

2014 End of Summer Report

- Columbus ranked as the #6 US City for Culture by Property Shark



- Columbus hosted the Democratic National Committee site selection team. More than 1,000 people rallied in support of the DNC bid at Nationwide Arena
- Columbus remains the 15th-fastest-growing city in the country and the only Midwestern city to show significant growth from 2012 to 2013
- The GreenSpot program reached 10,000 members



Development

- The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) committed \$29.7 million to the Near East Side as part of the Choice Neighborhood Initiative Grant
- 9 new business expansion projects occurred during the summer of 2014 that will create 298 new jobs and \$7.2 million in private investment
- Columbus Castings steel foundry announced an expansion of their South Side workforce by 550 employees
- Columbus Brewing announced expansion plans to move to the former Hill Distributing Co. building on the West Side, investing \$5 million and adding 30 new jobs



Public Safety

- Columbus Police were awarded their sixth CALEA Accreditation with Excellence using the Gold Standard assessment
- Police completed the Community Safety Initiative in late August:
 - Officers made over 7,500 citizen contacts
 - 453 felony arrests, 475 misdemeanor arrests
 - Recovered 80 firearms
 - Seized 705 grams of crack/cocaine, 436 grams of heroin and 1,717 pills
- In partnership with Recreation and Parks Department, graduated several children ages 9 to 11 from the Columbus Police and Fire Exploration Camp
- Drafted and passed legislation that would allow for legal operations of peer-to-peer transportation network companies and drivers. UberX, Lyft and nearly 300 drivers were issued a license by the September 5 deadline
- Public Safety participated in multiple one-day events and downtown festivals throughout the summer including Cap City Half Marathon, Komen Race for the Cure, Arts Festival, Columbus Pride Festival, Red, White and Boom, Jazz and Rib Fest, Asian Festival and Latino Festival



Education

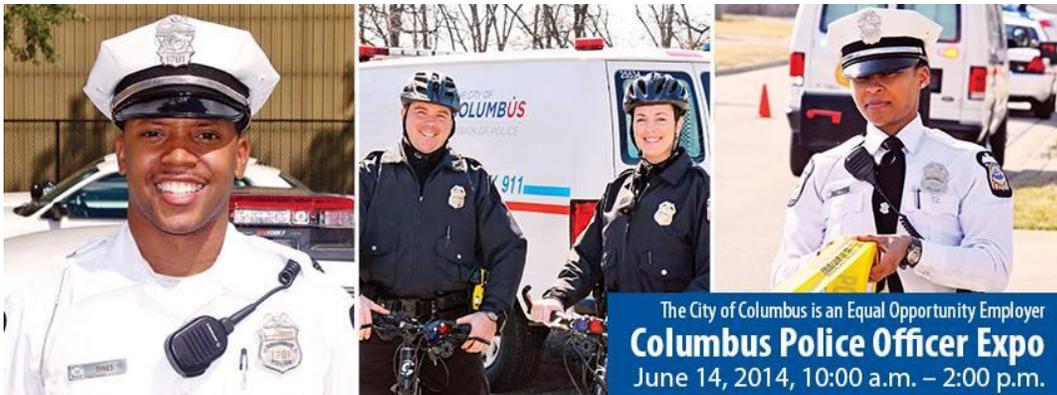
- Announced the Pre-K expansion partnership with the Governor's Office and increased the number of students in Early Start Columbus to 500
- Launched FastPath Initiative on September 5, 2014 with a goal of enrolling 278 adults into a certificate track program
- Columbus was selected to partner with the state for a federal pre-k expansion grant that will appropriate \$10 million which will be matched by \$19 million from the U.S. Department of Education



- Worked with Columbus City Schools to expand free lunch meals for all Columbus City Schools students

Civil Service Commission

- Worked with the Division of Safety to develop and implement Police Expos to increase female and minority awareness of the position and promote upcoming testing for Police Officers
- Administered Physical Capability Test or Firefighter Mile for Firefighters
- Held bi-weekly events for Restoration Academy's 50 participants
- Administered 13 tests totaling 50 sessions of testing



Finance and Management

- Broke ground for Reeb Avenue Center, which will provide educational services, childcare services, job training and workforce development programs and other family support services
- Dedicated the city's 2nd CNG Station
- The Division of Fleet Management was named the top fleet in North America by the group 100 Best Fleets



Public Health

- Served more than 45,000 WIC participants with supplemental nutrition services, including nutrition education, nutritious foods, breastfeeding education and support



- Welcomed more than 6,000 participants to annual Farmers Market.
- Vector Control inspected 9,926 catch basins for the presence of disease carrying mosquitos to protect residents from mosquito-borne diseases
- Immunization Clinic administered 4,396 vaccines to residents to protect them against vaccine preventable diseases
- Conducted 2,745 inspections of food service operations including restaurants, food trucks and vending areas
- CPH's Sexual Health clinic evaluated 2,250 patients for testing, treatment or referral – for additional services
- Maternal and Child team visited 2,370 homes to provide care to new at-risk moms and babies

Rec & Parks

- Broke ground for the final phase of the Alum Creek Trail, which upon completion will be 22 miles, the longest continuous bike path in central Ohio
- Generated \$735,000 in revenue from summer camps
- Summer food program fed 630,920 people, up from 482,739 in 2013
- 48 events, festivals and concerts permitted in Columbus with 1.6 million estimated attendance, including 350,000 participants at the Jazz and Rib Fest, 50 live performances and 23 rib teams
- 10 performances and 30,000 attendees at Rhythm on the River



Public Utilities

- Restoration of the Olentangy River-5th Avenue Dam completion event
- 80 student interns at the DPU Summer Youth Program. 30 college students representing 21 colleges/universities and 50 high school students from 29 area high schools
- Over 500 Central Ohio 3rd graders attended Children's Water Festival annual program



- Hosted statewide Conference of Water and Wastewater Utilities from across the state, attended by over 1500 people
- 2,000 residents took the PUP (Pick up Poop) pledge this summer. The PUP Wagon appeared at 37 events

Public Service

- Unveiled the Long Street Bridge and Cultural Wall, which was created to honor many significant local artists, landmarks, community leaders and pioneers of the King-Lincoln District



- Had 86 Keep Columbus Beautiful events, June 1 – August 31, with 2,447 volunteers and 65,510 lbs. of litter collected
- 417 tons of bulk trash and 1,613 tons of regular trash collected near the OSU campus during 2014 Move-out/Move-in
- Columbus Energy Review Committee was created as a citizen advisory group that provides guidance and recommendations regarding energy aggregation
- Hosted Neighborhood Pride in Franklinton and MACC, During those two events, over 950 community residents enjoyed free lunch and learns, 50.8 tons of bulk trash was collected and 1,708 parcels were inspected by Code Enforcement

- More than 70 streets and 20 miles of alleys were treated and resurfaced

Technology

- MyColumbus mobile app won the 2014 “Best Customer App” CITE award from IDG. It received 1,235 new downloads this summer
- DoT completed the deployment of 907 new computers for the Police division
- The Technology Service Desk opened 11,220 new service requests and closed 10,909 over the summer period
- DoT facilitated IRS Safeguards Review and Audit, as well as vendor-performed network penetration tests

