



**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL**  
**Agenda Highlights for September 24<sup>th</sup> 2007**

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**REVITALIZING NEIGHBORHOODS:** The City of Columbus is set to receive three Clean Ohio Fund grants totaling more than \$6.1 million to help redevelop three former industrial sites.

- Ordinance 1448-2007, sponsored by Development Committee Chair [Maryellen O'Shaughnessy](#), will allow the City to accept a \$3,000,000 grant to clean up the site of the former Columbus Coated Fabrics plant in Weinland Park. The Department of Development has worked extensively with Campus Partners to acquire the land, perform initial phases of clean up, and select Wagenbrenner Development Company to construct approximately 500 residential units at the site.
- The second grant is also worth \$3,000,000 and will be used to continue transforming an abandoned industrial site on the South Side. Ordinance 1452-2007, also sponsored by Councilmember O'Shaughnessy, will allow Columbus to accept a Clean Ohio Fund grant for the former Techneglas site. The facility at 707 Jenkins Avenue served as a major manufacturing site for more than 60 years before closing its doors in August 2004. Investors and a local developer have purchased the site and plan to turn it into a mixed-use complex with commercial and industrial space, potentially creating more than 1,500 jobs. The clean-up will focus on an area of a 1972 oil spill, along with the removal of a small electric plant substation and a buried rail spur.
- Columbus is prepared to accept a third Clean Ohio grant for \$102,000. Ordinance 1455-2007 will allow the City to assist JDS Goodale, LLC in performing a Phase 2 environmental assessment at the Kimball Midwest site (580 West Goodale). Current development plans call for the existing structure to be incorporated into the construction of a 325-car parking facility and 250 apartment units that would range in size from 500 square foot efficiencies to 1,200 square foot, two bedroom units. The total estimated development cost will be in excess of \$25 million dollars.

**HIV PREVENTION AND SERVICES:** City Council is preparing to accept two grants to assist the Columbus Health Department's HIV prevention efforts. Ordinance 1451-2007 sponsored by Health, Housing and Human Services Committee Chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#) will allow the Health Department to use a \$20,332 grant from the Ohio Department of Health for the Federal HIV Prevention grant program. The funds will be used to provide appropriate HIV counseling, testing/referral; health education/risk reduction behavior modification programs, and partner counseling. Ordinance 1450-2007, also sponsored by Councilmember Tavares, will allow the Health Department to use a \$7,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Health. The money will be used to initiate and evaluate a plan to help improve local care services and to provide comprehensive case management services to people living with HIV/AIDS.



**Senior Programming Highlighted:** Seniors will take center stage during the next Recreation and Parks Committee meeting. Councilmember [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is taking her next committee meeting on the road to the Gillie Senior 50+ Recreation Center (located at 4625 Morse Center Road) on Thursday, September 27 at 5:30 p.m. Residents will be able to learn about the numerous programs that the Recreation and Parks Department has to offer to help them stay active and lead healthy lives.



**PRESERVING THE BEAUTY OF GLEN ECHO RAVINE:** The Glen Echo Ravine is a lush, green oasis in an urban enclave. Judiciary and Court Administration Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) will sponsor resolution 0136X-2007 to declare the necessity and intent to appropriate construction easements, which will allow work on the Beulah Road Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Project to move forward. The project, which is scheduled to begin in 2008, will assist in preserving the ravine's natural environment and will make future maintenance on the sewer system more efficient. Councilmember Craig has played an instrumental role in preserving the beauty of Glen Echo Ravine as he and Mayor Michael B. Coleman joined together to announce the installation of graffiti-prevention cameras in the ravine.

**PROVIDING CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR FIREFIGHTERS:** The Columbus Division of Fire is preparing to launch a new distance learning program that will allow Fire Fighters to continue their training without having to leave the fire house. Public Safety Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#) is sponsoring ordinance 1336-2007 to appropriate \$199,566.18 for the purchase of 124 computers, 34 printers and software licenses. The hardware and software will be used in all 32 fire stations for remote training purposes. This high-tech cost saving measure will reduce overtime and allow Fire Fighters to participate in advanced training while remaining ready to respond to emergency calls.

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