



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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HEALTHY SENIORS: Councilmember [Hearcel F. Craig](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks committee, is sponsoring two ordinances to provide senior citizens fresh fruits and vegetables to promote healthy and active lifestyles. *Ordinance 0986-2014* supports the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program. The second ordinance, *0988-2014*, supports the same program through a contract with LifeCare Alliance. The program will provide vouchers for seniors to redeem at local markets, including the North Market. Approximately 4,500 seniors are expected to receive vouchers. Last year more than 38,000 coupons were issued to 4,470 individuals.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Many Columbus families are at risk of homelessness because they cannot afford market-rate housing. Councilmember [Priscilla R. Tyson](#), chair of the Health & Human Services Committee, is sponsoring *ordinance 0620-2014* for the implementation of the Bridge to Affordable Housing (B2AH) program. The program will be funded from City Council's Neighborhood Initiatives Fund and will help families with dependent children who will most likely need Project Based Section 8 Housing to attain long-term housing stability. The Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) will provide program services for B2AH. Referrals will come from the YWCA Family Center and Gladden Community House.

LEAD SAFE COLUMBUS: Development Committee chair [Michelle M. Mills](#) is sponsoring ordinance 1009-2014 to authorize the expenditure of up to \$80,732 for lead hazard reduction activities under the Lead Safe Columbus Program. The funds will allow the Lead Safe Columbus Program to continue providing grants to property owners to create lead safe, affordable housing for families with low and moderate incomes. Lead poisoning can cause health problems for people of all ages, particularly young children and pregnant women.

RACE FOR THE CURE: Thousands of people will take to Columbus streets to battle breast cancer during the 22nd annual Komen Columbus Race for the Cure on Saturday, May 17th. City Council President [Andrew J. Ginther](#) is sponsoring resolution 0076X-2014 to honor the thousands of runners, walkers and volunteers who will be giving their time and money to find a cure. The Columbus Affiliate of Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure recently directed \$1.4 million

to fund 21 programs that will provide thousands of local men and women with vital breast health education, screening and treatment throughout the next year.

HONORING A NEIGHBORHOOD LEADER: Councilmember [Eileen Y. Paley](#) is sponsoring a resolution to honor Joyce Hughes for her service and leadership as president of the Weinland Park Community Civic Association. Ms. Hughes has been a tireless advocate for her neighborhood and was involved in the creation of the Weinland Park Neighborhood Plan to help promote investment and development in the area. She continues to serve the community on the University Area Commission.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION: The [Columbus Charter Review Commission](#) will hold its next meeting on Thursday, May 22nd, at 2pm in City Council Conference Room 225, on the second floor of City Hall. All meetings of the Charter Review Commission are open to the public and are recorded for broadcast on CTV, Columbus' government channel 3 on local cable systems.