



Tyson's Corner



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WELCOME...

Autumn is one of my favorite times of year in Columbus for many reasons. It is a time to enjoy the beautiful foliage and comfortable temperatures, and it is a great time of year to participate in the many cultural activities that our city offers. From Ohio State football games on Saturday afternoons, to exciting downtown and Short North art and stage events—Columbus has something for every taste.

One of the most exciting things that happens each fall is welcoming thousands of new students to the area's numerous colleges and universities. This annual influx of new residents has proven itself to be a tremendous economic engine for our region, and gives us a unique opportunity to showcase our city to future researchers, innovators and leaders. As you go about your daily life, please take a moment to welcome a new student to Columbus—the long term affects can be priceless.

I also recently had the opportunity to attend one such event that brought together two great local organizations for a fun-filled, exciting night as part of Music in the Air's *Rhythm on the River* series. The collaboration of Waterfire and BalletMet in September was an important example of how organizations can work together to streamline costs and reach broader audiences. I totally support the great effort of these two fine groups and the **public value** and culture it brings to our residents.

You will be reading a lot about public value in my future communications. As I do with all decisions I make on Council, considering the public value and return on investment of each decision is paramount. Whether it is moving forward on the city's investment in updated accessible playgrounds that provide safe active areas for the youth of our city, or the role city departments play to keep residents of all ages informed, safe and healthy. Each action does have an ultimate affect on the quality of life of Columbus residents. Making sure the choices made have the highest public value possible is my commitment to you.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve and represent you on Columbus City Council. If I, or my office, can assist you with any city-related issue, do not hesitate to call (614) 645-2932 and speak with my legislative aide, Carl Williams. I also encourage you to attend one of the public meetings I schedule each month. They are an opportunity to hear what the City of Columbus is doing for you.

Sincerely,



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Sponsored Legislation

Below you will find a list containing some of the legislation I was proud to sponsor during previous sessions of Council. My sponsorship of these ordinances reflects my dedication and commitment in making sure Columbus remains a strong, growing and dynamic city.

- PROVIDING CARE FOR ALZHEIMER'S PATIENTS:** The Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA) funds several programs that provide critical care for residents suffering from the debilitating and long-term effects of Alzheimer's disease. Ordinance 1077-2009 allocated a \$386,678 grant from the Ohio Department of Aging for the Alzheimer's Respite and Senior Volunteer programs. COAAA serves approximately 500 clients suffering from Alzheimer's. [Click here for a complete list of the agencies receiving funding.](#)
- PARTNERING TO EXPAND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:** The City of Columbus joined the Ohio Department of Transportation's efforts to expand the Scioto Trail. The trail is part of the Greenway Trail System, providing users with various scenic views of the downtown riverfront and skyline as well as parks and other natural areas. Ordinance 0870-2009 allows the Recreation and Parks Department to use \$663,269 from the 1999 and 2004 Voted Bond Fund to pay for Columbus' portion of the construction of a .27 mile pedestrian/bikeway bridge across the Scioto River and the CSX railroad tracks, as well as improvements to the McKinley Avenue intersection. This project provides a key link in the statewide Ohio to Erie Trail, a 375-mile trail stretching from the Ohio River to Lake Erie. Future projects will also join this connector to the Big Darby Creek natural areas. The investment from the City represents 20% of the total construction cost, with 80% coming from federal funds.
- IMPROVING PARK SPACE:** The Woodward Park Nature Preserve along Karl Road is a 33-acre site filled with a variety of trees, flowers and wildlife. Ordinance 1206-2009 allows the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder, Builderscape, Inc., for the construction of a new 1300 foot walking path with a 90 foot boardwalk to protect environmentally sensitive areas of the trail. The City is using \$28,476 grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and \$9,493.00 from the Recreation and Parks Special Purpose Fund to pay for the project.

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Legislation Report		
File Number: 0062-2008		
Emergency		
File Number: 0062-2008	File Type: Ordinance	Status: Passed
Version: 1	Controlling Body: Recreation and Parks Commission	Introduced: 1/4/2008
File Name: Appropriation of \$3,366,584.50 from Fund 223 for supplies and services in 2008 and to declare an emergency.		
Requester: Rec & Parks Director	Cost: \$3,366,584.50	Final Action: 1/31/2008
Auditor Cert #:	Auditor: When assigned an Auditor Certificate Number 1, the City Auditor, hereby certifies that there is in the treasury, or anticipated to come into the treasury, and not appropriated for any other purpose, the amount of money specified herein, to pay the within Ordinance.	
Contact Name/No.:	Carl Calica 645-8426	
Floor Action (Clerk's Office Only)		
Mayor's Action		Council Action
Mayor	Date	Date Passed/ Adopted
		President of Council
Veto	Date	City Clerk
Title:		
To authorize the appropriation of \$3,366,584.50 from the unappropriated balance of the Recreation and Parks Special Purpose Fund to the Recreation and Parks Department to continue purchasing supplies and providing services during 2008, and to declare an emergency. (\$3,366,584.50)		
Sponsors:		
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Woodward Park Nature Preserve





I was able to kick off my Labor Day weekend with a one-of-a-kind experience set against the downtown skyline as BalletMet Columbus took the stage at the Riverfront Amphitheater in Genoa Park, on Friday, Sept. 4 as part of Music in the Air's Rhythm on the River.

BalletMet's program featured excerpts from the company's upcoming season including its new staging of *Swan Lake* and Dwight Rhoden's dynamic *Carmina Burana*, plus favorites from previous seasons including two strikingly different examinations of marriage: Harrison McEldowney's humorous *Call It Off* and Adam Hundt's dramatic *Bang, Bang, My Baby Shot Me Down*.



The dance was complemented by WaterFire, dozens of blazing fires burning just above the surface of the Scioto River. I was honored to be invited to participate by lighting some of the braziers along with BalletMet's Artistic Director Gerard Charles. I took the opportunity to light the braziers in honor of the memory of fellow art enthusiast, philanthropist, and entrepreneur Bobbie Ruch.

As chair of The Recreation and Parks Committee, I was pleased the City of Columbus was able to continue this partnership with BalletMet and WaterFire. Events such as this are important for

many reasons, including giving families on limited budgets an enlightening cultural outing, expanding the pool of potential supporters for our important arts organizations, and broadening young minds by exposing them to the arts—truly a worthwhile investment.

If you missed this year's performance, make sure to check out www.musicintheair.com and www.balletmet.org for more opportunities in the future.

Mark your calendar for BalletMet's exciting upcoming events:

- *Swan Lake*, Oct. 16-18, Ohio Theatre
- *NightMoves* (Company and world premieres), Nov. 6-21, BalletMet Performance Space
- *The Nutcracker*, Dec. 11-23, Ohio Theatre

CARRIAGE PLACE SAFE & ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND



I was honored to join business and community leaders, Columbus Recreation and Parks staff, and a wonderful and energetic group of young adults from City Year Columbus to dedicate the new Carriage Place Playground located in Northwest Columbus. This project could not have happened if it weren't for the valuable partnership between the Carriage Place community, Nationwide Columbus Children's Hospital Center for Injury Research and Policy, City Year Columbus, Cardinal Health, David Williams and Associates, Builderscape, The Columbus Foundation and the City of Columbus.

With the construction talents of City Year Columbus, we were able to replace the outdated playground with state-of-the-art, universally accessible equipment and soft-landing surface areas.

Not only will the new equipment and surfaces help keep children out of emergency rooms, it opens up recreation opportunities for children of all ability levels. Currently there are four universally accessible playgrounds located in the Columbus Recreation and Parks system: Rhodes Park, Livingston Park, Carriage Park and Whetstone Park. As we continue to systematically update equipment in all parks within the City, my commitment is to continue to help fund these needed changes through my *Safe Playgrounds* capital improvement initiative. Thanks to all partners for making this important project a success!

THE *Scotts* Miracle-Gro COMPANY

Franklin Park Conservatory Unveils The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company Community Garden Campus

On September 9, 2009, I joined representatives from The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, Franklin Park Conservatory, AEP and Chase to help dedicate The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company Community Garden Campus. Located on the grounds of Franklin Park Conservatory, the campus serves as a national model for community gardening development, education and outreach.

This 7-acre, state-of-the-art "living classroom" provides a platform for expanded horticulture and environmental education, along with community gardening best practices.

Additionally, this comprehensive campus will provide resources for community and school advocates that are dedicated to improving the life and health of families in central Ohio and across the United States. It will truly be a place where people can come together, plant and learn.

What makes a community garden different from a personal garden or park is that it allows people to grow their own food, take classes and have a good time. The classes are for people of all ages, bringing master gardeners together with novices. People will be able to rent a plot of land to garden. The garden also has over 30,000 plants, an outdoor grilling area and a roofed outdoor kitchen for cooking lessons. It's open to the public and doesn't require a paid admission to the conservatory.

The new American Electric Power Foundation Education Pavilion, anchored by numerous vegetable and herb gardens, is a learning center for horticulture and environmental programming. The campus will also feature the newly renovated Chase Community Garden Center, new home for the American Community Garden Association (ACGA) and Franklin Park Conservatory's education department.

The addition of The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company Community Garden Campus will provide a one-of-a-kind learning center to carryout the efforts of the Franklin Park Conservatory's *Growing to Green* program. This community outreach program, founded in 2000, has assisted in the start-up and renovation of more than 150 community gardens, school gardens and city beautification projects. Additionally, the new Chase Community Gardener Training program features five education tracks that focus on: horticulture, nutrition and wellness, green practices and sustainability, community and garden leadership, and school gardens, will offer unparalleled learning opportunities.



I was honored to participate in the Community Garden Campus unveiling along with First Lady Frances Strickland and Manju Sankarappa.

Growing to Green
columbus community garden program

www.fpconservatory.org



City Services Update

On August 4, 2009, Columbus voters approved of the 0.5 income tax increase that will allow the City to maintain services at current levels. While Mayor Coleman and City Council are committed to restore many of the essential services that have been cut in the last couple of years, no such restorations will take place immediately and will instead be part of the 2010 budget process. The mayor will submit a balanced budget proposal for 2010 to City Council by November 15th.

RECREATION CENTERS

The City is committed to reopening many of the Columbus recreation centers that were closed last year due to City financial challenges. However, no recreation centers will be reopened immediately. Rather, restorations will be part of the 2010 budget process and will take time to implement.

YARD WASTE

The City is also committed to restore the Columbus yard waste program as it was in 2008. However, restoration will not take place before the city's contract with Rumpke for the subscription-based yard waste program expires in April 2010. Until then, residents are encouraged to sign up for the Rumpke yard waste program, create their own compost area at home, or transport yard waste to one of the drop-off locations listed below.

Important note: yard waste should include only organic materials from your own yard, should *not* be mixed with regular trash, AND will *not* be accepted in plastic bags.



Yard Waste Drop-Off Locations

Com-Til, the City's compost facility (no grass clippings):

- * 7000 Jackson Pike, Columbus (614) 645-3152

Kurtz Bros. and Mulch Manufacturing Inc. will accept leaves, small branches, grass clippings and holiday trees. You may be asked to show proof that you live in Columbus or Franklin County resident. Professional landscapers are required to pay a drop off fee.

- * 2850 Rohr Road, Groveport (SWACO/Kurtz Bros.) (614) 491-0868
- * 6055-C Westerville Road, Westerville (Kurtz Bros.) (614) 882-0200
- * 6279 Houchard Road, Dublin (Kurtz Bros.) (614) 873-2000
- * 6747 Taylor Road S.W. (Mulch Manufacturing, Inc.) (614) 864-4004

The Ohio Mulch locations listed below are also accepting yard waste at no charge from Columbus residents. Please be prepared with a driver's license or some form of documentation identifying you as a Columbus resident, otherwise you will be charged. Posted signs referring to a \$12 fee do not apply to Columbus residents dropping off residential yard waste.

- * 4120 Roberts Road, Columbus (SWACO/Ohio Mulch) (614) 921-9330
- * 4665 Westerville Rd. (Ohio Mulch) (614) 891-3242
- * 1600 Universal Rd. (Ohio Mulch) (614) 445-4455
- * 537 Reynoldsburg-New Albany Rd. (Ohio Mulch) (614) 863-0445

Residents can also take yard waste at no charge to the following temporary City drop-off locations **from October 31st through December 5th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

- * 1881 East 25th Ave, Columbus (Columbus Dept. of Public Service 25th Avenue Material Yard)
- * 500 Scherer's Ct, Columbus (Columbus Dept of Public Service Transportation North Outpost)
- * 455 South Westgate Ave, Columbus (City of Columbus Westgate Park)
- * 3568 Indianola Ave, Columbus (Columbus Dept. of Public Utilities Electricity offices)
- * 1250 Fairwood Ave, Columbus (Columbus Dept. of Public Utilities Fairwood Avenue Facility)
- * 4211 Groves Rd, Columbus (Columbus Fleet Management Facility)



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RECREATION AND PARKS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

In an effort to encourage greater public involvement, I host a committee meeting each month. The date for the October meeting is listed below.

I encourage you to attend. Please note, if you are able to attend an upcoming meeting, a valid picture ID is needed to enter City Hall. If you would like to speak at the meeting, you must complete a speaker slip. Speaker forms are available in Council Chambers from 5:00 until 5:30 pm on the day of the meeting.

- Thursday, October 22, 2009, **5:00** pm,
Columbus City Hall, Council Chambers

FLU SHOTS

This year, it is all the more important to get vaccinated against the seasonal flu. According to the Centers for Disease Control and staff at Columbus Public Health (CPH), the single best way to protect against the flu is to get vaccinated. It can prevent flu-related deaths and severe illness, and protects others. I got vaccinated by the experienced staff of CPH earlier this season and learned a lot about the flu, and how washing your hands and covering your cough are also very important to protecting yourself and others from the flu.



The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. Some people, such as older people, young children, and people with certain health conditions, are at high risk for serious flu complications.

Flu vaccines are made from killed influenza viruses. These viruses cannot give you the flu, which is a common myth. While no vaccine is 100% effective, the flu shot usually protects most people, and if you get the flu – symptoms will be less severe.

A flu shot can be given before or during the flu season, so there is still time! While the best time to get a flu shot is November, receiving a shot after that time can still protect you against the flu. Flu season usually peaks in February, continuing into spring.

Find Flu Clinics in Central Ohio

CPH seasonal flu vaccine is available for children 6 months through 18 years old, and for adult patients at high risk of problems from the flu, while supplies last.

- * Visit www.vaccine4me.com for a schedule of flu clinics in central Ohio
- * Call 614-437-2900 (local) or toll-free 1-888-202-1319
- * See your healthcare provider for a flu shot
- * Visit a local retail health clinic, like those found in some grocery stores and pharmacy locations.