

Why Worthington Is a Great Place to Live

I have been a resident of Worthington my entire life. I have attended Worthington Schools since Kindergarten and have been involved in many community activities. Worthington is a very diverse city with endless opportunities.

The Worthington School District in itself is a reason why Worthington attracts so many families. Worthington Kilbourne and Thomas Worthington are two very prestigious high schools. Both high schools offer the rigorous core curriculum classes as well as a variety of electives students can choose to take depending on their individual interests. Advanced Placement classes are offered at both schools along with each class' test at the end of the year. Depending on which college a student chooses, the score on the AP test can sometimes be used for college class credits. Highly competitive sports teams are available for anyone to try out for. A plethora of clubs and other extracurricular activities are offered to the student body as well. An additional option for high school students in the Worthington district is the Linworth Alternative program. The purpose of this program is to fully engage students in their education by creating choices for them. A new Worthington middle school was introduced to the district in the past couple of years. The Phoenix Alternative middle school is another opportunity for graduated elementary school students to discover a deeper understanding of self and their relationship in the world in which they live. Students, parents, teachers, and community members are very involved in teaching and learning in the Phoenix program. The elementary schools in Worthington are the perfect places to begin children's education.

Housing developments in Worthington are growing more and more by the day. Neighborhoods are full of very close knit people who love this community. Whether a family is looking for a new house or a couple looking for a comfortable apartment, Worthington has everything to meet the needs of its residents. It is located close to very important highways that allow for easy and safe traveling. Malls, retail stores, movie theaters, bowling alleys, and restaurants are everywhere you turn in Worthington providing entertainment and dining to people of all ages.

I've lived in the same house since we moved here 15 years ago. I feel extremely safe in my neighborhood. The families on my street are very close and feel comfortable allowing us to stay out late because they know there is nothing to worry about. If I was ever in need of something and my parents were not available, I trust any one of my neighbors to help me regardless of the situation. It is a

comforting feeling going home to a neighborhood where people help others and truly love where they live.

The atmosphere brought to the community by Old Worthington attracts people from all over Columbus. It brings a little bit of history to our modern day community. The Orange Johnson House has been a historical building in Worthington since its 1811, only seven years after the community's founding in 1803. Some Elementary schools take their students on a field trip to the house as a part of their units. Schools also hold numerous festivals and parades throughout the year. The St. Michael's festival is popular for all community members. Fourth of July parades occur ever year and Thomas Worthington is an annual site for setting off fireworks.

Worthington is a community that brings a little bit of everything to the table. A very strong and successful school district, safe neighborhoods with affordable, comfortable housing, job opportunities, and an endless amount of entertainment for all ages makes Worthington the picture perfect place to live.