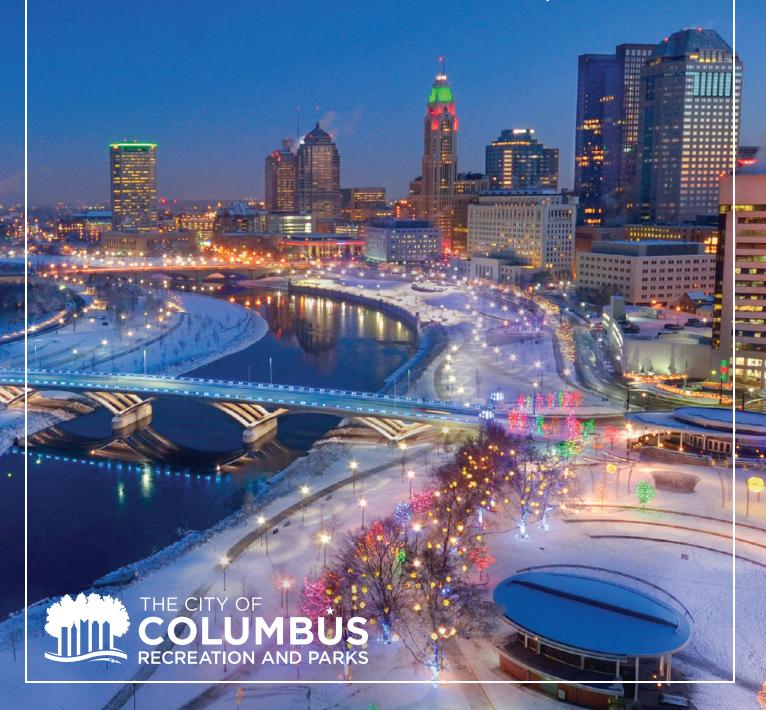
COLUMBUS RECREATION AND PARKS

GUIDE

WINTER 2019/2020



WHAT WE ARE



+ facilities for cultural arts, outdoor education and therapeutic recreation









+ AN INDOOR AQUATIC CENTER



PARKS



8,221 ACRES OF A

50 120

MILES OF REGIONAL TRAILS

3 RESERVOIRS TOTALING 4,240 ACRES

14 NATURE PRESERVES

SKATE PARK for BMX, skateboards and rollerblades





RENTABLE SPACES

10 ENCLOSED 16 OPEN-AIR SHELTERS

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OURMISSION WE CONNECT THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THE POWER OF NATURE, WELLNESS AND CREATIVITY.

CONNECT WITH US

Want monthly news and updates from the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department? Sign up for our newsletter at columbus.gov.



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The Scioto Mile

Jazz & Rib Fest

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LEISURE CARDS

The Columbus Recreation and Parks
Department uses a photo ID card system,
known as "Leisure Cards," to safely identify
participants during admission to our swimming
pools and community recreation centers. In
order to take advantage of the programs
and facilities we offer, you must first obtain a
Leisure Card.

REQUIREMENTS

- Any individual over the age of six must have a Leisure Card.
- Leisure Cards only cost \$1 (new or renewed), and are good for three years from the date of purchase.
- All community centers have the capability to print leisure cards, with the exception of Martin Janis, the Cultural Arts Center and the Franklin Park Adventure Center
- Centers vary in their availability to produce Leisure Cards. Please contact your center for their specific hours.

Learn more at ColumbusRecParks.com

REFUND POLICY

- A full refund will be issued for activity and online fees if the department cancels an activity.
- A refund of the activity fee will be issued if a participant cancels before the first meeting/class.
- A 50% refund of the activity fee will be issued, if a participant cancels after one meeting/class.
- No refunds will be given after the second meeting/class.
- Contact the community center where the activity is taking place for refund processing.



FITNESS & WELLNESS

Columbus Recreation and Parks Department has 19 designated Get Active Fitness Centers with specialized workout facilities, cardio equipment, weight machines and fitness classes. Members have access to all 19 locations.

FITNESS CENTER MEMBERSHIP FEES

Adult: \$60/year | Adults over 50: \$40/year*

Youth Ages 14-17: Free**

City of Columbus Employees: Free

For only \$10 per session, adults can participate in drop in sports activities at any of our community centers.

*Senior Community Centers offer fitness programs tailored to ages 50 and older

- **Youth under 18 must be accompanied by an adult with membership
- 1 Barnett Community Center
- 2 Beatty Community Center
- 3 Blackburn Community Center
- 4 Brentnell Community Center
- **5** Carriage Place Community Center
- 6 Dodge Community Center
- 7 Driving Park Community Center
- 8 Far East Community Center
- 9 Gillie Community Senior Center*
- 10 Glenwood Community Center
- 11 Lazelle Woods Community Center
- 12 Marion Franklin Community Center
- 13 Martin Janis Community Senior Center*
- 14 Milo Grogan Community Center
- 15 Schiller Community Center
- 16 Scioto Southland Community Center***
- 17 Thompson Community Center
- **18** Westgate Community Center
- **19** Whetstone Community Center

A full listing of centers and contact info can be found on page 30. ***Formerly Indian Mound Community Center



The Columbus Aquatics Center is a premier indoor aquatics facility that is centrally located and hosts a variety of programs catering to people of all ages and abilities.

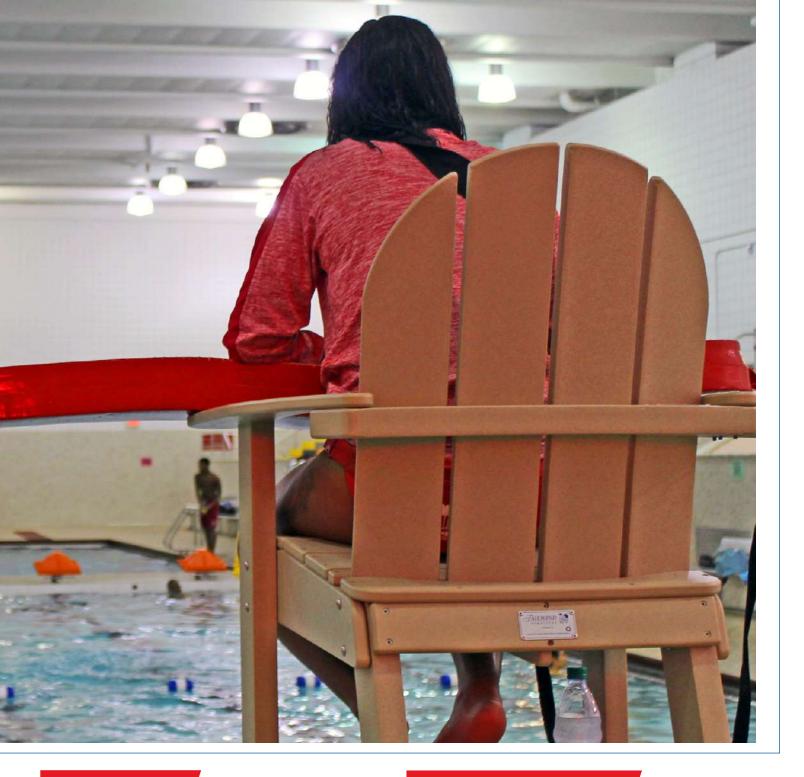
COLUMBUS AQUATICS CENTER

1160 Hunter Ave. | Columbus, OH 43201 | (614) 645-6122

LEARN TO SWIM

Columbus Recreation and
Parks Department offers
affordable swimming
lessons for people of all
ages taught by American
Red Cross Water Safety
Instructors.

\$40 for Residents \$50 for Non-Residents



WATER AEROBICS

The water offers a unique workout environment that is low impact and high resistance, making it an excellent option for a variety of fitness needs, including therapeutic, strength and flexibility. We offer a variety of affordable fitness programs, which fall under three main categories:

- 1 Water Aerobics
- 2 Adult Lap Swimming
- 3 Youth Lap Swimming and Diving

LAP SWIMMING PROGRAMS

Looking to increase or maintain your fitness level?
Learn everything from diving to stroke technique in one of our many lap swimming programs, which include:

- Masters Swim
- Stroke Clinic
- Beginner Diving
- Intermediate Diving

For more information, contact the Columbus Aquatic Center at (614) 645-6122.



SPORTS

Whether you're training for the next level or simply want to stay in shape, we invite you to unleash your competitive spirit with the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department.

MORE THAN A GAME

ADULT LEAGUES

Basketball (WINTER, SPRING, SUMMER & FALL)

Winter registration opens December; season begins January Spring registration opens February; season begins March Summer registration opens May; season begins June Summer II registration opens July; season begins August Fall registration opens August; season begins September

50+ Basketball (WINTER)

Registration opens October; season begins November

Softball (SPRING, SUMMER & FALL)

Spring registration opens February; season begins March Summer registration opens March; season begins April Summer II registration opens July; season begins August Fall registration opens August; season begins September

50+ Softball (SUMMER & FALL)

Summer registration opens March; season begins April Fall registration opens August; season begins September

Volleyball (WINTER, SPRING, SUMMER & FALL)

Winter registration opens December; season begins January Spring registration opens February; season begins March Summer registration opens May; season begins June Summer II registration opens July; season begins August Fall registration opens August; season begins September

YOUTH LEAGUES

Youth Baseball (FALL Select Travel Teams)
Registration opens June: season begins August

Youth Basketball (WINTER)

Registration opens October; season begins January

Youth Flag Football (FALL)

Registration opens July; season begins September

Youth Soccer (FALL)

Registration opens April; seasons runs September to May

Columbus Recreation and Parks also offers sports facility rentals for indoor and outdoor play, including basketball and volleyball courts, ball diamonds, tennis courts and athletic fields.

For rentals, registration or more information, visit **CRPDSports.org**

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

We provide a wide range of experiential learning opportunities for all ages, with hands-on exploration of the numerous parks and nature preserves in our city. When necessary, adaptive equipment and needs-specific materials are utilized to ensure that we are fulfilling our commitment to inclusion for all residents.





MCKNIGHT OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER

3200 Indian Village Rd. | Columbus, OH 43221 | (614) 645-3380



THERE IS STRENGTH IN OUR DIFFERENCES

PROGRAMS

BOCCIA | FITNESS AQUATIC PROGRAM | FOUR FOOT HOOPS | GET FIT GET HEALTHY
QUEST AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM | SLED HOCKEY | SWIM CAMP | SWIM LESSONS
SWIM TEAM | TRACK AND FIELD | WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL | WHEELCHAIR FENCING
WHEELCHAIR FOOTBALL | WHEELCHAIR RUGBY

TOURNAMENTS

COLUMBUS BLITZ WHEELCHAIR RUGBY TOURNAMENT | HOOPS MADNESS TOURNAMENT

For more information, contact Therapeutic Recreation at (614) 645-5648.



Columbus Recreation and Parks' Therapeutic Recreation program offers programs and activities that are modified to meet the needs of individuals with special needs/disabilities. Our Certified Therapeutic Recreation staff enhance the physical, social, group and individual recreational interests of youth and adult participants through a wide variety of inclusive experiences.

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

We offer multiple options to meet a broad spectrum of interests and abilities. These include aquatic exercise, blind sports, wheelchair sports, summer camps and the Quest Afterschool Program.

Additionally, we offer six Paralympic sports for youth and adults through our Paralympic Sports Club: Adaptive Swim Team, Blind Soccer, Boccia, Wheelchair Rugby, Wheelchair Softball and Wheelchair Track and Field.

Our fitness center is open daily, providing access to contemporary, adaptable exercise equipment, including weight machines, free weights, stability balls and more. Participants develop and follow a supervised fitness program, which they create with a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist and our team of personal trainers, who have more than 50 years of experience combined working with individuals with special needs/disabilities.

A hallmark of the Therapeutic Recreation Program is its emphasis on inclusivity. We are intentional in making sure that people who are able-bodied are invited to actively participate with disabled/special needs individuals, in both adult and youth programming.

This benefits participants with disabilities, as it removes any negative "stigmas" and/or stereotypes from engaging in accessible activities. It also offers able-bodied youth and adults the opportunity to learn first-hand that people with special needs/disabilities are really not much different than anyone else.

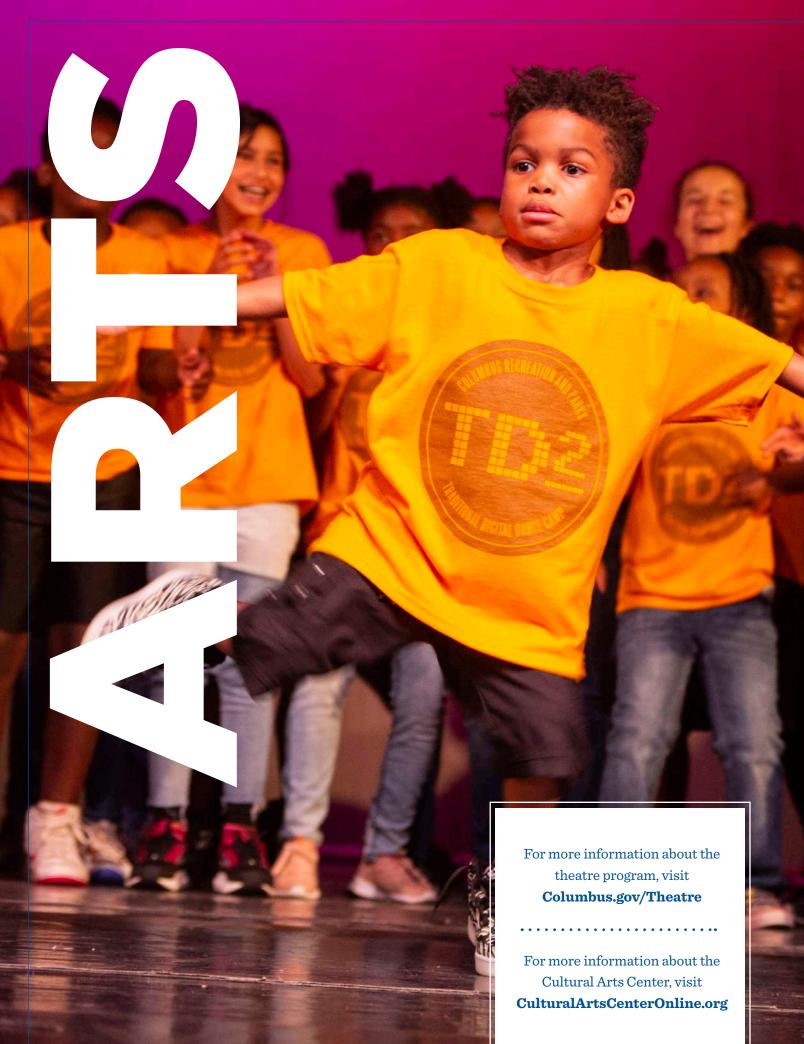
This message is then shared throughout the community at large, which helps to educate and inform others while promoting acceptance of those who may look, act, talk and walk in ways that are different from what is considered "normal." Columbus Recreation and Parks' inclusion efforts are supported by the Inclusion Support Program, which offers additional assistance for activities and programs from trained therapeutic staff.

FRANKLIN PARK ADVENTURE CENTER

1755 E. Broad St. | Columbus, OH 43203 | (614) 645-5648







Columbus Recreation and Parks offers arts programming for every age, interest and skill level. Whether your passion is dance or music, ceramics or painting, you'll find a class or workshop to help you express your creativity. Several of our community centers have robust theatre programs, which include performances at the Columbus Performing Arts Center throughout the year.

While we host an array of classes in our 29 community centers, our Cultural Arts Center (CAC) provides a more immersive creative experience for adults to develop and/or improve their artistic talents. With nine fully-equipped studio spaces, and 15 different creative mediums taught, the center offers a variety of in-depth, hands-on classes, from beginner to advanced. Classes are led by accomplished artists in a welcoming atmosphere.







50+

While our community centers are open to people of all ages, we have seven centers with robust programming for those who are 50 and older.

SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTERS

GILLIE COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER (614) 645-3106

MARTIN JANIS COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER (614) 645-5954

MULTI-GENERATIONAL CENTERS

BARNETT COMMUNITY CENTER (614) 645-3065

LAZELLE WOODS COMMUNITY CENTER (614) 645-5330

DODGE COMMUNITY CENTER (614) 645-3176

WHETSTONE COMMUNITY CENTER (614) 645-3217

MARION FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CENTER (614) 645-3612

Become a member of our FREE 50+ program and gain access to exclusive classes, activities and trips tailored to meet the needs of older adults. All members have access to senior fitness centers and sports programs.

SENIOR 50+ MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS*

- A monthly Senior (50+) newsletter
- Priority registration for leisure and educational trips
- Priority registration for all senior classes and activities

*A Leisure Card is required and registration must be completed.

Register online at ColumbusRecParks.com



CENTRAL OHIO AREA AGENCY ON AGING

The Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA) plans, funds and delivers services that help older adults and individuals with disabilities remain safe and independent in their homes. With the assistance of area providers, COAAA coordinates services to help individuals with daily living needs, such as homemaking, transportation, home-delivered meals and personal care.

For more information about COAAA, call (614) 645-7250 or visit coaaa.org.

GOLDEN HOBBY GIFT SHOP

The Golden Hobby Gift Shop is a consignment shop for handcrafted items created by central Ohio seniors. Anyone 50+ living in Franklin or one of the contiguous counties may schedule an appointment to become a consignor by calling (614) 645-8329.



Parks are vital to a vibrant, successful city, and Columbus is no exception. The Columbus Recreation and Parks Department boasts more than 370 parks on more than 13,500 acres.

To learn more about the parks in Columbus, and the variety of amenities offered at each of them, visit the parks section of **ColumbusRecParks.com**.





TRAILS

Columbus has more than 120 miles of trails and is a part of the Central Ohio Greenways (COG) trails system. The COG connects the central Ohio region with more than 220 miles of trails for everyone to explore parks, neighborhoods, rivers and the vibrant, diverse culture of one of the greatest places in the nation to live, work and play. Whether you are a biking enthusiast or an avid nature lover, the trails are divided into sections that will appeal to your personal taste.

To ensure everyone can enjoy the trails, here are some tips and etiquette to follow:

ALL USERS: Motorized vehicles are not permitted. Be courteous and predictable to other trail users at all times. Keep right and always pass on the left, giving audible warning to pedestrians, skaters and other bicyclists. Maintain single file when others are within 100 feet. Pets are not permitted on greenway trails unless on a leash (maximum length of six feet) and under the direction of the pet owner. You must also clean up after your pet on all portions of the greenway trails. Dispose of litter in waste receptacles. Alcohol is prohibited on trails in park systems.

BICYCLISTS AND SKATERS: Yield to pedestrians. Give audible warning when passing pedestrians, skaters or bicyclists. Ride and skate at a safe speed. Slow down and form a single file in congested conditions, reduced visibility and other hazardous conditions.

PEDESTRIANS: Please stay to the right side of the trail except when otherwise designated. Watch for other trail users. Be especially alert when running. Listen for audible signals and allow faster trail users (runners and bicyclists) to pass safely.

Separate from the Central Ohio Greenways, we also offer many loop walking paths within our parks.



Our Capital Kids Program is designed to enhance students' academic achievement and to provide a safe place to learn and play after school. For almost 20 years, our well-trained staff has provided educational support, mentoring, healthy exercise and nutrition, socialization and enrichment to vulnerable youth, at four locations.

Capital Kids serves youth in grades K-5, with Columbus City Schools' high-need locations as feeder sites for our program. Currently, Capital Kids is at Beatty, Feddersen, Marion Franklin and Sullivant Gardens community centers. Participants benefit from state-of-the-art technology, high expectations and high performance standards, all of which help them to excel academically.

WHAT WE OFFER:

Academic assistance, including help with homework, science projects, reading and math. We are in the schools daily and work with the teachers and administrators on developing achievable learning plans for students. We sit in with families for student Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and school conferences.

A nutritious hot meal or snack daily, which the children receive as soon as they arrive at the center. Our philosophy is that a child can't learn without food as fuel. In partnership with Mid-Ohio Foodbank, we also offer our families free weekend take-home groceries.

Enrichment activities such as cooking, gardening, nutrition, drama, art, fitness, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Prevention programs in anger management, substance abuse, bullying and violence, along with peer mediation.

Recreation and socialization through ball games, board games, outdoor play and group activities.

Many opportunities for family involvement, a "must" for our program. We have family fun nights, resource referrals, parent/staff conferences, parent/teacher conferences and newsletters.

Spring and summer camp experiences.

To learn more, visit **Columbus.gov/CapitalKids** or call (614) 645-3330.



APPLICATIONS FOR PURPOSE, PRIDE AND SUCCESS (APPS)

Our APPS program is designed to help reduce neighborhood crime and violence, through the use of proven prevention and intervention strategies that increase protective factors in the lives of Columbus youth and young adults, ages 14–23.

Additionally, event calendars are created with extended hours for engagement and feature fun and enriching activities during school breaks.

Learn more about APPS at bit.ly/APPSCbus.

LOCATIONS

BEATTY COMMUNITY CENTER | DOUGLAS COMMUNITY CENTER GLENWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER | LINDEN COMMUNITY CENTER*

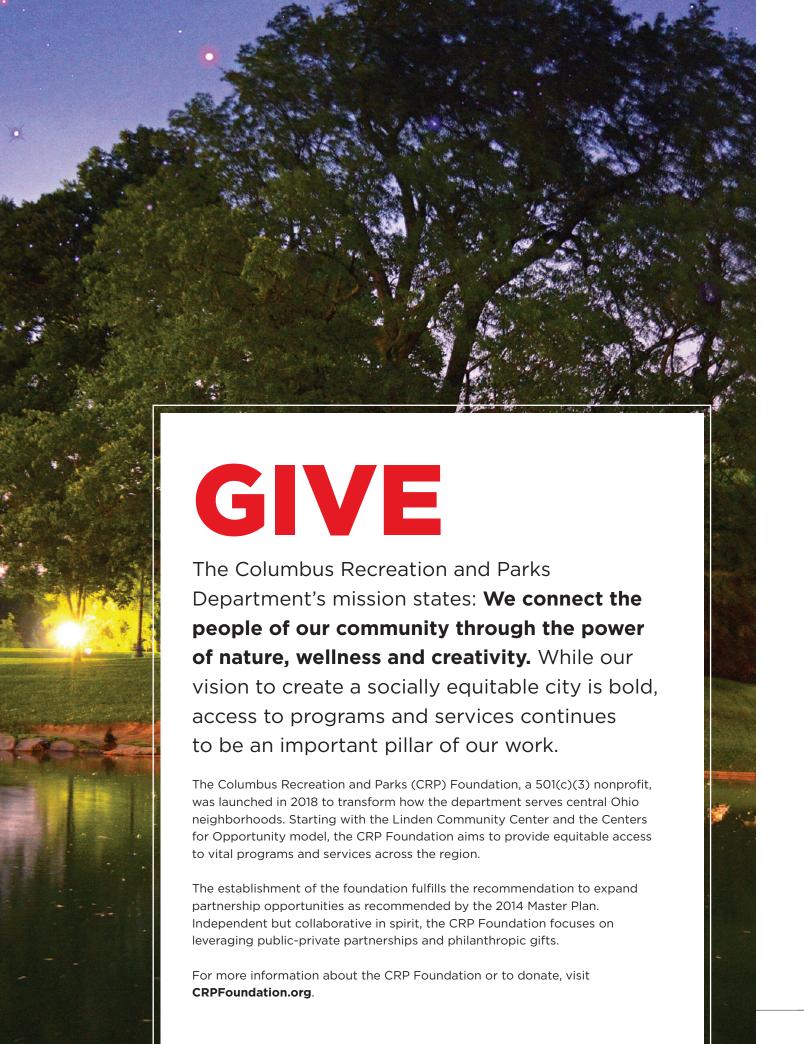
* Linden Community Center programs will take place at Linmoor Education Center during construction of the new facility.

NEIGHBORHOOD VIOLENCE INTERVENTION

Our Neighborhood Violence Intervention (NVI) program uses proven strategies to interrupt violence at the street level and promote conflict resolution. Trained Interventionists use mediation, conflict resolution and community crisis response tactics as part of our proactive strategy to stop violence before it happens.

RECREATION

We offer free, safe and constructive activities for teens and young adults as a part of our prevention efforts, which includes mentoring.





Columbus Recreation and Parks Department is always searching for new groups and individuals to volunteer in our parks, community centers and special events throughout the city!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE: COACHING AND OFFICIATING | COMMUNITY CENTERS

LANDSCAPING PARK CLEAN-UPS | PLAYGROUND CLEAN-UPS | SPECIAL EVENTS

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION | TREE PLANTING

Questions about volunteering? Contact our Volunteer Office at volunteers@columbus.gov or (614) 645-3325.



SPECIAL EVENTS & PERMITS

Looking to organize a concert, block party or charity race? Columbus Recreation and Parks Department's Office of Special Events helps event coordinators plan successful events while providing a positive impact to Columbus residents and businesses.

Visit Columbus.gov/EventPlanningGuide to get started!

FACILITY RENTALS

Planning a winter wedding, holiday party, family gathering, or anything in between? We have a facility just for you! Regardless of your budget or party size, we can help ease the stress of hosting your friends and family, giving you more time to connect and enjoy the company of your loved ones. We have elegant wedding venues, lodges and banquet halls that are nestled in beautiful park settings.

Even though it may be cold and gloomy outside, it is never too early to plan for your warm-weather events. We book our venues up to one year in advance, so while you are bundling up and staying cozy this season, give us a call to see what we have available for your next cookout, graduation party, family reunion or other warm-weather occasion. Spring will be here before you know it so don't miss out - let us help make your next event the best one ever!

Reservations can be made Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis and are accepted up to one year in advance.

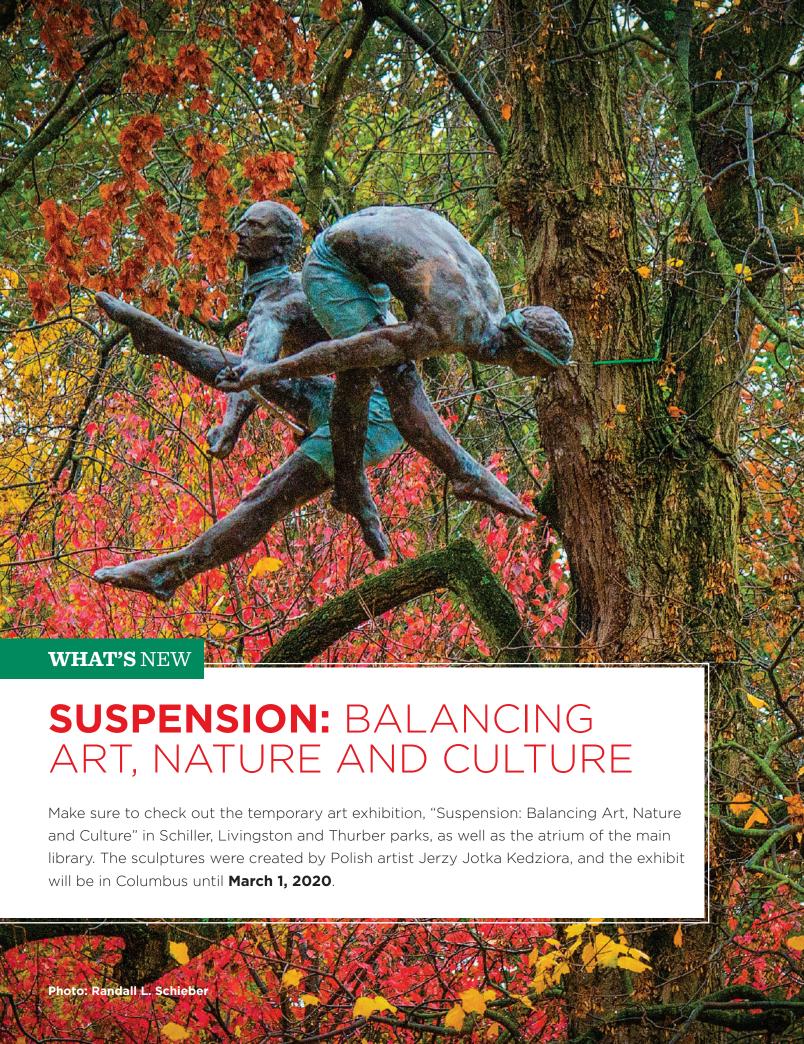
To find a location or a facility, visit **Columbus.gov/CRPDRentals** or call (614) 645-3337.





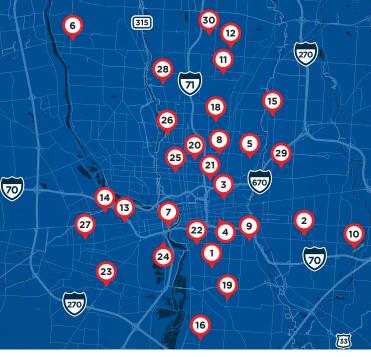






COMMUNITY CENTERS 6 Columbus Recreation

and Parks Department
has 29 community centers
that offer programs in
sports, arts, conservation
and health and wellness
for residents of all ages
and interests.



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- BARACK 580 Woodrow Ave. | 43207 (614) 645-3610
- BARNETT 1184 Barnett Rd. | 43227 (614) 645-3065
- **BEATTY**247 N. Ohio Ave. | 43203 (614) 645-3218
- BLACKBURN 263 Carpenter St. | 43205 (614) 645-7670
- **BRENTNELL**1280 Brentnell Ave. | 43219
 (614) 645-7640
- **CARRIAGE PLACE**4900 Sawmill Rd. | 43235
 (614) 645-3715
- **DODGE**667 Sullivant Ave. | 43215
 (614) 645-8151
- **B** DOUGLAS 1250 Windsor Ave. | 43211 (614) 645-7407
- 9 **DRIVING PARK** 1100 Rhoads Ave. | 43206 (614) 645-3228
- FAR EAST 1826 Lattimer Dr. | 43227 (614) 645-3159

- FEDDERSEN 3911 Dresden St. | 43224 (614) 645-3083
- GILLIE*
 2100 Morse Rd. | 43229
 (614) 645-3106
- GLENWOOD

 1888 Fairmont Ave. | 43223
 (614) 645-3282
- HOLTON 303 N. Eureka Ave. | 43204 (614) 645-3208
- HOWARD 2505 N. Cassady Ave. | 43219 (614) 645-3713
- INDIAN MOUND 3901 Parsons Ave. | 43207 (614) 645-3224
- LAZELLE WOODS 8140 Sancus Blvd. | 43081 (614) 645-5330
- LINDEN**
 Linmoor Education Center
 2001 Hamilton Ave. | 43211
 (614) 645-3067
- MARION FRANKLIN 2801 Lockbourne Rd. | 43207 (614) 645-3160
- MARTIN JANIS*
 600 E. 11th Ave. | 43211
 (614) 645-5954

- MILO GROGAN 862 E. 2nd Ave. | 43201 (614) 645-7376
- SCHILLER 1069 Jaeger St. | 43206 (614) 645-3156
- SCIOTO SOUTHLAND*** 3901 Parsons Ave. | 43207 (614) 645-3224
- SULLIVANT GARDENS 755 Renick St. | 43223 (614) 645-8171
- **THOMPSON**1189 Dennison Ave. | 43201 (614) 645-3082
- TUTTLE PARK 240 W. Oakland Ave. | 43201 (614) 645-3602
- **WESTGATE**455 S. Westgate Ave. | 43204
 (614) 645-3264
- **WHETSTONE**3923 N. High St. | 43214
 (614) 645-3217
- WILLIAM H. ADAMS 854 Alton Ave. | 43219 (614) 645-3051
- **WOODWARD PARK** 5147 Karl Rd. | 43229 (614) 645-3158

