

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB EXPANSION: President Pro Tem [Priscilla R. Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 0268-2017 to enter into a contract with The Boys & Girls Club to relocate and expand services on the Westside of Columbus. The group is renovating the J. Ashburn Youth Center. Additionally, The Boys & Girls Club is constructing a teen center on Sullivant Ave. to continue providing needed services to Franklinton.

MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD RECOGNITION: Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#) is sponsoring resolution 0041X-2017 to recognize Tiffany Tynes Curry for receiving the Milken Educator Award. She received the award for her exceptional educational talent, exemplary accomplishments and engaging presence that impacts students, colleagues and the community. She also sits on Weinland Park Elementary's Building Leadership Team and the district's School Improvement Team. Her positive example highlights the importance and impact of excellent educators in our community and helps to inspire other able, caring and creative people to choose a career in education.

SPAY AND NEUTER AWARENESS MONTH: Councilmember [Michael Stinziano](#) is sponsoring a resolution to designate February 2017 as Spay and Neuter Awareness Month in Columbus. Domestic animals provide companionship, love, loyalty and an improved sense of well-being to many Columbus residents. Spaying and Neutering are proven means of saving the lives of companion animals, community or feral cats and dogs that might otherwise be put down in a shelter or killed on the street. In conjunction with "World Spay Day" on February 28, veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations and private citizens will work to spay or neuter tens of thousands of pets and community cats in the U.S. and throughout the world.



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RECOGNIZING MACKENZIE LEWIS' VOLUNTEER WORK: Councilmember [Shannon Hardin](#) is sponsoring resolution 0040X-2017 to recognize Mackenzie Lewis for assisting the people of Flint, Michigan. As a fifth grader at Berwick Alternative K-8, she has organized several fundraisers to raise money for the Flint community and supplied over 1,300 cases and 300 gallons of water to those affected by the Flint water crisis. Inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and her mother, she strives to unite the community through acts of good will.

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS: Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 0042-2017 to enter into contract for the playground improvements at Glenwood and Windsor Parks. This project is part of the Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation Grant awarded to the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department to help fund the replacement of two playgrounds per year between 2017 and 2020. The project will provide a new playground at Glenwood Park and replace outdated existing playground equipment at Windsor Park. The Windsor Playground will be installed with the assistance of volunteers from the Columbus Blue Jackets and the local community.

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