



## **A New Turnstile Opens Up a Safe Track for Walkers, Runners *Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on September 15***

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Many Wellington runners and walkers take to the roads around Wellington for exercise – an unsafe situation. Now, they have access to the track at the Wellington High School Football Stadium, where they can enjoy a safe, smooth surface under foot. A new turnstile has been installed to give only those on foot access to the track, blocking bicycles and other wheel-type transportation.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony to launch the track will take place at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 15, at the Stadium at 398 Dickson Street. Wellington Village Schools Superintendent Ed Weber, THRIVE! Facilitator Carol Burke and United Way of Greater Lorain County's Community Impact Director Christine Matusik-Plas will make speeches about the importance of the track for residents' health.

Wellington High School's Digital Media class, headed by teacher Dave Conklin, will film the ceremony. Following the ribbon-cutting, residents are invited to enter the track through the turnstile and enjoy some exercise.

At a cost of \$4,839.73, the turnstile was purchased by THRIVE! Southern Lorain County. THRIVE! is grateful to the Wellington Women's League for supporting the turnstile project through grant money. Celebrating its sixth anniversary this year, THRIVE! is funded by United Way of Greater Lorain County.

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| <b>What:</b>                    | Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony   |
| <b>When:</b>                    | 2 p.m. Ceremony; 2:30 p.m. Invitation to Use the Track                    |
| <b>Where:</b>                   | Wellington High School Football Stadium<br>398 Dickson Street, Wellington |
| <b>Dimensions<br/>Of Track:</b> | 400 meters or 1,312 feet; 4 laps around the track equals 1 mile           |
| <b>Hours:</b>                   | Dawn 'til Dusk  |