

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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AREA COMMISSION FUNDING: Council President Pro Tem [Michael Stinziano](#), chair of the Neighborhoods Committee, is sponsoring an ordinance for operating expenses of the City's Area Commissions. Each year, these funds help Area Commissions independently fulfill their functions and responsibilities. The purpose of Area Commissions is to act as a liaison between neighborhood groups, property owners, residents, developers and city officials.

FRANKLIN LOOP TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS: Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1280-2018 for the Franklinton Loop-Souder Avenue Connector. The Souder Avenue Bridge is a heavily used bike and pedestrian route. It is also recognized as one of the City's most unsafe, narrow crossings. The project will design a new, separate route to accommodate cyclists, runners and walkers as part of an overall Franklinton Loop network that connects people to and from an underserved community.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY: Councilmember [Mitchell J. Brown](#) is presenting resolution 0178X-2018 to recognize the first Friday in June as National Gun Violence Awareness Day. On average, there are nearly 13,000 gun homicides every year. City Council encourages all residents to support local community efforts which help prevent the tragic effects of gun violence.

CONTINUED REVITALIZATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS: Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#), chair of the Housing Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1356-2018 to execute any and all necessary agreements and deeds for property held in the Land Bank. The Columbus Land Bank Program was established to improve neighborhoods by revitalizing vacant and underutilized housing units. Additionally, its Community Garden Program encourages agriculture and community projects, averaging 30-40 sites for these projects annually.



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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL: Councilmember [Emmanuel V. Remy](#), chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1266-2018 to begin the Pedestrian Safety Improvements Safe Routes to School Sidewalks-McGuffey and Duxberry project. The purpose of this project is to construct a sidewalk on both sides of Duxberry Avenue from Lexington Avenue to Hamilton Avenue and both sides of McGuffey Road from Duxberry Avenue just north of Clinton Street. Installation of the sidewalk includes replacement of drive aprons where necessary and installing or upgrading non-compliant curb ramps at all public intersections.

FUNDING GREATER ACCESS TO LOCAL HEALTHY FOOD: Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, is sponsoring ordinance 1484-2018 to support initiatives for the Local Food Action Plan (LFAP). This funding helps facilitate the implementation of the LFAP priorities outlined by its board members. The plan is built on the belief that access to healthy food is a key element to maintaining a high quality of life and one of the building blocks for a stronger community. It is also working to combat obesity, diet-related diseases and food insecurity.

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