



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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GROWING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Health and Human Services Committee chair Priscilla R. Tyson is sponsoring ordinance 2318-2015 to allow the City of Columbus to accept a \$6,458,221 grant to fund the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. The primary objective of the WIC program is to provide nutritionally desirable food and nutrition education to pregnant and lactating women, infants, and children at nutritional risk in Franklin County who meet categorical, income and nutritional risk requirements for eligibility.

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS: Recreation and Parks Committee chair Jaiza Page is sponsoring ordinance 2345-2015 to allow the City to enter into a \$349,000 contract with Tyeveco, Inc. to replace worn or outdated playground equipment with new equipment designed to meet all current safety and accessibility standards. The parks included in this legislation are:

Albany Crossing Park
Fairwood Park
Flint Park
Greene Countrie Park
Hoover Reservoir Park
Northgate Park
Parkridge Park
Riverbend Park
Schiller Park
Tuttle Park

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: Public Safety Committee chair Zach Klein is sponsoring resolution 0235x-2015 to declare the week of October 4th, 2015 is Fire Prevention Week in Columbus. The key message of this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign is to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the

basement. Having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a fire in half. Almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted when there was no working alarm.

CELEBRATING AN AMERICAN HERO: October 8, 2015 is the 125th anniversary of the birth of Columbus native Eddie Rickenbacker. The World War I flying ace, daredevil, and business leader grew up in a home along Livingston Avenue that is now the centerpiece of a development project to renovate more than 50 Driving Park neighborhood homes and provide after-school science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programming. Council President Ginther is sponsoring resolution 0244x-2015 to declare October 8 Eddie Rickenbacker Day in Columbus.