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City Partners with Career Center Class on Meter Painting Project

DELAWARE – The City of Delaware is using the talents of the Delaware Area Career Center’s Automotive Collision program to give some parking meters a new look.

Blue meter heads, which signify 10-hour spaces, are being painted green. The current gray meter heads for 3-hour parking are being repainted a similar gray color.

The blue-to-green color change is a recommendation from the City’s recent downtown parking study. One of the study findings found motorists confusing the blue meter heads for handicap parking spaces.

All students are in the Automotive Collision program. They were Luis Cruz, Levi Rider, Nathan Clark, Cameron Mattox and Bill Henderson. The City of Delaware supplied the paint and materials for the project.

“Whether it’s cars or parking meters, the students have to outline and mask the glass and apply proper painting techniques,” Instructor David Finnegan, said. “This is a great experience for the students and they are excited to see the new meters installed in town once they’re done.”

Once repainted, many of the nearly 150 10-hour meter heads are being moved from City-owned parking lots and placed along side streets. The parking lot spaces will be replaced with 3-hour meters, and be closer to business and retail. These changes will provide the following benefits: There will be less confusion over the type of parking available and more 3-hour spaces will be closer to shopping and retail, and be available for turnover during normal business hours.

The City will continue to honor current parking permits and additional permits will be available for downtown employees once the project is completed. To read more about the downtown parking survey, visit delawareohio.net and click on the Visitors tab located on the homepage. From there, click on Things to Do.

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