, Gone! - Darree Fields**  
This bronze sculpture marks the passage of time through the imagery of baseball.

# Art in Public Places

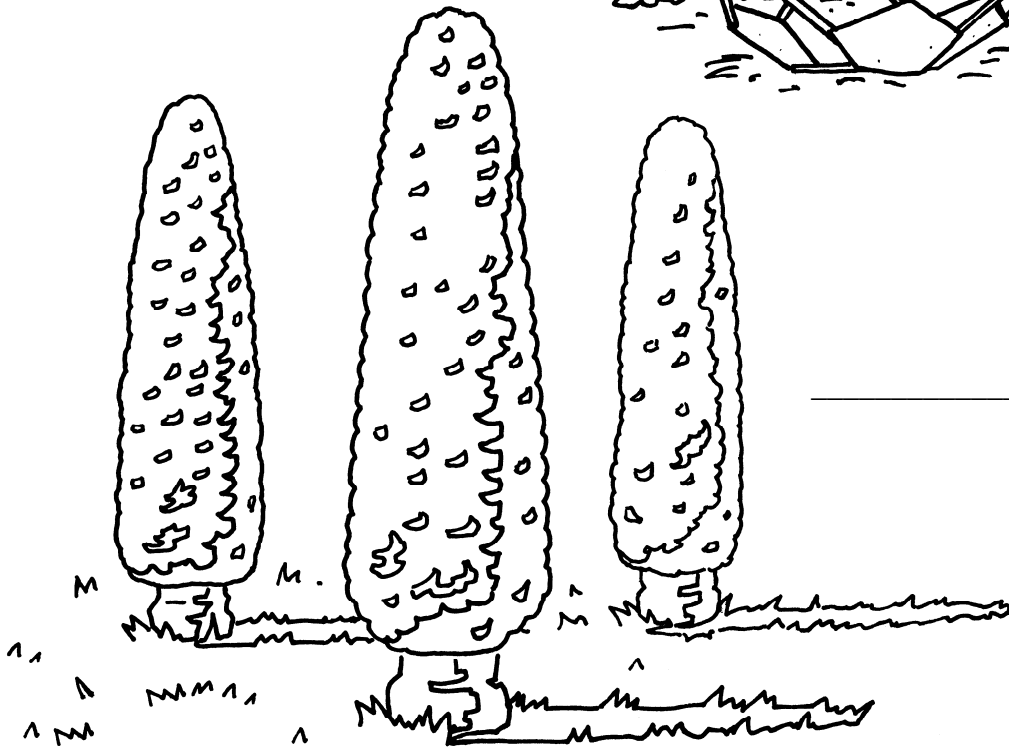
Name the three public pieces of art below



\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_

## Get Involved!

Volunteering is a way to help your community



Volunteering is when someone gives their time to help others. It is a great way to get involved in your community. There are many ways to volunteer and help your community as well.

- Help younger kids with their homework at school
- If you have a younger brother or sister, help them learn to read
- Gather your family and friends and help pick up litter in your neighborhood
- Hold a yard sale or lemonade stand and donate money made to a local charity
- Offer to help elderly neighbors with their yard work

Be sure to talk to your parents before you start volunteering. It can be a fun family activity.

### How have you volunteered lately?

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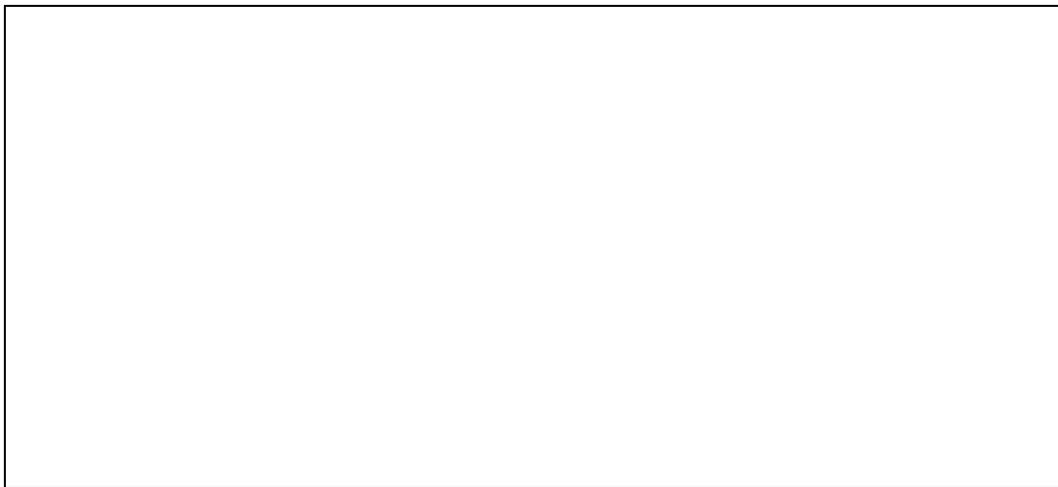
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# Bike Safety

Bike safety is very important in the City of Dublin. Dublin Police holds an annual Bike Rodeo every summer to teach kids the dos and don'ts of riding their bicycles. Here are some safety tips to remember while riding your bike.

- Always wear a proper bicycle helmet when riding a bike.
- Make sure your bike helmet fits correctly. A helmet should sit snugly on your head, with about two fingers' width between your eyebrow and the bottom of the helmet.
- Use a bicycle that is the correct size for you, not one that is too big.
- Always wear the helmet with the chin strap fastened.
- Before you ride make sure you don't have any loose clothing, drawstrings, or shoelaces. They can get caught in the chain and make you fall.
- When riding after dark, make sure your bike has reflectors and wear light-colored clothing.
- Be sure to learn the rules of the road.

**Draw a map of your favorite bicycle route (to school, a friend's house, etc.)**



## Do You Know Where Dublin is Located?

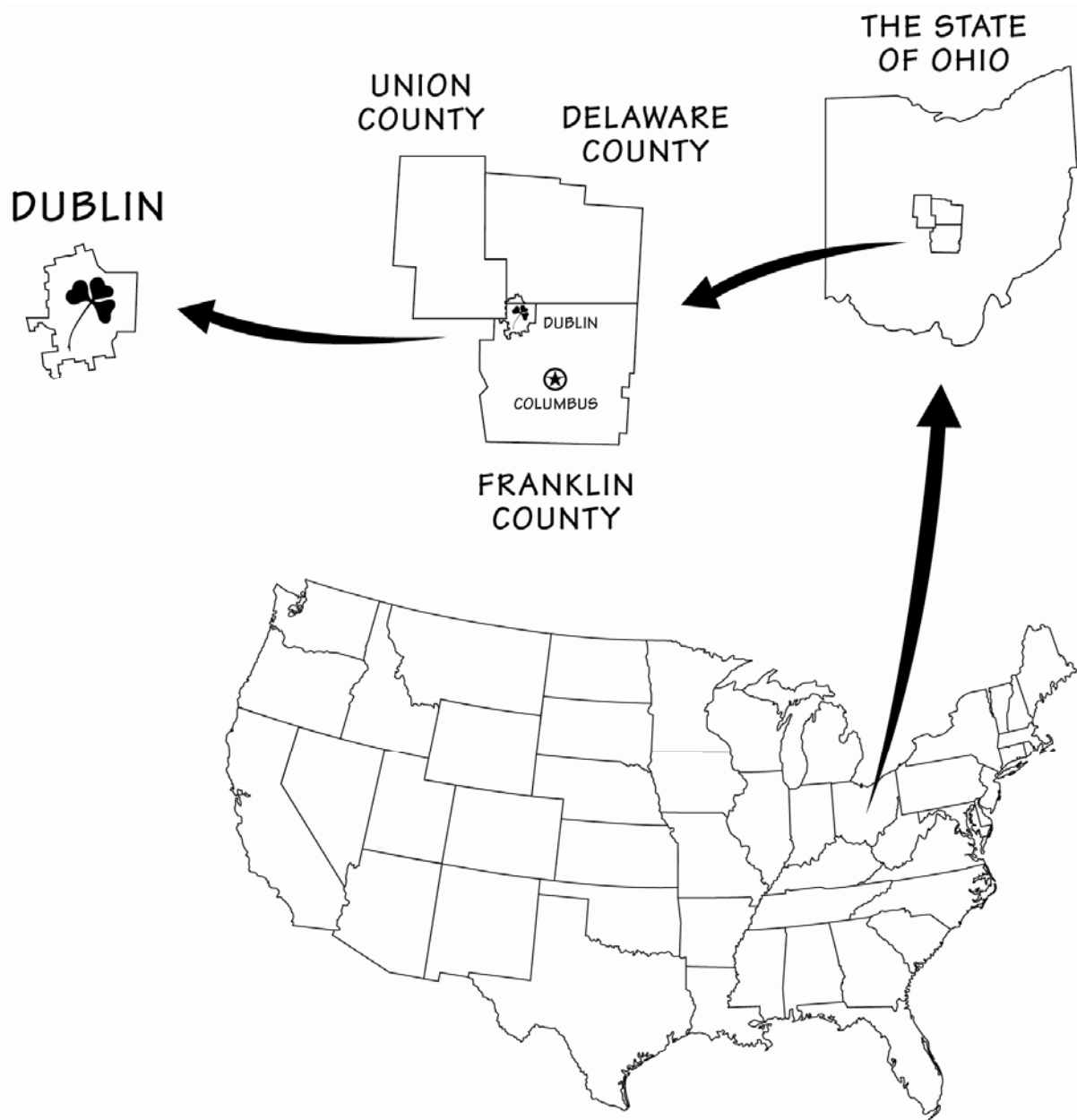
Dublin is located in the heart of Ohio, northwest of the state's capital city of Columbus. Dublin is approximately 308 miles from Chicago, Illinois; 2,270 miles from Los Angeles, California; and 1,223 miles from Miami, Florida.

Can you color the states noted above in green?

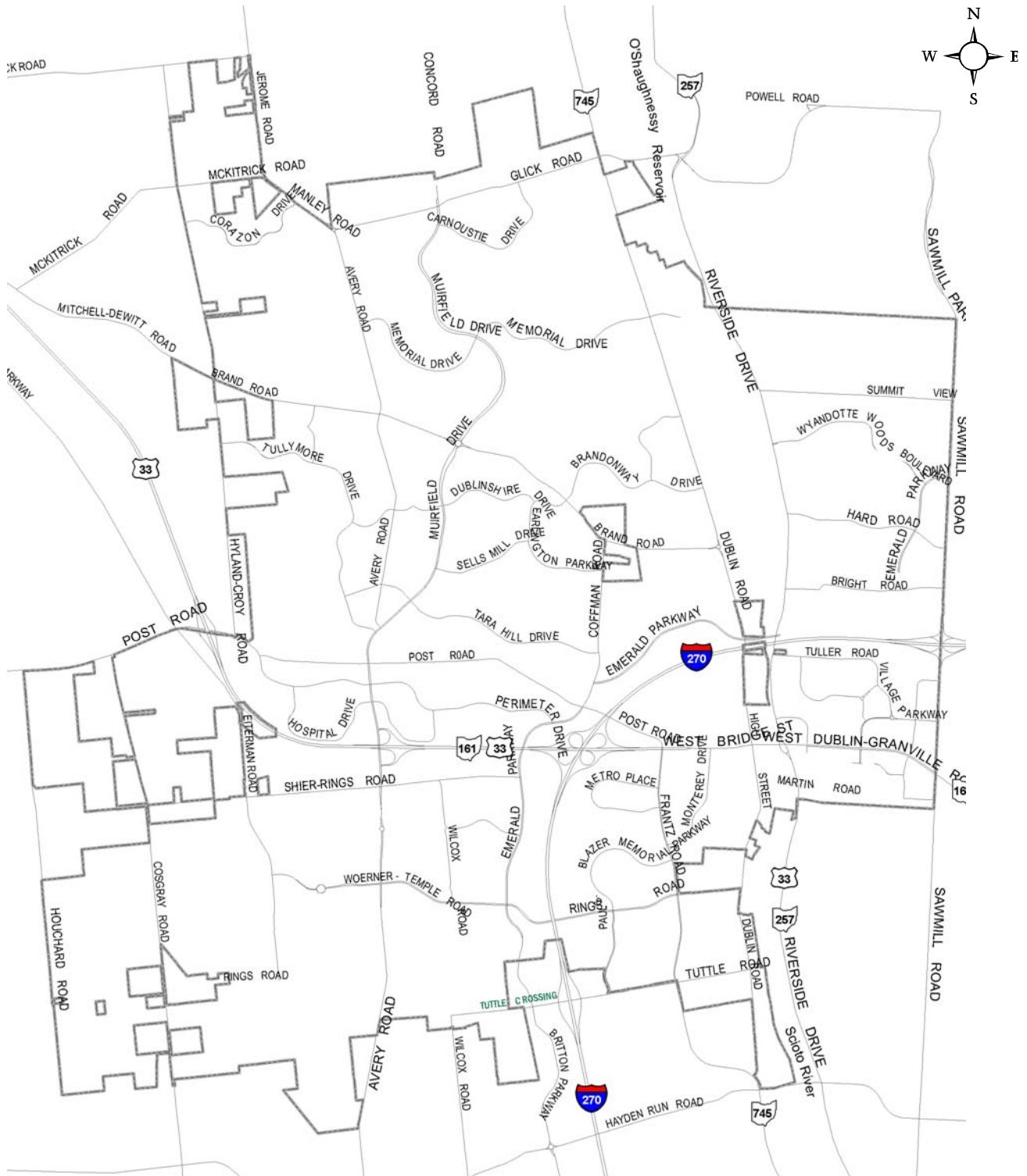
Can you color the state of Ohio yellow?

What other information can you find about our City of Dublin at the Dublin

Web site: [www.dublin.oh.us](http://www.dublin.oh.us)?



# Do you know our City of Dublin?



Use the map to answer the questions on the next page

## Do you know our City of Dublin?

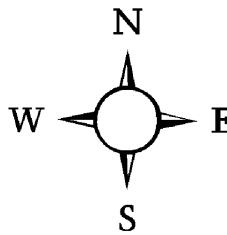
What street do you live on? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a house on the map where you live in Dublin.

What direction is your house facing? **North**   **South**   **East**   **West**

Where is your school located? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a book on the map where you go to school.



**Use the compass to tell which direction the following roads run**

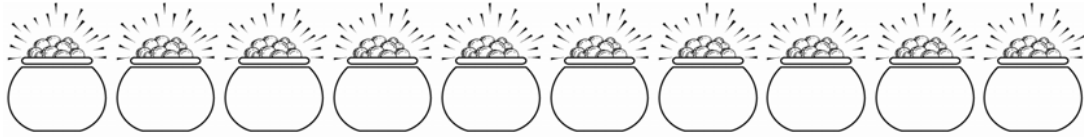
**\*They will either run north/south or east/west**

Post Road \_\_\_\_\_

Avery Road \_\_\_\_\_

Dublin Road \_\_\_\_\_

State Route 161 \_\_\_\_\_

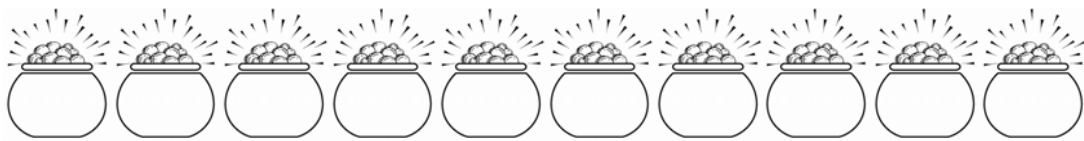


## All About Dublin

1. There are \_\_\_\_\_ Council members in Dublin. They are elected by Dublin's \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ has two pools, a gymnasium, a theater and classrooms for a variety of fun activities.
3. Dublin was named in \_\_\_\_\_, became a village in \_\_\_\_\_ and became a city in \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Dial \_\_\_\_\_ if you have an emergency and need help from the police or Fire Department.
5. Dublin's Police canine's name is \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Dublin has \_\_\_\_\_ parks. The largest is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Dublin has two big Irish celebrations. One is \_\_\_\_\_ in March and one is \_\_\_\_\_ in August.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are two of Dublin's Art in Public Places Projects.
9. Dublin's city limits are in \_\_\_\_\_ counties. The counties are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### Choose from these answers

Dublin Irish Festival	Dublin Community Recreation Center	Barrie
1820	Chief Leatherlips	Delaware
Field of Corn	St. Patrick's Day	seven
Voters	1810	Avery Park
9-1-1	Going, Going, Gone!	49
Union	three	Franklin
1987		



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Student's Name

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School

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Grade

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Teacher



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