



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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NEW CRUISERS FOR THE ROAD: The Columbus Division of Police is ready to put 29 new cruisers in service helping to protect Columbus residents and neighborhoods. Safety Committee chair [Michelle M. Mills](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0745-2013* to allow the Department of Finance and Management to enter into a \$164,537.30 contract with Parr Public Safety Equipment, Inc. for the up-fitting of these new cruisers. Up-fitting consists of the installation of light bars, cameras and communications equipment necessary for officers to perform their duties.

PREPARING FOR ICY ROADS: As Columbus slowly moves into spring, City leaders are already preparing for next winter. *Ordinance 0683-2113*, sponsored by Public Service and Transportation Committee chair [Eileen Y. Paley](#), allows the City to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation to purchase rock salt. ODOT makes a bulk purchase of salt on behalf of counties, municipalities, townships and villages, saving money for residents. The city has set aside \$1,453,160 from various funding sources for this purchase.

SAFE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: The Columbus City Council is supporting many innovative programs to fight crime and build strong neighborhoods. One such effort is the late night basketball program that extends the hours of select recreation centers during the summer months to provide a safe and supervised place for residents to gather. Recreation and Parks Committee chair [Zach M. Klein](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0747-2013* to spend \$20,000 from the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund to support this program. The money will be used to provide for part-time positions and open Douglas, Dodge, Driving Park, Woodward Park and Marion Franklin Recreation Centers Monday-Friday from 6

pm-11:30 pm. The late night basketball program is scheduled to run from June 10-August 2.

HELPING LOWER HEALTH CARE COSTS: The City of Columbus is one of 10 employers in United Health Care's national book of business to be awarded the 2012 Well Deserved Award for its commitment to fostering a workplace culture that is supportive of employee health and wellness. The Healthy Columbus program is a critical component of a larger strategy to reduce healthcare costs incurred by the City of Columbus. Councilmember [Hearcel F. Craig](#), chair of the Administration Committee, is sponsoring *ordinance 0743-2013*, to allow the City to accept a \$1,000 award from United Health to provide employees with education and tools they need to make informed decisions to reduce unnecessary utilization of the emergency room and medical services.

FIGHTING CHILD ABUSE: Franklin County Children Services receives more than 28,000 reports of suspected child abuse or neglect every year. That is why Councilmember [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring *resolution 0077x-2013* to declare April 2013 to be National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Columbus. The resolution urges families to foster a safe and trusted environment for young people to learn and grow.