



**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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**STAMPING OUT HUNGER:** Council President Pro Tem [A. Troy Miller](#) is sponsoring *resolution 0111X-2013*, to declare May 11th, 2013, to be Stamp Out Hunger Day in Columbus, and to encourage residents to participate in this important initiative. The Stamp Out Hunger food drive is a nationwide effort led in part by the Campbell Soup Company to help the more than 50 million Americans living at risk of hunger by providing food to local food banks and pantries that rely heavily on donations. It's easy to donate: residents can simply leave a bag of non-perishable food items next to their mailbox on May 11, prior to their scheduled mail pick up. Letter carriers will collect the food during their routes.

**ENCOURAGING ACTIVE LIVING:** Health and Human Services Committee chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0977-2013* to support a Columbus Public Health partnership with 10 TV's Commit To Be Fit, a public awareness campaign developed to improve the health of our community. In partnership with Metro Parks, Giant Eagle, and the YMCA of Central Ohio, Columbus Public Health will inform viewers and readers with practical, hands-on information utilizing 10 TV's web site, Facebook, Twitter pages, on-air news, and promotional spots, providing residents with information they can use to live healthy, active lives. 10TV's [Jeff Hogan](#) will be in Council Chambers to thank the City for its commitment to creating a healthy Columbus.

**RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING CONTINUES:** Columbus residents recycled more than 10,000 tons of waste in 2012 through RecyColumbus, the city's recycling program. Councilmember [Eileen Y. Paley](#), chair of the Public Service & Transportation Committee, is sponsoring *ordinance 0976-2013* to continue this important service. Street-side collection of yard waste and residential recyclables is now

available to all single-family households in Columbus, and our city recently garnered national recognition for the success of the program when we received the prestigious 2013 Green City Award, presented by *Waste & Recycling News*.

**PROMOTING ARSON AWARENESS:** Arson is a serious crime that jeopardizes the lives of Columbus residents and emergency service personnel. Councilmember [Michelle M. Mills](#) is sponsoring *resolution 0106X-2013*, to declare the week of May 5-11, 2013, Arson Awareness Week in Columbus. The theme for the 2013 Arson Awareness Week is “Reducing Residential Arson.” Arson results in an estimated 280 annual deaths nationwide, and the Columbus Division of Fire encourages residents to learn more about the tremendous toll this crime takes on our community.

**SUPPORTING STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS:** The Neighborhood Best Practices Conference brings community leaders together to discuss a wide range of topics to help improve the quality of life in Columbus. *Ordinance 1007-2013*, sponsored by Administration Committee chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#), allows the City to spend \$10,000 from City Council’s Neighborhood Initiatives Fund to support the 2013 conference. The conference is co-hosted by the Community Relations Commission and the United Way of Central Ohio, and its goal is to promote productive communication and collaboration between neighborhood groups, community partners, and local government. The Neighborhood Best Practices Conference will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at Columbus Downtown High School, located at 364 South 4th Street.

**DEVELOPMENT IN FRANKLINTON:** Development Committee chair [Zach M. Klein](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0987-2013*, to enter into an Enterprise Zone Agreement with Orange Barrel Media, LLC, and OB Franklinton Development, LLC, for the acquisition, renovation, and redevelopment of a vacant industrial site into a new corporate headquarters and production shop for Orange Barrel Media in Franklinton. OB Franklinton Development will invest approximately \$4,710,000, including \$2,200,000 in real property improvements, acquisition costs, machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures, while Orange Barrel Media will create twelve new full-time permanent positions with an estimated annual payroll of approximately \$1,000,000.