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Tour de Long Street

By Annie J. Ross – Womack, CEO
Long Street Businessmen's Association

If you were on East Long Street on Saturday, September 3, 2005, you would have thought you were in the middle of a professional cycling circuit. The Long Street Businessmen's Association hosted a cycling event which drew crowds to witness expert cyclists compete in The Long Street Tour for cash prizes and the Jerry Hammond Trophy.

The Long Street Tour was designed to bring a non traditional event like professional cycling to the residents of the Historic Long Street District to promote the healthy benefits of bike riding. "We want to showcase the community and what it has to offer as well as provide the community the opportunity to learn more about cycling," said Adam Porter, LSBA's Chairman of the Board, about the tour's objective.

With the help of amateur, collegiate and professional cycling promoters, Tym Tyler and Team Columbus, approximately 300 cyclists, novice, professional and collegiate participated in the cycling events, which featured various levels of competition. The tour began at 6:30 am with the Major Taylor Commemorative Tour, a non-competitive event hosted by the Major Taylor Cycling Club of Columbus honoring Marshall "Major" Taylor, a world-record-breaking, turn-of-the-century professional African American cyclist. George Harper, president of

the local Major Taylor Cycling Club, said he was interested in participating in the tour because it would provide more recognition for Major Taylor and the club.

Members from affiliate Major Taylor Cycling Clubs from Detroit, Atlanta and New York joined in the morning commemorative tour and later served as marshals on the race course and lead the community Family Bike Parade along side the Just Us Motorcycle Club, who served as escorts as the parade of bikers peddled through the neighborhood. "The event was a good thing and we just wanted to show our support," said William Anthony, member of the Just Us Motorcycle Club and Chairman of Franklin County Democratic Party.

Among the participants in the September 3rd's event were Jonathan Beard; CEO of the Columbus Compact, Attorney John W. Waddy, Jr.; long time Near East resident and community activist, W. Carlton Weddington; school board candidate, Diane Beasley; assistant to State Representative Joyce Beatty and City Councilman Kevin Boyce, who also served as the Grand Marshal and co-presenter of the Jerry Hammond Trophy to the Tour winner.

Councilman Boyce, who is currently campaigning for re-election to the City Council, has his campaign headquarters located on East Long Street in the Historic Teresa Building and was able to have a bird's eye view of the day's events. "I fully support the efforts of LSBA and this wonderful event happening in this great neighborhood," exclaimed Councilman Kevin Boyce as he thanked Adam Porter and The Long Street Businessmen's Association for hosting the event.

In his remarks, Mr. Porter stated, "This tour is a way

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COTA Near East Transit Center Prepares to Open



The grand opening ceremony for the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) Near East Transit Center is scheduled on Thursday, October 13, 2005 at 1:00 pm. Invited speakers include COTA President/CEO Bill Lhota, COTA Board Chairman Bill Porter, U.S. Senator Mike DeWine, Representative Patrick Tiberi Children's Hospital Vice President Jack Clark, Columbus Compact Board Chairman Alphonso Simmons, Main

Street Business Association President/CEO Walter Cates, and Chairman of the Near East Area Commission Kathleen Bailey. An open house immediately will be held following the ribbon cutting ceremony. Refreshments will be served.

The Transit Center is a one-story 9,617 sq. ft. facility located at 1125 E Main, the corner of East Main Street and Champion Avenue. The construction of this facility was

made possible through the financial assistance from the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA), the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), Columbus Compact, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the City of Columbus.

COTA's Near East Transit Center offers many benefits to the central Ohio community. The primary tenant for the facility is Children's Hospital Close To Home. Community residents will have convenient access to continuous bus service (Local # 2 Main Street route and Crosstown # 81 Hudson Street route) on both E. Main Street and Champion Avenue.

Informational fliers will be posted throughout the Near East community and the event is open to the public.

Compact Update

Board Actions

The Board of Trustees met as Executive Committee in August, and as a full board in September. At these meetings, the Board struggled with the need to drastically cut programs due to the lack of federal funding. Last year, for instance, the Compact funded eleven after school programs. This year, just two will be funded.

At the August meeting, the Board voted to authorize continuation funding for after school programs at Champion Middle School and Indianola Middle School. Further funding, though at half of last year's level, was also authorized for the CAPACITY and STARS youth arts programs.

For employment services, the Board authorized continuation funding, though at a reduced level, for the Greater Columbus Employment Maintenance Organization ("the EMO"). The EMO is a joint venture between the Salvation Army and The Career Center at Jewish Family Services. It is designed to help Empowerment Zone residents find and keep meaningful employment. The Board also voted to continue to support the Columbus Workforce Alliance's interagency client management system, designed to provide better employment services to EZ res-

idents served by 8 different community-based agencies.

As a result of Board actions, several of the commercial corridors will be seeing upgrades, as the Board authorized funding for streetscape improvements on West Broad Street, Livingston Avenue, and Cleveland Avenue, as well as landscaping improvements on East Fifth Avenue to match previously-installed streetscape improvements.

At the neighborhood level, the board authorized funding for the United Way's Neighborhood Partnership Center and its Neighborhood Training Academy, and modified the terms of its investment in the NoBo housing development spearheaded by Columbus Housing Partnership and Stenson-Powell Development.

In the business arena, the Board authorized a transfer of funds to the EZ Seed Capital Loan Program, which provides loans of up to \$25,000 to new and emerging EZ businesses. The Board also authorized a loan to the Neighborhood House for its Subway Restaurant franchise to be located at the Mt. Vernon Plaza, and the Board passed a series of resolutions aimed at continuing the Compact's support for the Clarence Lumpkin Point of Pride building to be located at 11th and

Cleveland Avenues. The Board also modified the terms of the Compact's loan commitment to Watermark Services LLC for the new Wendy's Restaurant to be located on East Broad Street.

The Board of Trustees passed a series of resolutions that would support the development of a new grocery store on East Main Street, and had extensive discussions about the articles in the *Columbus Dispatch* and *The Other Paper* that highlighted the Main Street Business Association's deliberate interference with the development of that project. At the Executive Committee meeting, considerable concern was expressed that Community Properties of Ohio sold a key property to the Main Street Business Association for \$40,000 after the Compact had made a \$46,000 purchase offer for that property, and that the MSBA is now trying to sell the property for \$175,000 (over four times its price) to the Compact. The Board agreed with the President not to buy the property at that outrageous price, which unfortunately will result in fewer jobs and businesses at that site.

Finally, the Board of Trustees authorized the submission of an application for an allocation of New Markets Tax Credits (see related story).

Columbus Foundation Supports Resident Clean-Up Effort

The Columbus Foundation Neighborhood Partnership Program Fund announced its support for the Driving Park Civic Association and the King Lincoln Bronzeville Neighborhood Association resident-led litter abatement programs.

The program was developed to improve perceptions about our neighborhoods. Litter and barren spaces contribute toward shaping negative perceptions. From a scattering of cigarette butts on the sidewalk to a pile of old appliances in a weed-choked lot, litter is a blemish on the landscape of every community. It drags down a community's image and is distastefully contagious—nothing invites people to litter like a place that is already littered.

Litter free and beautified neighborhoods can have the following impacts:

- Reduction in crime
- Create community pride and solidarity
- Stabilize or improve property values
- Stimulate economic investment
- Improve the overall aesthetic appearance of neighborhoods

In 2003, the Compact began beautification efforts in the Miller-Kelton area with a massive beautification project. More than 150 homes received decorative fencing and shrubs for their yards. A new pocket park was constructed and placed in the care of the Driving Park Area Commission for continued maintenance. The Compact has made more than \$60,000 in investments for Storefront renovations and a streetscape project (\$150,000) along Livingston Avenue in the Driving Park community. In the King Lincoln area the Compact is investing more than \$80,000 in storefront improvements.

As these and other investments continue, the aesthetic quality of the communities where investments are being made must also improve. The litter abatement/beautification effort represents a vital step toward that goal.

The aims of the project are: (1) to mount an education and awareness campaign about the problem of litter; (2) stimulate sustainable grassroots level involvement to rectify and manage the problem; (3) and to make Empowerment Zone neighborhoods aesthetically pleasing toward building neighborhood pride and stimulating economic investment. Additionally, the creation of employment opportunities for neighborhood youth is a primary goal. The "Red Sweater Brigade" in the King-Lincoln-Bronzeville neighborhood and NuLife Bridges Neighborhood Youth Council has 50 or more youth that have assisted with beautification efforts in their respective areas.

Since November 2004, representatives from the King-Lincoln-Bronzeville Neighborhood Association, Driving Park Area Commission, Keep Columbus Beautiful, City Year, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Recycling and Litter Prevention have convened to develop a pilot project, which will address the litter problem. Utilizing the ODNR's "Plant Pride, Not Litter" program as the foundation, this effort will bring about positive change in each of the respective communities. The Compact is serving as fiscal agent for the two groups.

Compact Applied for New Markets Tax Credits

On September 21st, the Columbus Compact Corporation applied for an allocation of New Markets Tax Credits, from the U.S. Treasury Department's Community Development Financial Institutions Fund ("CDFI Fund"). The application will be evaluated against hundreds of others from across the country, and the Compact will be notified of whether we receive an award by May 2006 (typically, about 20% of applicants receive funding each year).

The New Markets Tax Credit ("NMTC") program is a \$15 billion nationwide program designed to facilitate the flow of private investment capital into low-income communities. It is designed to do for commercial development what the Low Income Housing Tax Credit does for housing – create an incentive for investment.

The Compact has worked with dozens of stakeholders to prepare its \$25 million competitive application, and has identified 25 potential projects for funding. The Compact's NMTC service territory is larger than the Empowerment Zone – thus, while the Empowerment Zone covers less than half of Franklinton, for instance, the Compact's NMTC service territory covers the entire neighborhood.

The NMTC is an investor-driven program, and NMTC dollars, if awarded, unfortunately could not be used to fund many of the relatively higher-risk projects the Compact has successfully funded in the past. They would, however, be used to support the larger job creation types of projects that too often stall in the central city.

The Compact's application was supported by aggressive investment commitments from National City Community Development Corporation, Huntington Community Development Corporation, and Fifth Third Bank Community Development Corporation.

National City CDC Vice President Jackie Winchester said "we have partnered successfully with the Compact in strategy development and on several community economic development projects since 1999 ... [and we are] pleased to support the efforts of the Columbus Compact Corporation in its continuing efforts to improve the Columbus Empowerment Zone and its surrounding low-income communities."



Bits & Pieces



FALL TIPS TO HELP WINTERIZE YOUR LAWN

The Time to Care for Your

Lawn is Now: Homeowners often make the mistake of thinking that the secret to a good lawn is lots of work in the spring. However, perhaps the most vital period of time for healthy turf is the fall, where proper feeding and care will result in a naturally lush and beautiful lawn in the spring, which will keep its green all year long.

Grasscycling for All Season Lawn Care: Healthy lawncare year-round starts and ends with grasscycling — leaving those nutrient-rich clippings on the lawn when you mow. Do not be fooled by the old myth of bagging clippings when the weather turns nippy. Clippings can be left behind right up to the last mowing of the year. Worms will continue to pop out of their burrows and drag clippings deeper into the soil as long as soil is not frozen, and bacteria will continue to help break down the organic clippings even under a mantle of snow!

Grasscycling Means Leaf-cycling: As leaves fall onto lawn areas, your lawnmower can be used as a mobile chipper-shredder to run over the leaves and shred them into smaller particles. No raking or bagging required! You can continue to mulch leaves right into your soil all autumn long provided that the layer of fallen leaves does not exceed more than 1/2 inch. It also helps if the leaves are primarily dry. Those colorful leaf “bits” provide much-needed organic matter for your soil. Soils that are organically well-fed are healthy soils which will easily grow healthy lawns.

Fall is Feeding Time: One of the major causes of turf disease and unhealthy lawns is overfeeding and fertilizing at the wrong time of year. Bad feeding practices and relying on synthetic “quick fix”

fertilizers and lawn chemicals can have long term harmful impacts on your lawn and on the environment, especially groundwater and streams. For a healthy lawn and environment, feed your lawn now and do it right.

Use your soil test results to determine proper application rates. If you haven't tested your soil — do it now! Call your local Cooperative Extension Service office for a reliable five-dollar test kit.

Underfeed rather than overfeed; too much fertilizer leads to disease and thatch. Also, grasscyclers are already recycling a substantial amount of nutrients every time they mow.

Lawns should “eat” slowly. Avoid quick-release or water-soluble fertilizers. Generally, using a organic mix or low-analysis natural fertilizer (contents usually include bloodmeal, bonemeal, rock phosphate, and various manures), will provide plant roots will most of the nutrients they'll require all year long. If synthetics are more readily available, make sure that the fertilizer is water-in soluble, or you'll lose most of the nutrient benefit after the first rain.

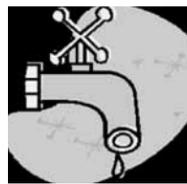
Compost is a near complete meal — and hefty dose of valuable organic matter — for most lawns. You can use your own home-grown compost or purchase a commercial product, the most common being LeafGro and Compro, which are produced locally, and Milorganite, in addition to various composted manure products. Compost can be spread over a lawn area as a top-dressing about one-quarter inch thick.

Apply lime and other rock minerals, as indicated by your soil test. Normally, ground calcitic limestone is preferred over dolomitic lime, unless your soil suffers from a magnesium deficiency. Using ground rather than powdered lime will also ensure that the lime breaks down slowly during the winter and spring without washing off.

A Breath of Fresh Air: Aerating lawns is perhaps one of the most beneficial measures to ensure healthy soil and vigorous roots. Core aeration, which pulls plugs out of the soil, is the most effective method, and can be done by a lawncare contractor — or by renting the equipment. The cost is usually the same either way. Aeration helps air reach organisms in the soil which break down organic matter and produce nutrients for the grass roots. It also allows organic matter, like leaf and grass particles or compost, to enter deeper into the plants' root zones, improving soil and lawns all at once. The soil “plugs” also provide minerals for the soil surface.

Going to Seed: This is your last chance to get cool weather grass growing in bare patches. For trouble areas, it is best to roughen up the area with a rake, topdress with a thin layer of compost, and then apply the appropriate variety of grass seed and water evenly.

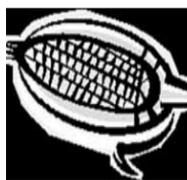
Remember that fall is the real beginning of the lawn care season. A little extra work now will allow you to enjoy those longer, warmer days of spring and summer a lot more next year.



FALL PLUMBING TIPS

Disconnect your garden hose in the fall to prevent the outside sillcock from the winter freeze.

Make sure you don't have any leaky faucets. A simple drip can equate to over 250 gallons of water a month!



HOMEMADE CORN CHOWDER

This savory soup capitalizes on the sweet flavor of fresh picked corn (though in a pinch, you can use frozen corn). Because it calls for a variety of cooking techniques, such as shuck-

ing, chopping and crumbling, it's also a fun dish for kids to help prepare.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 slices bacon, chopped
- 1 lb. potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 1 medium onion, peeled & diced
- 2 cups chicken or vegetable broth
- Kernels from 4 medium ears of fresh corn, or the equivalent in frozen corn
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 cup heavy cream
- Salt and pepper

DIRECTIONS

1. In a large pot, cook the bacon over medium heat until crisp. Remove the bacon with a slotted spoon and set it on paper towels to drain. Remove all but one tablespoon of bacon fat from the pot.

2. Add potatoes and onions to the pot and sauté for 5 minutes. Add the broth and bring to a boil.

3. Reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes.

4. Crumble the bacon and stir it, the corn, the milk and the cream into the broth. Simmer for 10 minutes more, stirring frequently. Season with salt and pepper and serve.

Makes 2 quarts.

Originally published in FamilyFun magazine.



LOCAL PLAYWRIGHT CALL FOR ENTRIES

Entry Opening: October 17; Submission Deadline: November 14; Announcement: January 16, 2006.

Local playwrights are invited to submit their original works to be reviewed by a panel of prominent playwrights, directors and leaders in the arts community. Only one work per playwright may be submitted. One original work will be selected for presentation during the King Arts Complex's 2006/2007 season. For information on making a submission call (614) 645-KING (5464).

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FirstLink Fall Training Opportunities

Grant Writing

Participants must attend all sessions. The Cost is \$130.00 for all three sessions

This is a very intense series for the beginning and intermediate Grant Writer. Participants will work hard but the class will enable you for concrete results.

Session I

Successful grant writing requires planning and preparation. This hands-on workshop will cover essential models and documentation necessary for being competitive in your grant proposals. We will map out your agency's: fundraising goals, mission and history, documentation needs, target populations and program logic models and proven best practice models for your program and your evaluation plans.

Presenter: Gailmarie Harris
Independent Grant Writing Consultant
Time: 8:30 AM to 12:00
Dates: November 2, 2005

Session II:

Finding funders that fit your agency's mission and programs is critical to successful grant seeking. During this hands-on workshop, we will learn how to: research appropriately focused funding possibilities; conduct local, state and federal funder searches; set up funding search files; organize our time to stay on top of funding searches.

Presenter: Gailmarie Harris
Independent Grant Writing Consultant
Time: 8:30 AM to 12:00
Dates: November 9, 2005

Session III:

Step into the middle of grant writing with us. Using successful grants as models, we will walk through grant writing from conceptualization, research, collaboration building, project management, writing basics and rejection and post award processes. Bring a grant you are developing as we map out writing processes and self-management techniques for successful grant writing.

Presenter: Gailmarie Harris
Independent Grant Writing Consultant
Time: 8:30 AM to 12:00
Dates: November 16, 2005

Volunteer Management Series

Co-sponsored by United Way of Central Ohio. CEU's available at no extra cost. Participants who complete the series will receive a FIRSTLINK Volunteer Management Certificate. The cost is \$195.00 for the series (strongly recommended) The objective of this series is to provide volunteer managers, administrators, supervisors and coordina-

tors with state of the art techniques and skills to manage a successful volunteer staff within any agency's service programs. Upon completion of this series participants take with them a comprehensive manual of the six sessions plus samples of all of the documents, forms and itemized procedures necessary to have a successful volunteer management program. Participants will be given a complete library of usable information and resources.

Introduction to Volunteer Management

Participants learn current trends, valuable statistics and the many definitions of a volunteer. They explore the new patterns for volunteers and define the basis for agency readiness. The Volunteer Bill of Rights and Standards for a Volunteer Program is examined closely. This session is more than a mere introduction. It lays the foundation for the successful management of a volunteer staff dispelling many traditional myths regarding volunteer motivation and characteristics.

Presenter: William McCulley,
Community Education Specialist,
FIRSTLINK
Cost: \$40.00
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Date: October 4, 2005

Planning a Volunteer Management Program

Participants learn how to assess an Agency's volunteer needs. They discover how to apply the planning process to building a successful program base. Each student will participate in the development of an agency's mission statement, goals and objectives that include the use of an integrated volunteer staff. Skills are developed for program budget management. Students leave this session keenly understanding the importance of building a strong agency foundation for a volunteer staff.

Presenter: William McCulley,
Community Education Specialist,
FIRSTLINK
Cost: \$40.00
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Date: October 18, 2005

Program Components and Materials

Participants learn how to develop a Policies and Procedures manual, volunteer job descriptions and record keeping system that works. The value of risk management is covered throughout the series but particularly in this session. The importance of viewing the volunteer staff as an integral part of the overall agency function is stressed. Presenter: William McCulley,
Community Education Specialist,
FIRSTLINK

Cost: \$40.00
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Date: October 25, 2005

Volunteer Motivation

Effective volunteer recruitment strategies are covered in this class. Volunteers from different ages and backgrounds are motivated and retained by different approaches and techniques. Participants learn how to plan relevant recognition of their volunteer staff and the importance of promoting a positive volunteer/paid staff relationship, which ultimately enhances the agency's well-planned mission. Presenter: William McCulley,
Community Education Specialist,
FIRSTLINK

Cost: \$40.00
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Date: November 1, 2005

Interviewing, Screening and Placement of Volunteers

The importance of good Interviewing techniques for the development of an integrated volunteer staff are stressed in this session. This skill will determine the proper placement, redirection or, when necessary, termination of volunteers. Participants also will learn how to conduct a thorough orientation of the volunteer staff to insure their readiness.

Presenter: William McCulley,
Community Education Specialist,
FIRSTLINK
Cost: \$40.00
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Date: November 8, 2005

Evaluate, Review & Renew your Program

This final session delves into the Importance of viewing the agency's program activities and volunteer involvement as a work in progress. Participants learn the necessity for thorough and well-planned evaluation tools and the review of effective supervisory skills. They also will learn the basics of conflict management that will help ensure the overall flow and success of the agencies service programs, which utilize a volunteer staff.

Presenter: William McCulley,
Community Education Specialist,
FIRSTLINK
Cost: \$40.00
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Date: November 15, 2005

Board Strengthening - Four Parts
Attend all four sessions for \$90.00 (discount available per person only.)
Participants are encouraged to attend all four sessions

This series is a perfect fit for orienting new board members and for community members who want to learn more about the roles of non-profit board members. These roles are critical to the success of any nonprofit organization. This series is

also recommended for board members who would like to make their boards more functional and reduce risk. The goal of the series is to turn board members into board leaders.

Board Responsibilities and Duties

This session will focus on fiduciary duties and responsibilities of board members. The presentation will center on the crucial governance and leadership role that board members provide to a successful nonprofit organization.

Presenter: A. Elizabeth Eck, Vice President Training, FIRSTLINK
Cost: \$25.00
Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Date: October 5, 2005

Building a Better Board

This session will explore best practices for building an effective board team and engaging that team in its leadership role. Courting and retaining the best board members, strategies and techniques for enhancing your board's performance and a process for strategic planning will be discussed.

Presenter: A. Elizabeth Eck, Vice President Training, FIRSTLINK
Cost: \$25.00
Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Date: October 12, 2005

Evaluation and Board/Staff Relationships

Participants attending this session will examine elements of an effective evaluation process that helps assure board growth and functionality internally and externally. This session explores board/staff relationships in depth and how they work together to meet an agency's goals. This session is critical to the overall success of any board.

Presenter: A. Elizabeth Eck, Vice President Training, FIRSTLINK
Cost: \$25.00
Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Date: October 19, 2005

Board Risk Management

The presenters in this session will address how to safeguard the nonprofit organization from poor risk management procedures. An insurance discussion will focus on Directors and Officers liability insurance. Appropriate policies for avoiding common human resources pitfalls will be outlined.

Presenter: A. Elizabeth Eck, Vice President Training, FIRSTLINK
Cost: \$25.00
Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Date: October 26, 2005

Blended Learning: The Right Mix for Saving Training Time and Costs.

Need more funding, time, and staff to train volunteers? You can't afford not to implement a program that will reduce costs and

provide consistent, quality training. Learn how to capitalize on tools you already have by combining your current training programs with e-Learning delivered via your company's web site. By blending e-Learning with traditional face-to-face training, you can easily motivate your volunteers and staff to learn in an interactive, 'virtual' environment that will save you considerable training time and costs. Presenters: Cindy Richmond e-Learning Designer and Ted Coffman Web & GUI Designer/Developer

Cost: \$45.00
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Date: January 10, 2006
Training Location: All Trainings will be in our Training Room at 195 North Grant Avenue.

For further information call William S. McCulley, Community Education Specialist at 221-6766 ext.123 or email at education@firstlink.org.

Most FIRSTLINK Trainings as well as unique Trainings can be brought to you and tailored to your organization's specific needs.

Eulaunda Y. Jones Joins EZ News



munity for close to 30 years. Eulaunda has provided service to companies and organizations such as The Call & Post Newspaper, The Communicator Newspaper, The Columbus POST Newspaper and currently Black Pages of Ohio Business Resource Guide and The Urban Trendsetters News Magazine.

Eulaunda takes much pride in the community by volunteering at Beatty Recreation Center serving as President of the Community Recreation Council (CRC) and also as Fundraising Chairperson for Columbus Community Recreation Council that serves all of the recreation centers and CRC's. Ms Jones supports and is very active with a number of other community organizations that support the development of Columbus.

For additional information or to obtain an advertising rate card and copy of the advertising policy contact Eulaunda Jones at 614.251.0926 x106 or email ezadvertising@colcompact.com. "The News You Can Use".

The Compact would like to welcome Eulaunda Y. Jones-Columbus' Advertising Lady to the EZ News team. Eulaunda has joined the EZ News team to assist businesses and organizations reach a broader customer base through advertising in EZ News.

Eulaunda Jones is the mother of Calvin Lee Anthony Moore and owns and operates EMG-The Eulaunda Moore Group, which provides communication, public relations, marketing, community relations and event planning services throughout Ohio. Ms. Jones is a professional with experience that has served the Central Ohio com-

COMBA Loan Program Can Help You Start Your Own Business

Central Ohio Minority Business Association is your advocate for small and developing business. Their mission is to provide direct professional services that contribute to the growth and stability of Ohio's underutilized businesses.

One way they do that is through the Business Loan Express (BLX) Community Express Loan Program. Here is a Fact Sheet on BLX. See if it might be something that can help you. For more info contact COMBA at 614.252.8005.

BLX Fact Sheet

Serves the Following Communities (51% owned and controlled)

- Minorities
- Women
- Veterans
- Low to Moderate Income Areas, Hub Zones and other SBA designated areas.

Specifications

- Loan amounts of \$5k up to \$25k
- Unsecured
- Typically 7 year term
- Prime + 4.75% - adjusted quarterly
- No prepayment penalty
- No tax returns
- 85% SBA Guarantee
- \$350 application fee (will be deducted from loan proceeds)
- SBA Guaranty Fee of 2% of the guaranteed portion of the loan will be deducted from loan proceeds.
- Loan Payments are auto drafted from business account

- Start up businesses allowed
- All industries considered
- Utilizes Fair Isaac Credit Score System, which evaluates credit score of applicant and industry data (Current and Recent past due accounts and Collection accounts will have a very negative affect on the borrowers Score and loan decision).
- Franchise must be on SBA approved Franchise Registry. (www.franchiseregistry.com/registry/)
- Loan funds for Business Acquisition not allowed. Working capital loan to business after acquisition has been completed is permitted.

Process

- Application Submitted by TA Provider or Applicant
- Upon approval of loan, Commitment Letter and Closing Documents are sent to TA Provider and/or Borrower
- Signed Commitment Letter and Closing Documents are returned to BLX
- Funding occurs after BLX receives TA certification from TA Provider

Benefits of Community Express Loan From BLX

- Fully Amortized Loan
- No Access Fees Per Transaction
- Establish Business Credit
- Customer Service / Fast Turn-Around Time

Business Resource Guide

Central Ohio Minority Business Association
1393 E Broad St, 2nd fl, 43205
614.252.8005
http://www.comba.com
mcbap@alink.com

Columbus Enterprise Center
1393 E Broad St, 43205
614.252.7805
colsenderprisecenter.com

E. Fifth Avenue Business Association
Donald Love, President
S.O.U.L. CDC
3147 E. Fifth Ave, 43219
614.231-9150
e-mail: soulcdc@mcleodusa.net
Meets 3rd Wednesday of month, 10a, at E 5th Ave Community Center, 2743 E 5th Ave

Franklinton Board of Trade
Dick Bangs, Executive Director
455 W Broad St, 43215
614.224.7550
e-mail: fbt@copper.net
www.franklintonboardoftrade.org
Meets 3rd Thursday of month, 12p, at Florentine Restaurant, 907 W. Broad Street

Greater Hilltop Community Development Corporation (GHDC)
Alina Butler, Director
2300 W Broad, 43204

614.276-0060
e-mail: alinamb@aol.com
http://GHDCDC.tripod.com
Board of Trustees meets 2nd Thursday, 5:30p

Greater Linden Development Corp.
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info@greaterlinden.org
www.greaterlinden.org

Hilltop Business Association
Barbara Lowry, President
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614.527.6829
General meeting the 2nd Wednesday, 5:30p at various locations.

Linden Business Network
Linden Resource Center
2572 Cleveland Ave
Contact: Angela McBride
614.231.4175
Meets 4th Thurs of month, 5:30p

The Livingston Avenue Collaborative For Community Development
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614.257.1376
LACCDoffice@aol.com
www.Neighborhoodlink.com/colmbus/laccd

LACCD Economic Development Committee and the Livingston Avenue Business Group meets 3rd Tuesday, 8a at the St. John's Center 640 S. Ohio Avenue

Long Street Business Association
Adam Porter, President
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Contact: Anne J. Ross-Womack
614.251.6038

Main Street Businessmen's Association
Walter Cates, President/CEO
923 East Main St, 43205
614.253.2963
mainstreetbusiness@ameritech.net
Meets quarterly on 3rd Thur, 6p

Milo-Grogan Business Association
Jeff Werner, President
1152 Sydney St, 43201
614.470.2576
Meets 1st Thursday, 5:30p at various locations

Mt Vernon Avenue District Improvement Association
OSU University Hospital East
1492 E Broad St, lower level
President: Melvin Steward
614.258.3130
Meets 3rd Wednesday, 11a

North Linden Business Association
5030 Westerville Rd, 43231
614.882.0800
Walt Reiner, President
Meets 2nd Tuesday at noon at Stan's Restaurant-4333 Westerville Rd

North Market District Business Association
59 W Spruce St, 43215
614.563.3533
NMBDA@columbus.rr.com
Contact: Brian Higgs
Call for meeting times.

Olde Towne East Business Association
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Meets 1st Tuesday of month, 5:30p at Design Center Community Meeting Room 65 Parsons Avenue

Parsons Avenue Merchants Association
Jeff Knoll, Coordinator
827 Parsons Ave, 43206
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Meets 1st Thur, 12p, at Plank's Café, 743 Parsons Avenue

Short North Business Association
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614.228.8050
snbacols@shortnorth.org
www.shortnorth.org
SNBA meets 1st Wednesday each month at 9:30a at Union Station, 630 N. High Street

University Community Business Association
Pasquale Grado, Executive Director
N High St, 43201
614.299.2866
Meets every 2 months, 2nd Wednesday, 11:30a at the Holiday Inn on Lane Ave

Ohio Women's Business Resource Center- (OWBRN-WBC)
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Columbus, Ohio 43215
614.258.4811/ 866-923-2378
614.258.4813 fax
Web site: www.owbrn.org
Email: owbrnwbc@sbcglobal.net
WNET Roundtables 2nd Mon 11:30a-1:30p meets at 1393 E Broad St 1st fl
Workshops 1st Mondays 6p-8p (various locations)

On Track Toward Retirement Savings Goals?



Although he may never have said it, Mark Twain, the author of *Huckleberry Finn*, is often credited with this quote: "Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." Unfortunately, just about the same thing can be said about saving for retirement: We all think about it, but we don't take much action.

In fact, your fellow Americans are, at the moment, doing an inadequate job of saving for their retirement. Early in 2005, personal saving as a percentage of disposable personal income was just 0.4 percent, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce. And consider these numbers from the 2005 Retirement Confidence Survey, issued by the Employee Benefits Research Institute:

- Nearly four in 10 workers have not saved anything at all for retirement.
- Those who have put something away are not saving nearly enough. Half the workers surveyed have set aside, on average, just \$25,000.
- About 60 percent of those surveyed have not even tried to calculate how much they'll need during their retirement years.

How can you determine how much you'll need to live comfortably during retirement? You'll need to consider a variety of factors, including the age at which you retire, your retirement lifestyle, your health and your projected longevity. To arrive at a good estimate, you may want to work with a financial professional - someone with the tools to generate sev-

eral alternative retirement-income scenarios.

After you determine about how much money you'll need during your retirement years, your next step, not surprisingly, is to figure out where that money will come from. Basically, you will need to rely on three sources: Social Security, employer-sponsored retirement plans, and personal savings and investments. Let's take a quick look at each of these:

• **Social Security** - No one can predict the ultimate result of the current national debate on funding Social Security. But no matter what happens, one thing is clear: Social Security will only cover a relatively small percentage of your retirement income - perhaps one-fifth to one-third of what you will need. To get an idea of what you can expect, study your Social Security benefit statement when it arrives in the mail.

• **Employer-sponsored retirement plans** - If you have a traditional "defined benefit" retirement plan that is based on your years of service and level of income, your employer should be able to provide you with a statement projecting your future benefits. If you have a 401(k), 403(b) or 457 plan, your income will depend somewhat on the performance of the investments within your plan. Keep close track of how your plan is doing, and make adjustments, as needed, to diversify your holdings and manage your risk.

• **Personal savings and investments** - Closely monitor the performance of your IRA, stocks and other investments. If they are not producing the type of return you need to help you meet your retirement income goals, you may have to make changes over time, keeping in mind your need for diversification and your tolerance for risk.

By taking the time to calculate your retirement funding needs, and by knowing where your income is coming from, and how much you can expect, you can avoid unpleasant surprises when you retire. So, start planning today for a rewarding tomorrow.

What is the Columbus Minority Contractors & Business Assistance Program?

The Columbus Minority Contractors and Business Assistance Program is one of nine in a network of programs funded by the Ohio Department of Development commissioned to provide business counseling and technical assistance to small and developing business owned firms. Operated by the Central Ohio Minority Business Association, the program provides comprehensive services to the Central Ohio community in the following areas:

- Contract Opportunities
- Business Start-Up
- Business Expansion
- Loan Packaging
- Bond Packaging
- Business Certification
- Economic Development
- Financial Referrals
- Education & Training

The Columbus MCBAP assists socially and economically disadvantaged persons including but not limited to: African-American ; Asian/ Indian American; Asian Pacific-American; Hispanic; Native-American and Females.

The service area for the Columbus MCBAP

includes the following communities: Athens, Belmont, Champaign, Clark, Coshocton, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Guernsey, Hocking, Knox, Logan, Licking, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pickaway, Richland, Union and Washington.

MCBAP assists clients with loan preparation. Clients of the Columbus Enterprise Center are receiving assistance with applying for Community Express Loans. An initiative between the Small Business Administration and the National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) authorizes designated lenders to increase SBA lending to applicants located in low income neighborhoods, women, minorities, and veterans.

The range for the loan is from \$5,000.00 to \$50,000.00 dollars. The loan is to be used for business purposes.

An important component of this loan is that lenders also provide technical assistance to recipients.

For more information contact COMBA at 614.252.8005.

Retiring? Watch Out for Investment Scams

If you're planning to retire soon, you have a lot to anticipate: more time with your family, the chance to travel, the freedom to pursue your hobbies, and so on. Yet, there's one thing you'll want to avoid during your retirement years: investment scams.

Unfortunately, retirees are the number one target for investment con artists. Unscrupulous stock brokers and financial planners do engage in abusive practices, and they seek out the elderly. However, you are far from defenseless against this kind of behavior. You can avoid being "scammed" by following these suggestions:

Ask for credentials, background and references. As amazing as it may seem, anyone can call himself or herself a "financial planner," "financial advisor" or similar term. Before working with anyone, ask for credentials, and find out how this person plans to work with you. You may want to ask these types of questions:

- "What securities licenses do you hold?"
- "How long has your company been in existence?"
- "How are you compensated?"
- "How frequently will you communicate with me?"
- "Which methods will you employ to determine if an investment is suitable for my risk tolerance and individual needs?"
- "Can you give me the names of some references?"

If you are dealing with a reputable financial professional, he or she will be happy to answer these and other questions. But if you notice someone acting nervously or evasively when you pose these inquiries, break off communication instantly; you simply cannot afford to trust someone who is less than 100 percent forthcoming with you.

Don't be overly cooperative at first encounter. If a stranger calls and asks for personal or financial information, be suspicious. Con artists are good at winning their way into people's confidence; furthermore, if you are a polite individual, you may feel it's rude not to listen. This combination of their smooth talk and your good manners can be dangerous. You are under no obligation to listen to anyone on the phone; if you suspect you are talking to a predator, simply hang up or ask to be placed on a "do not call" list.

Never say yes to "you must act now" offers. If you receive an investment offer that "must" be acted upon immediately, walk away - fast. Any offer that sounds too good to be true is too good to be true. Legitimate investment opportunities will still be around tomorrow and next week.

Always stay in charge of your money. Never work with anyone who is eager to take "total control" of your money. True investment professionals will make recommendations based on your needs, communicate with you regularly and involve you in every step of the investment process.

Take action immediately if you have trouble retrieving principal. Unless you are investing in a fixed-term vehicle, such as a bond, you should be able to receive your funds or profits within a reasonable amount of time. If the broker you are working with "stalls" you when you say you want to pull out your principal or profits, report him or her to securities regulators, such as the National Association of Securities Dealers.

By taking these steps, you can help avoid being victimized by con artists. So, stay vigilant, seek out honest advice- and enjoy your retirement years.

How Will Oil Prices Affect Your Investment Plans?

Even before Hurricane Katrina caused its almost incomprehensible damage to the Gulf Coast, most of us shuddered when we had to fill our cars' gas tanks. With prices at \$3 a gallon in some parts of the country, and crude oil hitting \$70 per barrel, we were already in uncharted territory. Then, Katrina temporarily knocked out about 12 percent of U.S. refining capacity, along with a significant part of the Gulf's natural gas and oil production. So, as a driver, you probably shouldn't expect too much relief at the pump any time soon. But how about as an investor? Do you need to adjust your investment strategy in response to high oil prices?

It's a difficult question. If oil prices and energy costs continue to remain high, it's probably not good news for some areas of the financial markets. Although businesses are looking for ways to offset higher energy costs, they will eventually be forced to pass on these expenses to consumers or accept lower profit margins - and either development could hurt stock prices.

On the other hand, some stocks or industries may actually benefit from high oil prices. You

might hear that now is a good time to invest in energy companies. And it may be true that, in the coming months, some of these stocks will do well. But you need to be cautious about basing any investment decisions on short-term trends.

So, what can you do to avoid being buffeted by forces and events that you can't control?

Consider these suggestions:

- **Diversify** - The more diversified you are, the less susceptible your portfolio will be to rising oil prices, higher interest rates, political turmoil or other factors. Spread your dollars among high-quality stocks, investment-grade bonds, Treasury bills and other securities.

- **Know your risk tolerance** - If your investments are keeping you up at night, then you are taking on too much risk. On the other hand, if "ultra-conservative" vehicles, such as certificates of deposit, dominate your holdings, you may be limiting your needed growth potential. You may want to work with an investment professional to create a diversified portfolio that accurately reflects both your risk tolerance and your long-term goals.

- **Look at the "fundamentals"** - You'll find it much easier to avoid being influenced by short-term events if you become familiar with the fundamentals of an investment. For example, if you're considering a stock, you can take into account how it might be affected by rising energy prices, but don't stop there. Is it a stable company? Does it seem to be priced fairly? Does its products or services have good long-term potential? Does it have a solid management team? And, perhaps most importantly, does it meet your specific investment needs? By digging deep into your reasons for investing in any security, you'll position yourself to make smart decisions.

Focus on the future: Today, high energy prices, and their possible impact on the economy and the financial markets, are making big news. Next year - who knows? The fact is that there will always be "reasons" to shake up your investment strategies. But the smartest investors are the ones who find the course that's right for them - and stick with it.

Don't Get Caught Up in Real Estate Frenzy

If you've owned your home for a while, you know that it's probably worth a lot more than what you paid for it. In fact, over the past five years, U.S. residential property has increased in value by almost 50 percent, according to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. That's a pretty impressive appreciation - but it doesn't mean that real estate is a "can't miss" investment.

Of course, you wouldn't be alone in thinking that now is a great time to become a "person of property." Some 23 percent of all homes purchased in 2004 were for investment, and a further 13 percent were vacation homes, according to surveys done by the National Association of Realtors. And the number of chapters of the National Real Estate Investors Association jumped from 44 in 2002 to 170 in 2005.

Clearly, real estate investing is hot. Over the past few years, the combination of low interest rates and high demand for housing has pushed prices up, up and away. But how long can they continue to soar?

Not for much longer, according to some experts. Yale economist Robert Shiller, in his

book *Irrational Exuberance*, writes that the real estate "bubble" may soon burst, and he supports his claim by showing that median home prices are now six to nine times greater than median income in some areas of the country. He also shows that U.S. home prices, when adjusted for inflation, have not constantly risen in value.

And there's certainly historical precedent for housing prices to fall quickly and sharply. Many areas of the country have experienced "boom and bust" cycles in their housing markets.

Does this mean you should avoid real estate entirely as an investment possibility? No. But before you sign on the dotted line, keep these two rules in mind:

- **Don't expect huge returns** - From the start of 1980 to the end of 2004, home sales prices increased 247 percent - which looks pretty good, until you see that, over the same period, the S&P 500 rose more than 1,000 percent. In other words, don't anticipate that real estate is going to constantly beat out your other investments, because it probably won't happen. Do keep in mind that past performance is not a guarantee of

future results.

- **Don't "leverage" yourself too heavily** - With interest rates still so low, it can be tempting to buy more and more property, if you've got at least enough cash for down payments. But it's never a good idea to go heavily into debt for any type of investment.

Consider REITs: If you're going to invest in real estate, you may want to look at real estate investment trusts (REITs), which provide diversification by property type and location. You can purchase REITs in appropriate amounts, without borrowing, and they offer greater liquidity than individual properties. Also, most REITs provide attractive current income, which can prove valuable should real estate prices decline or remain stagnant for a long period of time.

But whether you buy REITs or other types of real estate, don't go overboard. As a general rule, you should probably have no more than 5 percent to 10 percent of your portfolio in real estate. By sticking to that level, you can help avoid a lot of problems - and you won't get drenched if a "bubble" pops.

Finance Resource Guide

City of Columbus

Finance Department: 614.645.8200
Income Tax: 614.645.7370

Columbus Compact Corporation

1000 E Main St
Columbus, OH 43205
614.251.0926

BankOne

Personal Banking: 800.310.1111
Small Business Banking: 800.404.4111
First Mortgages: 800.800.4663
Job Line: 614.248.0779
www.bankone.com

David Cunningham, Edward Jones

Investment Representative
179 E Beck St
Columbus, OH 43206
614.461.5803

Dehan Enterprises

Insurance & Financial Services
Sandra Moody
614.238.3520
smdehan@prodigy.net

ELH & Associates

Relationship/Wealth Mgt
1983 Merryhill Drive
Columbus, OH 43219
614.209.9748

Fifth Third Bank

Small Business Lending: 614.233.4691
Mortgages: 614.233.4648
Job Line: 614.341.2611
www.53.com

Huntington National Bank

Personal Banking 614.480.2265
Commercial Lending 614.480.5279
Mortgage Loans
614.480.6505
Job Opportunity
614.480.5627
www.huntington.com

National City

Personal Banking 800.347.5626
New Small Business 888.622.4249
Mortgage Loans
800.752.0508
www.nationalcity.com

Have a financial resource that should be listed?
Just give us a call at 614.251.0926.
Listings are free!

Neighborhood Life

Long Street Heritage District Street Banner Program Begins, Last of Columbus Foundation Recipients

Long Street has gotten a face lift recently. In September, street banners filled the light poles as part of on-going projects to revitalize the area. Long Street is the 6th area to receive banners as part of the Columbus Compact's Streetscape Project. Other areas include Driving Park, Franklinton, Olde Towne East, Linden, and Mt Vernon.

A large part of the funding for this project came from The Columbus Foundation. The Columbus Foundation awarded the Compact with a \$35,000 grant through their Neighborhood Partnership Program. The award was for a new street banner program that will distinguish the Heritage Districts from other areas in town and bring notoriety and distinction to the neighborhoods. The Columbus Foundation grant is a compliment to the Seasonal Banner Program funded by the Compact. Unfortunately, due to major federal funding cutbacks, the Compact will no longer be able to continue the banner program.

The Neighborhood Design Center worked with neighborhood groups to design many of the seasonal banners

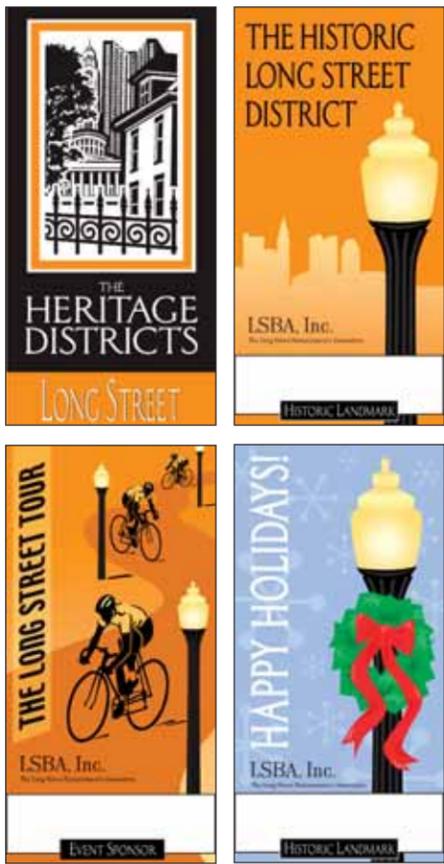
for the areas. Long Street's banners were designed by local graphic artist Suzette Matheson in a collaboration with the Long Street Businessmen's Association (LSBA).

Some neighborhoods already had a banner program in place and the new banners were an addition to those. Others received banners for the first time. Either way, residents are enjoying the additions to their streets.

Long Street's banners include a holiday banner, a Heritage District distinction banner, a Long Street Bike Tour banner and a Historic Walking Tour banner set.

Founded in 1943, the Columbus Foundation is the community's resource for charitable giving and the largest grant making foundation serving central Ohio. The Foundation works with donors from all walks of life who want to create unique funds to improve the communities they care about. For more information: www.columbusfoundation.org.

For more info on LSBA call 614.251.6038 or email admin@lsba.biz. For the Compact: 614.251.0926 or www.colscompact.com.



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to show off the efforts of local businesses and residents as they work to revitalize their neighborhood. With all the current renovations and developments, the area has become an ideal environment for homeowners who take pride in their properties."

Porter believes that as the face of the community continues to improve, it will attract more businesses and strengthen the economy.

According to Porter and Dannie Palmore, President of Policy Works and assistant coordinator for the Tour, they liked the idea of cycling because it encourages fitness while providing an active way for participants to see all the changes in the neighborhood. "We knew this event would draw people, there are more people using bikes nowadays," said Palmore. "Riding is fun, healthy and much more economical."

To encourage a community atmosphere, the tour also featured a Vendor's Marketplace along the sidewalks and parking lot of the Lincoln Theater. Vendors provided informational medical information, legal materials, food and one of a kind hand made ethnic merchandise. "We are confident that this event gave this area the positive exposure it needed, while providing a fun day for the families, participants and spectators, said Annie J. Ross - Womack, CEO of LSBA.

The Long Street Tour was sponsored by Time Warner Cable, United Health Care, Ohio State University Health Systems, Ohio Sickle Cell and Health Association, Policy Works, Porter Laboratories, Team Columbus Event Promotions, Small Business Solutions, Major Taylor Cycling Club, Columbus Compact Corporation, Dasani, Gideon Development Corporation, King Arts Complex, Columbus Children's Hospital and the City of Columbus.



NEW **JAZZ** at **COLUMBUS MUSIC HALL**

The historic 1896 firehouse at the corner of Parsons & Oak Streets transitions from a private rental facility to a full time jazz venue featuring local, regional, & national artisits beginning mid-September.

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Check the website for the music calendar & details at www.columbusmusichall.com

weekly music...
Vaughn Wiester 21 piece Famous Jazz Orchestra
 Every Monday 7:30-11:00 \$6
Yumbambé Latin Salsa Jazz
 Every Tuesday 8:30-11:30, \$7

COLUMBUS MUSIC HALL
 734 Oak Street 614-464-0044 1 block S.E. Broad & I-71 Ample Parking

Columbus Music Hall Fills with Jazz at Weekly Musical Events

Every Monday, 7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m., Wiester's 21 piece Famous Jazz Orchestra takes to the stage in this historic and intimate venue.

Vaughn Wiester's life is an immersion in music-listening, teaching, writing, playing and conducting. Even his hobbies (an extensive LP collection and core library) further his musical interests. Wiester's performance experience began in high school under the tutelage of Robert H. Bechtel. Highlights of his career include the Riley Norris Band, Dave Workman Blues Band, Woody Herman Orchestra and Terry Waldo's Ragtime Orchestra.

A native of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Vaughn says playing with the Woody Herman Orchestra from 1974-1976 "was the pinnacle experience of my life." In addition to playing trombone, he also arranged for the Herman band. Herman recorded Wiester's chart of the Charles Mingus ballad "Duke Ellington's Sound of Love" featuring a Herman solo. "That was probably the biggest feather in my cap," he says, "that Woody recorded one of my charts."

He also played briefly with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra directed by Buddy Morrow and served as chief arranger for the Columbus Jazz Orchestra, Terry Waldo's Ragtime Orchestra and the Doc Everhart Band.

Today he performs with the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra and leads his own 21-piece band, the Famous Jazz Orchestra, which plays every Monday night at the Columbus Music Hall. He also co-leads an 8-piece group, Brasileira, which performs the popular music of Brazil.

Many of Vaughn's arrangements can be heard regularly with the



band. \$6.00 at the door.

Then every Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. it's Yumbambé Latin Salsa Jazz.

Yumbambé makes its home at the Columbus Music Hall, presenting Afro-Cuban Jazz and Salsa to diverse dancing audiences. The release of their CD introducing vocalists Maria Duque Rivera and Eddie Estremera, Yumbambé Salsa Jazz, features alumni from the band's 9-year history.

Yumbambé performs annually for Festival Latino, produced by Music In The Air, a program of the Columbus Recreation and Parks department, and participates in the Artists-In-Schools program, a part of the Greater Columbus Arts Council's Community Arts Education Program.

Eddie Estremera vocals, Maria Duque Rivera vocals, Matt Ellis trombone, Kris Keith - flute and sax, Jim Garee trumpet, Pat Ankrom - congas, Mark Henderson bongo/percussion, Luis Biava percussion, Robert Beasley bongo/percussion, Scott Gold Bass and composer, Jon Eshelman piano and arranger, Eric "the FISH" Paton leader and timbales. Special guest vocalists Natalie Myers and Sophia Tolliver.

For more information on Yumbambé visit their website at www.yumbambe.com.

For more information on the Columbus Music Hall and their events call 614.464.0044 or columbusmusichall@msn.com.

Lots to Do in Linden; Litter League, Landlord Assoc, Night Out



The Linden Litter League

The Linden Litter League is a summer clean up project that takes place within the Linden community. Community residents form teams and choose a designated area that they will clean at least one Saturday per month. This year, seven teams participated in the Linden Litter League clean up efforts that took place during the months of April through August. Throughout the season, volunteer judges viewed and scored the areas. Team participants were able to receive gift passes, gift certificates, and free admission to several local venues for their volunteer service efforts. On August 25th team members and their families were invited to attend an ending event which took place at the Columbus Square Bowling Palace. They enjoyed an evening full of fun, bowling, and food! Each team was recognized and awarded a team plaque, and each individual participant received a personal certificate. The Greater Linden Development Corporation would like to thank all the participants and sponsors for making the 3rd annual Linden Litter League a great success!

Congratulations and thank you to all the teams that participated:

- The 20th Avenue Trash Masters
- Dionne & Darryl's Cleaning Team
- The Youth of GNCAC
- The Youth Build Community
- The Greater Linden Garbage Grabbers

- The Street Sweepers
- The Advisors

The Greater Linden Landlord Association

The Greater Linden Landlord Association meets the third Thursday of every other month at 7 p.m. Landlords who have property within the Linden community are encouraged to participate. The association's goal is to collectively work with neighborhood groups and the residents to stabilize the Linden community, thereby securing their property investments. Through partnership, dialogue, and cooperation between the public sector, area residents, and GLLA, the association's goal is to remove the negative elements presently hindering the continued development of the Linden community. By maintaining a high level of standards for both landlords and tenants whose violations disrupt the peaceful enjoyment and habitable conditions of the Linden community, the association is striving to revive the Linden legacy of safety, security, and solidarity of all who live within Linden's borders.

Some activities of the Greater Linden Landlord Association include:

- 1) Bi-monthly meetings with topics and presentations dealing with issues of landlord/tenant rights and responsibilities, code enforcement of property infrastructure and appearance, problem tenants and slumlords, vacancies and trash removal, and rental disputes.
- 2) To correspond with investors about the importance of being an asset to the community and to educate prospective Linden homebuyers on the benefits to self and community when they invest within their own neighborhood.
- 3) Endorse a high standard of living for Linden tenants by educating landlords on their responsibilities and tenants on their rights.

4) Promote community partnership organizations like Block Watch to keep reporting on the progressive or degrading conditions caused by either landlords, tenants, or both.

5) Maintain a close, working relationship with the Columbus Division of Police through Linden's Community Liaison Officers, City Code Enforcement, and the Department of Development to report all conditions and situations that threaten the habitability of the Linden area.

The next meeting of the Greater Linden Landlord Association will be on Thursday, October 20, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Linden Resource Center. Guest speakers will include representatives from Liberty Tax and Chase Bank. The meeting's topics will be tax saving information for community investors. For more information, contact Ron at 614.263.2492.

National Night Out

The Greater Linden Development Corporation's 4th Annual National Night Out event was held on Tuesday, August 2nd at The Good Shepherd Baptist Church, located at 1555 E. Hudson. Over 220 community residents and supporters participated in an evening filled with safety information, free food, and fun. Several noted guests attended including the Mayor of Columbus, Michael B. Coleman. Many community organizations including The Columbus Health Department, The Ohio Wildlife Society, and Columbus College of Art and Design came out to support the Linden community and its efforts to make Linden a safer place to call home. The Greater Linden Development Corporation would like to thank all attendees and sponsors for their support and concern about our community!

Linden Pride Festival & Parade

A day of family fun. Scheduled for Saturday, October 8. For more info call St Stephens at 614.294.6347 x113.

Old Oaks Prepares for Holiday Tour



Once again, as summer is just starting to end, you start to think about frost, twinkling lights and decorated trees all of which will be in abundant supply at the Old Oaks Fourth Annual Holiday Tour of Homes. This year the tour will take place on December 10th from 4pm to 8pm. Last year's tour was our most successful ever, due in large part to the support of the neighborhood businesses surrounding Old Oaks as well as our long term friends who always surprise us with their continuing generosity. They invite you to join with us again this year in our celebration of the holiday season as well as the unique community of Old Oaks.

One way to support the Old Oaks Holiday Tour of Homes is by taking out an ad in the tour booklet which all attendees receive at the beginning of their tour. This booklet becomes a souvenir of the festivities which goes home with the participants. They have kept most of the prices for their tour booklet ads at the same rate as last year. If you would like to place an ad, please have your art work to them by October 15. If you know of a business that might be interested in reaching out to the members of our diverse community, please pass the following information on to them:

- Full page back cover ad (5 by 8 1/2): \$300
- Full page inside front cover ad (5 by 8 1/2): \$250
- Full page ad inside (5 by 8 1/2): \$225
- 1/2 page ad inside (5 x 4 1/4): \$135
- 1/4 page ad inside (2 3/4 x 4 1/4): \$85.

In addition, the tour booklet will also feature a Patrons page again this year, this page allows individuals to donate and support the Old Oaks Civic Association and the Holiday Tour of Homes. Levels start at Acorn for gifts up to \$50, Oak Leaf for gifts between \$50 - \$200, and Great Oak for gifts of \$200 and above. People who donate money will be listed as patrons in the tour booklet. Please let your friends, family and neighbors know about this special way to support our neighborhood.

All of the hard work that members of our com-

munity invest for months before each tour is paid off many times over when such a wonderful event like the Old Oaks Holiday Tour of Homes comes to fruition. The tour is one of the highlights of our year as a community and we ask you to consider being a part of this very special experience with your support as well as by coming to the tour and having a memorable time.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of Old Oaks - Columbus' best kept secret!



After School Programs Essential to Child's Academic Development



Recreational, social, cultural and academic support/enhancement opportunities during non-school hours are an essential component of every child's academic development.

After School Programs are integral parts of the Compact's overarching Neighborhood-based Educational Strategies Initiative. They are designed to provide neighborhoods with the opportunity to utilize schools and other community facilities to provide after-hours educational experiences for youth aged 5 to 15. These programs promote the youth's intellectual, emotional, and social development. Unfortunately, major federal funding cuts has caused the Compact to cutback on their past support of ASPs.

The objectives that this initiative seeks to achieve are as follows:

- Expand the number of quality non-school hour initiatives for EZ Youth.
- Provide for coordination and integration of non-school hour initiatives in 10 neighborhoods.
- Involve participating families in setting goals for the after-school programs.
- Improve educational outcomes by raising grade point average of participating kids.

During the 2004-2005 school-year, the following organizations have provided quality after school programming for students and have combined to serve over 1700 Empowerment Zone youth. Each program also worked to encourage parents to interact with staff and students and assist with the program as frequently as possible.

YWCA

The YWCA conducted two after school programs using Empowerment Zone funds at Barrett and Indianola Middle Schools.

Participants at each school received the following services: daily homework and tutoring assistance, pre and post-evaluations of participants' attendance, GPA, and disciplinary infractions; plus daily educational, physical, and social activities.

YMCA conducted after school programs using Empowerment Zone funds at two Near East side locations: Main Street Elementary School and the Eldon Ward branch of the YMCA.

At Main Street elementary school, the YMCA provided homework and proficiency test assistance, reading enhancement activities incorporating flashcards, journal writing, and puzzles; indoor and outdoor recreational activities, program lesson plans that incorporate anger management techniques, drug and alcohol prevention, personal safety, hygiene, and self-esteem, plus a variety of activities will be set up in student interest areas (arts and crafts, games, puzzles, reading, outdoor play, etc.).

The Eldon Ward program catered primarily to middle school students from the Empowerment Zone and provided daily homework assistance and tutoring - focusing on proficiency areas; worked with local Columbus Public High Schools and local colleges to give participants an early introduction to High School and College opportunities; activities including anger management, peer pressure, drug and alcohol education, personal safety and hygiene, team building, self-esteem and character development; supervised sports instruction and play; and a field trip to the Hoover Y-Park facility to participate in a variety of outdoor team building activities.

Boys and Girls Club of Columbus, Inc.

The Boys and Girls Club of Columbus, Inc., located in the Franklin neighborhood of the Empowerment Zone, conducted a program that provided after school educational, physical and social enrichment activities for EZ youth.

These activities included daily homework and tutoring assistance, educational games and high-yield learning activities, various socialization and recreation activities, physical educational activities including group games, team games, and fitness tests.

This program also provided access to computer labs with Internet access and various educational software packages, conducted drug and alcohol prevention activities through the SMART Moves program with an emphasis on life skills and refusal skills, and an Arteen Program, which provided comprehensive arts class for teen participants.

Communities in Schools

Communities in Schools conducted two programs using Empowerment Zone funds at

Livingston Elementary School and Champion Middle School.

Each of these programs provided students with tutoring and academic assistance including 30-45 minutes of homework, reading and/or tutoring help per day; various recreational activities basketball, group games, free play, etc., enrichment and social skill development activities including board games, art projects, field trips, and small group discussions centered on topics such as anger management, decision making, life skill development, manners, etiquette, violence, alcohol, and drug prevention.

Read Columbus Read – Woodland Meadows

Read Columbus Read, located in the Woodland Meadows housing complex on the East Side of Columbus created a program to increase the interest in reading and enhance the reading levels of youth in the Woodland Meadows neighborhood.

These programs provided daily homework and tutoring assistance to students, ensured that all participants obtained a library card and worked to increase the number of books read by each student during the school year/summer and increase the personal libraries of each student in the program.

Gladden Community House

Gladden Community House, also located in Franklinton provided an after school program that worked to school performance of 24-28 Franklinton youth through increased grade performance, attendance, and grade promotion rates.

Activities for this program included: daily reading, tutoring and other homework assistance, small group reading instruction, community service projects, daily recreation activities, special events and field trips, and group counseling activities for participants.

Urban Concern – South Linden Neighborhood

Urban Concern, located in the South Linden area of the Empowerment Zone, provided tutoring and academic enhancement activities for participants. Urban Concern also incorporated Life Skills, job readiness, and volunteer components to its after school program.

Directions for Youth and Families

Directions for Youth and Families, located near the University and Weinland Park neighborhoods provided an after school program designed to improve grades and school attendance, and improve interpersonal relationship skills for Empowerment Zone youth.

Additional activities this program provided included: the Artistic Leaders Promoting Success (ALPS) program, drum and dance ensembles; art workshops; T-shirt and greeting card design and production; drama and vocal instruction and performances; computer education and tutoring; and social/recreational groups.

Old Oaks Civic Association Officers. Below is a list of officers for the Old Oaks Civic Association.

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Neighborhood Investors Series 2005 Continues to Help Communities

Neighborhood Investor Series is helping build neighborhoods through community investment.

The Columbus Empowerment Zone is thriving with development projects.

Now is an excellent time to invest in real estate in the Columbus Empowerment Zone.

The neighborhood investors' series is an initiative focused on educating Columbus' central city residents about real estate and encouraging them to invest in residential or commercial development in their community.

The primary objective of the Neighborhood Investors Series is to effectively work towards the growth and betterment of Columbus' central city neighborhoods by working with the community to invest in area properties. Through effective education and access to resources, the program is designed to give residents tools towards becoming homeowners or investors.

Six reasons why you should invest in real estate in your community:

- Investing in residential or commercial property can be an excellent source of income.
- Owning real estate in your community contributes to a neighborhood's growth, vitality and quality of life.
- Allows local residents control of land and

potential income generating assets.

- Local control by residents ensures properties are well-maintained and cared for.
- You will gain valuable experience in the areas of property management, real estate financing, rehabilitation, property analysis, plus much more.
- Home ownership is one of the most effective ways to build wealth for the future.

The Neighborhood Investors Series is a 5-day workshop that provides a wide range of educational services in real estate:

- Overview of Real Estate – Investing in Residential and Commercial Properties
- Financing Investment Properties
- Taxes and Investment Properties
- Best Practices in Property Management
- Renovating Investment Properties

All workshops are presented by a diverse group of professionals experienced in real estate topics.

2005 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:

Monday, November 28, 2005

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Topic: "What is Real Estate? Investing in Residential and Commercial Properties"

Tuesday, November 29, 2005

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Topic: "Understanding Taxes and Real Estate Investments"

Wednesday, November 30, 2005

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Topic: "Financing Strategies for Real Estate Investment"

Thursday, December 1, 2005

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Topic: "Renovating Your Real Estate Investment"

Friday, December 2, 2005

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Topic: "Best Practices in Property Management"

The class is held at the Model Neighborhood Facility (1393 E. Broad St). Free parking located in rear of the building. The cost for this workshop is \$30.00

For more information about the program or to register for a workshop, please contact Adero Robinson at 614.251.0926 or visit our website at <http://www.colscompact.com/programs.html>.

Central Community House's 1st Annual Village Makers Award Nominations Being Accepted

Have you ever needed a helping hand and someone in your community was there to provide it? Do you know someone who goes that extra mile for the good of the community? Central Community House wants to know and

recognize them too! As part of our Grand Opening Celebration they are initiating an annual event to pay tribute to those in our community who demonstrate the true definition of "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child." A "village maker" may be that youth who shovels your snow; the neighbor who watches your child in an emergency; the neighbor who organizes the community block-watch. All those nominated will be hon-

ored at special award ceremony at our Community Festival and Picnic on October 22, 2005. To honor your "Village Maker" they are accepting submissions September 19th through October 7, 2005. For more information please call CCH at 252-3157 and ask for Kila Walker, Amber Bennet, or Tristan Dunn, or email abowie@cchouse.org.

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1000 E Main St
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614.251.0926

THE HERITAGE DISTRICTS

Contact: Christopher Hayes
614.251.0926

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS AND COMMISSIONS

The Argyle Park Civic Association
Duxberry Elementary,
1779 W. Maynard Ave.
Meets 2nd Tuesday of month, 6:30p
Contact: Gloria Zebs Anderson 614.267.2693

Driving Park Area Commission
Hope Lutheran Church
820 Lilley Ave
Meets 4th Tuesday of month, 7p
Contact: David Glenn 614.252.9162

East Columbus Civic Association
E. Columbus Community Center,
2743 E 5th Ave
Meets 3rd Thursday of month, 6:30p
Chair: Dr Troy Shaw 614.253.9388

The Franklinton Area Commission
Franklinton Library
1061 W Town St
Meets 2nd Tuesday of month, 6:30p
Chair: Helen Evans 614.274.8967

Franklin Park Area Association
Franklin Park Conservatory
1777 E Broad St, lower level room
Meets 4th Tuesday of month, 6:30p
Contact: Sandi Potts 614.258.9767

Greater Hilltop Area Commission

The Hilltop Library
511 S Hague Ave
Meets 1st Tuesday of month, 7:30p
Contact: Patrick McLean
614.272.5146

Italian Village Historic Review Commission

109 N Front St.
Meets 3rd Tuesday of month, 6:15p
Chair: Steve Hurtt 614.299.9028

King-Lincoln Bronzeville

Bethany Presbyterian Church
206 N Garfield Ave
Meets 1st Saturday of month, 4p
614.258.6842
Contact: Willis Brown

Milo Grogan Commission

Tried Stone Missionary Baptist Church
858 E 3rd Ave.
Meets 2nd Tuesday of month, 7p
Chair: Rick Mann 614.294.0450

Mount Vernon Avenue District

Improvement Association
University Hospital East
1492 E Broad St
Meets 3rd Wed of month, 11a
Contact: Melvin Steward

Near East Area Commission

12th Precinct Community Policing Cnt
950 East Main St
Meets 2nd Thurs. of month, 6:30p
Chair: Kathleen Bailey 614.252.3283

North Central Area Commission

Brittany Hills Recreation Center
2618 Bethesda Ave
Meets 4th Thursday of month, 6:30p
Chair: Jimmie Moreland, III
614.291.4399

Old Oaks Civic Association

St. John's Learning Center,
640 S Ohio Ave, enter in back
Meets 2nd Monday of month, 6:30p

Olde Towne East Neighborhood Assoc

Membership meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30p
Columbus Health Department., (240 Parsons Avenue, 2nd floor auditorium)
Trustees meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7p.

Shepard Community Association

St. Paul United Methodist Church
2260 E 5th Ave.
Meets 3rd Saturday of month 10:30a
Except August.
Chair: Sharon Archie 614.252.4303

South Linden Area Commission

Linden Resource Center
2572 Cleveland Ave.
Meets 3rd Tuesday of month, 7p
Chair: George Walker, Jr 614.294.0273

University Community Association

Northwood & High Building
2231 N High St, Rm. 200
Meets 2nd Wed. of month, 6:30p
Chair: Sharon Young 614.294.5113

Back to School Tips

The following health and safety tips are from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).¹ Use of the tips featured below can make the transition from summer back to school easier for both children and parents.

MAKING THE FIRST DAY EASIER

- Remind your child that she is not the only student who is a bit uneasy about the first day of school. Teachers know that students are anxious and will make an extra effort to make sure everyone feels as comfortable as possible.
- Point out the positive aspects of starting school: It will be fun. She'll see old friends and meet new ones. Refresh her memory about previous years, when she may have returned home after the first day with high spirits because she had a good time.
- Find another child in the neighborhood with whom your youngster can walk to school or ride with on the bus.
- If you feel it is appropriate, drive your child (or walk with her) to school and pick her up on the first day.

BACKPACK SAFETY

- Choose a backpack with wide, padded shoulder straps and a padded back.
- Pack light. Organize the backpack to use all of its compartments. Pack heavier items closest to the center of the back. The backpack should never weigh more than 10 to 20 percent of the student's body weight.
- Always use both shoulder straps. Slings a backpack over one shoulder can strain muscles. Wearing a backpack on one shoulder may also increase curvature of the spine.
- Consider a rolling backpack. This type of backpack may be a good choice for students who must tote a heavy load. Remember that rolling backpacks still must be carried up stairs, and they may be difficult to roll in snow.

TRAVELING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Review the basic rules with your youngster:

School Bus

- Wait for the bus to stop before approaching it from the curb.
 - Do not move around on the bus.
- Check to see that no other traffic is coming before crossing.

- Make sure to always remain in clear view of the bus driver.

Car

- All passengers should wear a seat belt and/or an age- and size-appropriate car safety seat or booster seat.
 - Your child should ride in a car safety seat with a harness as long as possible and then ride in a belt-positioning booster seat. Your child is ready for a booster seat when she has reached the top weight or height allowed for her seat, her shoulders are above the top harness slots, or her ears have reached the top of the seat.
 - Your child should ride in a belt-positioning booster seat until the vehicle's seat belt fits properly (usually when the child reaches about 4' 9" in height and is between 8 to 12 years of age). This means the shoulder belt lies across the middle of the chest and shoulder, not the neck or throat; the lap belt is low and snug across the thighs, not the stomach; and the child is tall enough to sit against the vehicle seat back with her legs bent at the knees and feet hanging down.
- All children under 13 years of age should ride in the rear seat of vehicles.
- Remember that many crashes occur while novice teen drivers are going to and from school.
 - You may want to limit the number of teen passengers to prevent driver distraction. Do not allow your teen to drive while eating, drinking, or talking

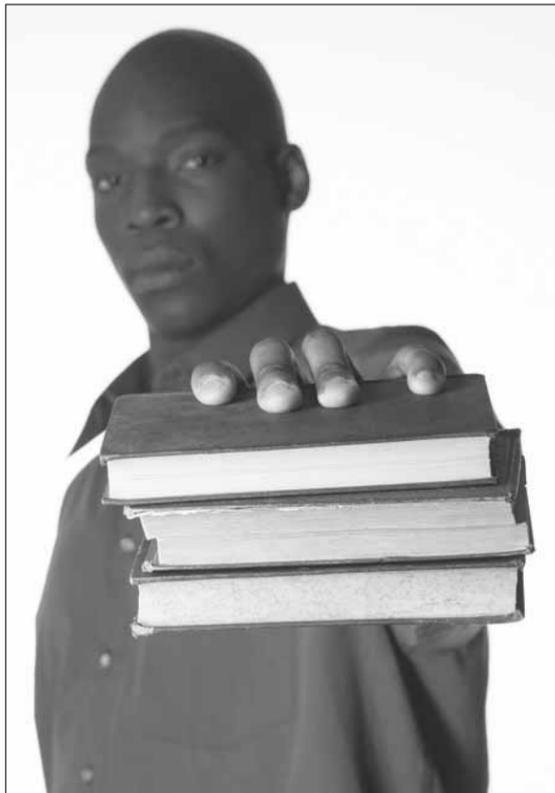
on a cell phone.

Bike

- Always wear a bicycle helmet, no matter how short or long the ride.
- Ride on the right, in the same direction as auto traffic.
- Use appropriate hand signals.
- Respect traffic lights and stop signs.
- Wear bright color clothing to increase visibility.
- Know the "rules of the road."
- www.aap.org/family/bicycle.htm

Walking to School

- Make sure your child's walk to a school is a



safe route with well-trained adult crossing guards at every intersection.

- Be realistic about your child's pedestrian skills. Because small children are impulsive and less cautious around traffic, carefully consider whether or not your child is ready to walk to school without adult supervision.
- Bright colored clothing will make your child more visible to drivers.

EATING DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Most schools regularly send schedules of cafeteria menus home. With this advance information, you can plan on packing lunch on the days when the main course is one your child prefers not to eat.

Try to get your child's school to stock healthy choices such as fresh fruit, low-fat dairy products, water and 100 percent fruit juice in the vending machines.

Each 12-ounce soft drink contains approximately 10 teaspoons of sugar and 150 calories. Drinking just one can of soda a day increases a child's risk of obesity by 60%. Restrict your child's soft drink consumption.

BULLYING

Bullying is when one child picks on another child repeatedly. Usually children being bullied are either weaker or smaller, shy, and generally feel helpless. Bullying can be physical, verbal, or social. It can happen at school, on the playground, on the school bus, in the neighborhood, or over the Internet.

When Your Child Is Bullied

- Help your child learn how to respond by teaching your child how to:
 1. Look the bully in the eye.
 2. Stand tall and stay calm in a difficult situation.
 3. Walk away.
- Teach your child how to say in a firm voice:
 1. "I don't like what you are doing."
 2. "Please do NOT talk to me like that."
 3. "Why would you say that?"

- Teach your child when and how to ask for help.
- Encourage your child to make friends with other children.
- Support activities that interest your child.
- Alert school officials to the problems and work with them on solutions.
- Make sure an adult who knows about the bullying can watch out for your child's safety and well-being when you cannot be there.

When Your Child Is the Bully

- Be sure your child knows that bullying is never OK.
- Set firm and consistent limits on your child's aggressive behavior.
- Be a positive role model. Show children they can get what they want without teasing, threatening or hurting someone.
- Use effective, non-physical discipline, such as loss of privileges.
- Develop practical solutions with the school principal, teachers, counselors, and parents of the children your child has bullied.

When Your Child Is a Bystander

- Tell your child not to cheer on or even quietly watch bullying.
- Encourage your child to tell a trusted adult about the bullying.
- Help your child support other children who may be bullied. Encourage your child to include these children in activities.
- Encourage your child to join with others in telling bullies to stop.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE

During middle childhood, youngsters need supervision. A responsible adult should be available to get them ready and off to school in the morning and watch over them after school until you return home from work.

Children approaching adolescence (11- and 12-year-olds) should not come home to an empty house in the afternoon unless they show unusual maturity for their age.

If alternate adult supervision is not available, parents should make special efforts to supervise their children from a distance. Children should have a set time when they are expected to arrive at home and should check in with a neighbor or with a parent by telephone.

If you choose a commercial after-school program, inquire about the training of the staff. There should be a high staff-to-child ratio, and the rooms and the playground should be safe.

DEVELOPING GOOD HOMEWORK AND STUDY HABITS

- Create an environment that is conducive to doing homework. Youngsters need a permanent work space in their bedroom or another part of the home that offers privacy.
- Set aside ample time for homework.
- Establish a household rule that the TV set stays off during homework time.
- Be available to answer questions and offer assistance, but never do a child's homework for her.
- To help alleviate eye fatigue, neck fatigue and brain fatigue while studying, it's recommended that youngsters close the books for 10 minutes every hour and go do something else.
- If your child is struggling with a particular subject, and you aren't able to help her yourself, a tutor can be a good solution. Talk it over with your child's teacher first.

¹ Adapted from the article *Back to School Tips*, American Academy of Pediatrics 2005: www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/augschool.htm

Close To Home Care



Children's *Close To Home*SM Physician Care Centers are doctors' offices with locations in eight Columbus-area neighborhoods and at the downtown Children's Hospital campus. The centers offer complete primary care for children ages newborn to 21, including physicals and check-ups, immunizations, hearing and vision screenings, nutrition assessments, social services and much more. To learn more about the *Close To Home*SM centers or Children's Hospital, visit www.columbuschildrens.com or call 614.722.KIDS.

Near East Physician Care Center

Providing health care for children right in your neighborhood.

If your child needs a doctor, there's a Children's *Close to Home*SM Physician Care Center right in your community. Our expert doctors are specially trained to care for children so your child will get the best care possible.

Services available include:

- Ongoing Primary Care for Children
- Sports/School/Camp Physicals
- Well Child Examinations
- Immunizations
- Sick Visits
- Continuing Care for Chronic Health Problems
- Nutrition Services
- Social Services
- Help Me Grow Program
- 24-Hour Telephone Support Line
- Car Seat Program
- Smoking Cessation

The *Close to Home*SM Physician Care Centers accept most major insurance plans including Medicaid. For all other patients, Children's has a sliding fee scale.

To schedule an appointment, just call us when you need us. Appointments usually can be made the same day or within a few days of when you call.

Hours: Monday through Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
By appointment only

For information and appointments, call (614) 722-6200.

Para información o para programar una consulta con un pediatra en la comunidad, por favor llame al 614.722.6200.



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PHYSICIAN CARE CENTER
For Every Child. For Every Reason.SM
1125 East Main Street
Columbus, Ohio 43205

Health Resource Guide

HOTLINES

- National AIDS Hotline
800.342.2437
- National HIV/AIDS Hotline
Spanish.
800.344.7432
- National Immunization Hotline
English.
800.232.2522
- National Immunization Hotline
Spanish.
800.232.0233
- National STD Hotline
800.227.8922
- Traveler's Health
877.394.8747
- The Ohio Tobacco Quit Line
800.934.4840

Alcoholics Anonymous
1561 Leonard Ave
Columbus, OH 43219-2580
614.253.8501/800.870.3795

Alcohol, Drug and Related Counseling of Columbus
209 S High St
Columbus, OH 43215
614.461.6303

American Lung Association of Ohio Central Region
Molly Fontana, Executive Director
1950 Arlingate Ln
Columbus, Ohio 43228-4102
614. 279.1700
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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Rd
Atlanta, GA 30333
U.S.A
404. 639.3311
404. 639.3312 TTY.
800. 311.3435
www.cdc.gov/netinfo.html

Children's Hospital
700 Children's Dr
Columbus, OH 43205
614.722.2000
www.childrenscolumbus.org

Columbus AIDS Task Force
1751 E. Long St
Columbus, OH 43203
614.299.2437
www.catf.net

Columbus Health Department
240 Parsons Ave
Columbus OH 43215
614.645.7417
www.cmhhealth.org

Columbus Medical Association Foundation
431 E Broad St
Columbus, OH 43215-3820
614. 240.7420
www.cmaf-ohio.org

The Columbus Ohio Partnership for Inner-City Asthma Education (COPICAE)
899 E Broad St
Columbus, OH 43205
614.242.3904
contact: Tilynn Johnson Program Manager. johnsoti@chi.osu.edu
www.copicae.com

Ohio Commission on Minority Health
77 S High St, 7th fl
Columbus, OH
614.466.4000
www.state.oh.us/mih/

Ohio Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Foundation
300 E Broad St, Suite 310
Columbus, Ohio 43215
614. 644.1114
614. 995.4575fx
General Inquiries: info@standohio.org
Grant Program Inquiries: grants@standohio.org

Project LOVE
(childhood vaccinations)
614.654-LOVE (5683)

State of Ohio Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services
2 Nationwide Plaza, 2nd floor,
Columbus, OH 43215
614.728.5090

Have a Health resource that should be listed?

Just give us a call at 614.251.0926.

Listings are free!

The Compact Mourns the Loss of Abe'Gial Reed



The Compact mourns the recent death of Abe'Gial Reed, and offers comfort to her family and friends. Abe'Gial was a tireless volunteer, staff member, and supporter of the Compact, the Columbus Empowerment Zone, and particularly the neighborhood around her home at Livingston Avenue and South 22nd Street. Abe'Gial, who was a kidney transplant recipient, had fallen into a critical illness and passed peacefully on September 26th.

The Compact met Ms. Reed on a Saturday morning when a youth group scheduled to paint a mural on the U.S. Dental Care building at Livingston Avenue and 22nd Street did not show up. Within an hour, Abe'Gial had pulled together a group of neighborhood youth, who with the guidance of artists Gran'pa Smoky Brown, Shirley Bowen, and Earline Kahn, completed the mural.

Abe'Gial continued volunteering with the Compact, and was soon hired to coordinate the

Graffiti Busters program. Through Abe'Gial's effort, the *Graffiti Busters* program was responsible for the elimination of graffiti from 248 properties in the Empowerment Zone by 2003, when the program was ended. Most of the neighborhoods continue remain largely free from graffiti since that work was done, and multiple buildings bear beautiful murals painted by the youth of that area. Abe'Gial served as the Compact's neighborhood representative to the 1999 White House Empowerment Conference, in the Rio Grande Valley Empowerment Zone (McAllen, Texas). At that conference, she shook hands with



President Bill Clinton. Abe'Gial continued to volunteer with Fountain of Hope Ministries and the Livingston Park Neighborhood Improvement Association.

Despite her health challenges, Abe'Gial remained full of life. She had a smile that would brighten any room, infectious laughter, and a loving and positive spirit. She was almost always seen with her son, Lance, who was her pride and joy, and who assisted her as her health began to fail. Abe'Gial had a special concern, caring, and love for the boys on South 22nd Street who grew up with her son. She inspired everyone she met, and through her love has left the world a better place.

Auditor's Reappraisals Results and Reviews

Last month, the Franklin County Auditor reappraised all real estate in Franklin County. This was the six-year reappraisal required by Ohio law. The values established through this full countywide reappraisal are the result of data collection, field reviews and sales research. Franklin County Auditor Joe Testa says "My goal is to set the most fair and equitable values possible for real estate in Franklin County." The last (3-year) countywide value adjustment was made through a comparable sales computerized model for tax year 2002.

Updating the value of homes and businesses is the job of the County Auditor. Ohio law requires the County Auditor to appraise property at the "true value" at which the property would sell on the open market with normal sale conditions. The new tentative values mailed by the Auditor (and available on the Auditor's website, at www.co.franklin.oh.us/auditor/) reflect an estimate of each property's value as of January 1, '05.

Fortunately, current Ohio law reduces the voted tax rate for each of us to reduce the tax impact of the increase in property value. The "Reduction Factor" is applied to all voted levies, to ensure that these voted issues do not receive a windfall from higher real estate appraisals. The Reduction Factor is not applied to "inside millage" collected by the City, County Schools, and Township, and capped at 10 mills (a mill is 1/10th of a cent). For Tax Year 2004, payable in 2005, the inside millage for

homes in the City of Columbus and Columbus Public School district totaled 9.12 mills, while total millage was 91.43 (with the 2004 reduction factor, the 91.43 total millage is collected at an effective rate of 55.71 mills.) Thus, because of the reduction factor, an increased appraisal will raise property taxes only by the amount of the increase multiplied by 9.12 mills. (To calculate the increase in your property taxes, multiply .00912 times the increase in the appraised value of your house.)

If you would be willing to sell your property for less than the new value assigned by the Auditor, you should consider visiting one of the informal review sites listed below. Bring any information supporting your belief that the new amount may not be accurate. Many people contest the appraised value of their house and save money by doing so.

Please call the Auditor's office at 614.462.4663 or email joe_testa@franklincountyohio.gov if you have questions or need additional information concerning your new property value.

The next 2005 revaluation informal review locations is Reynoldsburg Library, 1402 Brice Road, on Monday, Oct. 3.

Review times are 2 p.m.- 8 p.m., except as otherwise indicated. Appointments are suggested and can be made by calling 614.462.HOME (4663). Walk-ins are welcome. Owners of commercial property should call 614-462-6257 for an appointment at the Franklin County Courthouse.

Homestead Exemption Can Help Senior Citizen Homeowners Save Money

Ohio law provides for a Homestead Exemption Credit, to protect the home or primary residence from debtors, especially during the filing of bankruptcy and for low-income elderly homeowners. When used by the low-income elderly, it is used as a tool to protect the home against high property tax bills caused by appreciation or gentrification.

To be eligible, the applicant must be 65 years of age, or permanently and totally disabled, or a surviving spouse meeting certain conditions and own and occupy your own home as a prin-

cipal place of resident and a household income of \$25,000 or less.

Franklin County exemptions range from \$70 to more than \$400 per year. The Compact recently did an analysis of Homestead Exemptions in the King-Lincoln District of the City of Columbus. In that area, 25 homes are claiming the Homestead Exemption. The average homestead exemption in the King-Lincoln District is \$341.80 per year, with a low of \$82.16 and a high of \$427.24. The Homestead Exemption saved 25

low-income senior citizens a combined total of \$8,545 last year. Each year, households receiving the exemption must recertify their income to the Franklin County Auditor.

Seniors who believe they may be eligible for the Homestead Exemption are encouraged to contact the Franklin County Auditor and request a Homestead Exemption Application.

Applications are accepted beginning the first Monday in January, until the first Monday in June. The Franklin County auditor can be reached at 614.462.3200.

Landlord Training 2005-06

The Landlord Training program is designed to assist landlords in implementing positive and effective strategies that lead to the overall improvement of rental properties in the Empowerment Zone.

The Landlord Training Program offers a wide range of educational services in property management:

- Property management skills
- Effective techniques in evicting problem tenants
- Strategies for screening potential clients
- Community policing and crime prevention strategies
- Identifying the warning signs of illegal activity
- Crisis resolution

Landlords that attend the workshop will receive: One-year \$25 membership to the Federal Adjustment Bureau (FABCO) Sample rental application and rental agreement Lease addendum for drug-free housing A sample neighborhood community code FABCO application and contract materials Certificate of completion

In partnership with Fairfield County Sheriff Dave Phalen, the Compact has trained over 400 landlords. Sheriff Phalen has over 38 years experience in Law Enforcement and 28 years in property management. Sheriff Phalen is a recognized authority in the study and application of prevention strategies.

Program Content:

- Preparing the Property
- Applicant Screening
- Rental Agreements
- Warning Signs of Drug Activity
- The Role of the Police
- Crisis Resolution
- Partnership with Residents
- Review of Ohio Landlord/Tenant Laws

2005-06 Workshop schedule:

November 14, 2005

6pm - 9pm
Model Neighborhood Facility
1393 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43205

January 9, 2006

6pm - 9pm
Model Neighborhood Facility
1393 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43205

March 6, 2006

6pm - 9pm
South Linden Police Sub-Station
1379 Cleveland Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43211

May 15, 2006

6pm - 9pm
Model Neighborhood Facility
1393 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43205

The cost for each workshop is **\$25.00**

For more information about the program or to register for a workshop, please contact Adero Robinson at 251-0926 or visit our website at <http://www.colscompact.com/programs.html>.

Fall Home Improvement Checklist

Now is the perfect time to begin thinking about your fall home improvement projects. It's important to make sure your house is ready to face the winter weather to help avoid potential problems down the road. Here are a few tips to keep in mind as you do the inspection around your house.

Check Smoke and CO2 Detectors: Make sure the detectors are working properly. Replace batteries if not hard-wired to your electric system.

Turn Off Outside Hose Bibs: To avoid bursting pipes, turn off shut-off valve after the first freeze. Open hose bib to release any water left in pipes. Keep hose bib closed halfway throughout the winter to keep moisture from being trapped in pipes.

Inspect Roof and Chimney: For safety, conduct a visual inspection from the ground level and consult a professional for repairs. To avoid potential leaks and damage to interior ceilings and walls, look for missing or broken shingles. Also, make sure the flashing around vents, skylights and chimneys is secure.

Check General Exterior: Survey siding, brick, stucco, paint, trim and deck for signs of potential problems. This will help

to avoid more costly repairs due to chipping and rotting.

Check Windows, Doors and Garage Doors: To prevent air from flowing through, apply weatherstripping around windows and door jambs. Remove and store screens. Caulk cracks and gaps around windows and doors. Also, be sure to replace broken window panes.

Clean Gutters and Downspouts: Avoid basement flooding and deterioration of foundation by cleaning the gutter channels and clearing downspouts of debris. Replace deteriorating or broken gutters and downspouts.

Inspect Heating System: It is important to get a yearly professional tune-up. This will help ensure that everything is in working order and will also reassure your peace of mind.

Inspect Basement: Check for cracks and evidence of leaks in interior and exterior walls. It is also important to clean window wells to help avoid basement flooding and water damage.

Survey Attic and Insulation: Lower your heating bills by maintaining the appropriate insulation coverage. Nine inches is recommended.

Construction Management Classes

The Enterprise Center in partnership with Turner Construction will host a Construction Management Series at 1393 E Broad - course is for 10 weeks, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and it's free. All classes are at the Enterprise Center (Broad St). Classes began on September 14th, but you still can participate.

9/27/05 Project Delivery Systems & Contract Risk Management: Introduces five commonly used project delivery systems; lump sum, cost plus a fee, construction management, design-build, and program management. Includes a brief review of commonly used contract forms. Contract risk management issues will also be discussed (e.g. avoiding litigation and litigation mgmt).

10/5/05 Accounting Basics for Construction Contractors: Introduces accounting basics for construction contractors; reviewing major components of a financial statement. Includes discussion of job costing concepts, cash flow, change order management, and claims.

10/12/05 Insurance & Bonding: Introduces basic concepts of insurance and the typical insurance and bonding requirements for construction projects. Discussion will also address compliance issues and tips on how to purchase insurance and bonding, and maintaining relationships.

10/19/05 Estimating, Bidding & Procurement: Introduces basic concepts

of estimating and procurement. Includes detail discussion of bidding process from the GC to the client, and from the sub-contractors to the GC.

10/26/2005 Safety: Introduces participants to the fundamentals of safety management in the construction industry. Discussion will include the importance of safety awareness, business-side and project-side issues, and resources.

11/2/05 Scheduling: Provides an overview of scheduling and its importance. Includes the introduction of the scheduling process and reviews in detail the seven steps of the process

11/9/05 Field Operations: Discussion will focus on both business-side and project-side issues, such as: quality and safety, risk mgmt. plans, project start, job review mtgs., record keeping, relationships, and project close-out.

11/16/05 Marketing & Sales: Presents factors to consider when deciding whether to pursue a particular project. Participants will be shown how to compare the risk of the job to the rewards. The class will also present methods of tracking projects and marketing/selling work.

11/22/05 Reception & Certificate Presentations: Final session - Presentation of comprehensive certification process; Panel discussion of project opportunities and networking. Concluding with certificate presentations.

Home Buyer Education in Linden

Have you ever dreamed of owning your own home? You can make your dream a reality...and we'll show you how. Call today and enroll in Greater Linden Development Corporation's Housing Opportunities are Made for Everyone (H.O.M.E.)

Buyer's Education Program. You'll learn from industry professionals on how to budget for a home, repair your credit, shop for a loan, apply for a mortgage, and talk with bankers, real estate attorneys, inspectors, Realtors® and more! The next series begins on November 9, 2005 from 6:30 until 8:00 pm at Greater Linden Development Corporation located at 2572 Cleveland Ave. The classes are free and there is limited space available so call today: 614/263-7257.



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Home Resource Guide

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Columbus, OH 43205-2926
614.253.4448
www.apdsinc.org
apdsinc@apdsinc.org

Big Brothers Big Sisters Assoc. of Central Ohio
1855 E Dublin Granville Rd, 1st fl
Columbus, OH 43229-3516
614.839.BIGS (2447)
www.bbbscolumbus.org
bbbs@bbbscolumbus.org

Columbus Housing Partnership (CHP)
Down Payment Assistance
562 E Main St
Columbus, OH 43215
614.221.8889 x134
www.chpcolumbus.org

City of Columbus
Fire Division 645-8308
Housing Services 645-7795
Police Division 645-4600
Public Utilities 645-6141
Refuse Collection 645-7620
Sewerage & Drainage 645-7175
Water Division 645-7020

Columbia Gas
200 Civic Center Dr, PO Box 117
Columbus, OH 43216
800.344.4077
www.columbiagasohio.com

Cup of Joy Resource Center, Inc.
95 N 20th St, PO Box 29711
Columbus, OH 43229-0711
614.847.0276
www.acupofjoy.org
singleparents@acupofjoy.org

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)
Rehabilitation Grants, Homebuyer Education, Down Payment Assistance, Weatherization
285 East Main St
Columbus OH 43215
614-228-2663
www.morpc.org

Rebuilding Together Columbus
Home Repair Program and Building Supply Donations
PO Box 1347
Grove City, OH 43123-6347
614.258.6392
CCIA_98@yahoo.com

Have a Neighborhood resource that should be listed?
Just give us a call at 614.251.0926.

Local Pastor Teaches Re-Entry Weekly Classes in Ohio Prisons

On March 1, 2001 God gave a vision to a local pastor to reunite and mentor to children, families and incarcerated parents. Pastor De' Borah Tunstall is the founder/pastor/director of Care for a Child Mentoring Ministry located in Columbus. She volunteers her time every week to teach her re-entry program throughout Ohio's correctional institutions. The ministry's re-entry program is called "Changing Hearts Changing Lives" and is presently in its second year. However, she founded the ministry in 2001 and it began as a mentoring youth ministry for at risk children 5 to 19 years old.

Not only did she create the program but she also teaches her program single handed within contracted local and statewide correctional institutions. In addition, she is the founder and executive director of Care for a Child Mentoring Ministry. Other programs within the ministry include: a mentoring program for Ohio community children and Ohio inmates children. Pastor Tunstall facilitates mediations and pastoral counseling for the inmates, for their families and for the staff at these institutions. All inmates whom participated

in the program will too participate in our aftercare program after their release. Pastor Tunstall's goal is to continue their rehabilitation upon release.

Unfortunately, because of the political games to larger organizations, she does this without grants or donations from anyone and she volunteers all of her services.

In addition, care for a child pre-school is scheduled to open in September 2005. The ministry is located in Worthington. All programs have always been funded by pastor Tunstall and her husband, Columbus police officer Mr. James Tunstall.

Her program is endorsed by the Director of Prisons Activities, Pastor Gary Sims, Warden Pat Hurley, Warden Christine Money, Exodus Program Directors, Arden High and Scott Platt, just to name a few. Recently, she and her volunteer staff started a support group for parents with incarcerated children, and for women of sexual and domestic violence.

All inmates within the program expresses appreciation and how her program has changed their lives. She has poems, letters and thank you notes from them regarding a need for her services.

Through evaluations the overall rating for Changing Hearts Changing Lives is above 85% approval ratings. In fact, personal interviews by individual inmates regarding their opinion about the program has been conducted by state officials.

And their motto is "to give up is never an option." The organization as been in operation since 2001. On July, 18, 2005, her 2nd Ross Correctional Institution class graduated after her teaching weekly for 8 months of classes. More, the graduating class had appointed two valedictorians as graduation speakers. Pastor Tunstall teaches at these institutions every, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. In addition, she is the director of all ministry programs. She not only teaches to inmates she also mentors their children, pastoral counsels to their families and facilitates mediation within these institutions for the wardens.

If you would like to contact Care for a Child Mentoring Ministry for any reason, please call pastor DeBorah Tunstall at 614.588.9962 or 614.888.0600.

Care for a Child Mentoring Ministry is an impact 501 (c) 3 organization.

Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks Back

Just as sunflowers turn their heads to catch every sunbeam, so too have we discovered a simple way to get more from our sun. We've learned to save energy and enjoy sunny summer evenings by switching our clocks an hour forward in the summer.

Daylight Saving Time begins for most of the United States at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday of April. Time reverts to standard time at 2 a.m. on the last Sunday of October. This year the date to set your clock back is Sunday, October 30th.

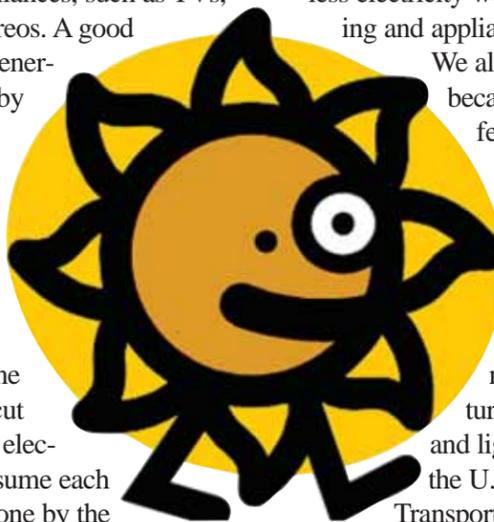
One of the biggest reasons we change our clocks to Daylight Saving Time (DST) is that it saves energy. Energy use and the demand for electricity for lighting our homes is directly connected to when we go to bed and when we get up. Bedtime for most of us is late evening through the year. When we go to bed, we turn off the lights and TV.

In the average home, 25 percent of all the electricity we use is for lighting and small appliances, such as TVs, VCRs and stereos. A good percentage of energy consumed by lighting and appliances occurs in the evening when families are home. By moving the clock ahead one hour, we can cut the amount of electricity we consume each day. Studies done by the U.S. Department of Transportation show that we trim the entire country's electricity usage by about one percent each day with Daylight Saving Time.

Daylight Saving Time "makes" the sun "set" one hour later and therefore

reduces the period between sunset and bedtime by one hour. This means that less electricity would be used for lighting and appliances late in the day.

We also use less electricity because we are home fewer hours during the "longer" days of spring and summer. Most people plan outdoor activities in the extra daylight hours. When we are not at home, we don't turn on the appliances and lights. A poll done by the U.S. Department of Transportation indicated that Americans liked Daylight Saving Time because "there is more light in the evenings/ can do more in the evenings." While the amounts of energy saved per household are small...added up they can be very large.



In the winter, the afternoon Daylight Saving Time advantage is offset by the morning's need for more lighting. In spring and fall, the advantage is less than one hour. So, Daylight Saving Time saves energy for lighting in all seasons of the year except for the four darkest months of the year (November - February) when the afternoon advantage is offset by the need for lighting because of late sunrise.

As you roll your clock back by one hour, also remember to check and change the battery in the smoke detectors in your home. It is recommended that both be done on the same day, because it can be so easy to forget otherwise. A working smoke detector more than doubles a person's chances of surviving a home fire. More than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but one-third are estimated to have worn-out or missing batteries.

Three ways to Celebrate Central's New Home

Friday 11:30 • 1pm
Dedication Ceremony: 12:00pm
Tours/Light Refreshments/
Councilwoman
Charleta Tavares, Guest Speaker

Friday 6 • 9pm
Join the fun at the Central Arts Cafe,
hosted by the CAPACITY
and Central Community House Teens,
Featuring CAPACITY's Open Mic Tour
*Donations accepted for refreshments and drinks

Community Festival and picnic
Saturday 10am • 2pm
Music & Performances, Fun Games,
Food, and Festivities for Everyone!
12:00pm: Village Makers Ceremony
(a presentation of our Community Heroes)
12-1:30: Lunch (main course provided)
*Food is provided, but Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share with your neighbors!
 (Don't forget to bring a copy of the recipe - We'll be compiling a community cookbook)

Friday, Oct. 21
Saturday, Oct. 22

Don't miss out on all the fun!
 Programs of CCH are partially supported by:

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