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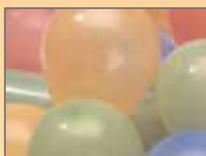
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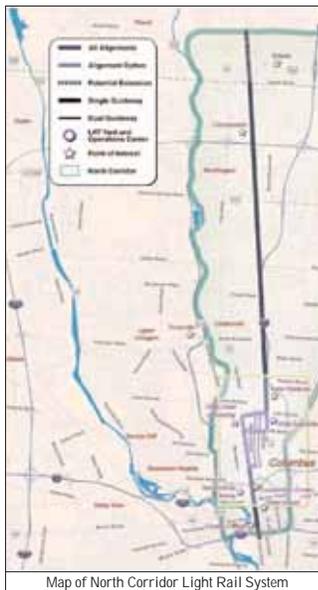
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COTA Connecting the Burbs with the Heritage Districts and the Future

Over the past 20 years, the Columbus Metropolitan area has experienced substantial population growth. Today, approximately 1.5 million people call the Columbus Metropolitan area home, and over the next 25 years, the population is expected to grow by over 500,000 people. This growth will result in more roadway congestion and strain on our existing transportation infrastructure.

To meet these demands, the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) created Vision 2020 Plus, a comprehensive plan to make transit service a convenient and competitive option to access new employment opportunities, shopping and entertainment activities in central Ohio.

Vision 2020 calls for eight planned rail lines to be built over the next 20 years, as well as expanded bus service, 24-hour bus service on major routes, construction of transit centers and implementing new bus routes in suburban commu-



Map of North Corridor Light Rail System

unities. The entire system is designed to conveniently link buses and rail for seamless travel throughout central Ohio.

The first rail line planned is the North Corridor Light Rail Transit (NCLRT) Project. The 13.2 mile light rail line will operate in the North Corridor, from Lazelle Road at the Delaware/Franklin County line to downtown Columbus at South High and Fulton Streets. The alignment will utilize an exclusive portion of the existing railroad right-of-way for approximately 10 miles of its total length. The remainder of the alignment will operate on city streets from the Franklin County Courthouse to the Ohio State University area. Alternative routes are under consideration for the portion of the line from downtown Columbus to Ohio State, and potential northern and southern extensions are also being studied.

The North Corridor was chosen as the first rail line because it has the highest population density, one-third of the region's jobs and is projected for significant growth and development.

COTA has received three consecutive "recommended" ratings from

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Breathe Easy This Summer By Taking Part In Challenge

Challenge Yourself to Do Your Part

Everyone knows ozone and particulate pollution are bad, but many people aren't aware of the toll they take, not only in health issues, but in personal and business costs, too. Did you know that 1 in 10 school age children have asthma? And, asthma is the leading cause of missed school days. How's this for a statistic: Nationally, 14.5 million missed work days are attributed to asthma and other breathing problems aggravated by particulate and ozone pollution. Pretty scary stuff.

So what is this ozone and particulate pollution, what causes it, and more important, can't something be done to get rid of it?

Ground-level Ozone (or smog) is a colorless, odorless gas produced when things like engine exhaust, gasoline vapors, chemical solvents and industrial emissions react with heat, sunlight and oxygen. When inhaled, ground-level ozone can inflame lungs, making it difficult to breathe. When levels are high it can

cause coughing, throat irritation and congestion even in healthy people, while people sensitive to smog may experience chest pains or breathing problems.

Particulate pollution (or soot) consists of invisible solid particles and liquid droplets found in the air; collectively they can appear as clouds or a fog-like haze. Particulate pollution comes from many different sources including wood burning, diesel and gas-powered engines, factories and power plants. When inhaled, particulate pollution can damage lung tissue, worsen asthma, bronchitis and heart diseases - even cause premature death. Even if you are healthy, you may experience temporary symptoms from exposure to elevated levels of particles. Symptoms may include: irritation of the eyes, nose and throat; coughing;

phlegm; chest tightness; and shortness of breath.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has a plan to "get rid of it" and clean up our air: the Clean Air Challenge. We want everyone in the region to be a part of it! The Challenge is a group effort to support and encourage local residents to take action to clean up the air. With a goal

of 10,000 participants, local businesses and governments are joining in to encourage and promote the pro

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National Woman's Football Association's Columbus Comets Get Second, First Year

Photos by Duane Soisson, Nostalgia Productions and Douglas Nicodemus, PhotographicResources.com

The Columbus Comets of the National Women's Football Association concluded their inaugural season with a 6-2 record, good for second place in the Great Lakes Division behind the two-time defending NWFA champion Detroit Demolition and reaching the NWFA playoffs.

Now in its fifth season, the National Women's Football Association is the world's largest full-contact football league for women with 37 teams in seven regional divisions. Four more teams are being added in 2005, including the Cincinnati Sizzle who will be coached by former Cincinnati Bengals running back Ickey Woods (remember the Ickey Shuffle?). The NWFA has been profiled on NBC's Today Show, the CBS Evening News, Nickelodeon and The Washington Post along with numerous local and regional media outlets.

The Comets' defense was the biggest factor in the team's success this season, posting three shutouts and a fourth game without allowing an offensive score. "Get Low" was not only the song played for the team's pre-game introductions but also the theme for the defense as Columbus' opponents averaged just 7.5 points per game. Regina Vernon, Jennifer Hutchinson, Laura Kerr and Angie Redman led the defensive front and linebackers

while Dietra Sherwin (8 interceptions) and Tiffany Sollberger patrolled the secondary.

Offensively, quarterback Crystal Davis directed a balanced attack led by running backs Cynthia "Sweetness" Freeman and Shelly Gates. Freeman, who was inspired as a youngster by the

passes for 243 yards and 5 touchdowns while Taylor caught 13 passes for 361 yards and 7 TDs.

The Comets' 27-6 win over the Cleveland Fusion on April 24 was special as the venue was none other than Cleveland Browns Stadium. The Browns were hosting their annual draft party that day, and many fans went into the stadium to watch the action.

For the NWFA playoffs, the Comets will be either the fourth or fifth seed in the Northern Conference. If the Comets are the fourth seed,

they will host the Connecticut Crush, Massachusetts Mutiny or Southwest Michigan Jaguars on June 26 at 7:00pm. The conference semi-finals will be played on July 10 with the conference championship games on

July 17. The NWFA Championship Game will be played on July 31 at Cardinal Stadium on the University of Louisville campus in Louisville, KY and will be broadcast on The Football Network. All NWFA information is available on the league's website at:

www.womensfootballcentral.com.

The Comets will be holding tryouts in August 2004 for any interested players. For all team information, call the Comets office at 614.322.0568 or go to the team's website at www.columbuscomets.com.



Erin Taylor



Angie Redman #31 forces a rushed pass



The Columbus Comets and Cleveland Fusion line up

late Walter Payton and wears his No. 34, ran for 631

yards (78.9 yards per game) and 8 touchdowns while Gates gained 785 yards (98 yards per game) and scored 8 touchdowns. Davis threw for 838 yards and 17 touchdowns on the season, spreading the wealth among 12 different receivers with Lindsey Eckles and Erin Taylor leading the team in receptions. Eckles caught 14

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gram to employees and customers of central Ohio.

Hilliard City Councilman Michael Cope, who serves as both a MORPC officer and Chair of the Commission's Air Quality Committee, hosted the Clean Air Challenge kick-off ceremony and news conference May 5th on the Statehouse lawn. In his remarks, Cope described the community action effort as "the first time in this region's history that central Ohio businesses, health organizations and governments are coming together to support and encourage local residents to take action to clean up the air through a collaborative voluntary education and outreach campaign."

Why should you care about ozone and particulate pollution? Because it is bad for your

health, even if you are healthy! Healthy persons engaged in physical activity outdoors breathe faster and more deeply, increasing the amount of ozone flowing into the lungs. This is why running and jogging on days when the air quality index is elevated is actually bad for your health. Statistics show that children spend an average of 50 percent more time outdoors, and three times as much time engaged in sports and vigorous activities than adults. The unintended consequence of this is that children consume much larger doses of pollution into their lungs, which can cause shortness of breath, coughing, wheezing and worsen asthma. Children at greatest risk from the effects of air pollution include: children with sensitized respiratory symptoms (such as allergic or asthmatic children), children who live near industrial pollution sources or

areas of heavy traffic, and children who lack adequate medical attention and nourishment. Also at risk are older adults, they are more at risk of hospital and emergency room visits or, in some cases, even death from (possibly undiagnosed) heart or lung disease. When anyone takes steps to help the environment, it truly helps everyone.

So, you're asking yourself, I'm just one person, what can I do? You may be surprised to know that YOU, yes, one person, can help improve our air. There are simple alterations to your daily activities that you can make—things you should **do** and **don't** do—that will mean we can have cleaner, safer air.

Do drive less – carpool, run all your errands in one trip chain.

Don't mow lawns during an Air Quality Alert.

Don't refuel vehicles in the evening or during an Air Quality Alert, and

Do stop at the click.

Do conserve energy – use energy efficient light bulbs and appliances.

Do keep vehicles tuned up for improved efficiency.

Now that you know how important the Clean Air Challenge is, and how easy it is for you to volunteer your efforts, are you ready to take the Challenge?

Complete the Challenge form, cut it out, and mail it to: MORPC, 285 E. Main Street, Columbus, OH 43215. You'll automatically be entered into a drawing for some really cool prizes!

For more information about the Clean Air Challenge or Air Quality Program, contact Laura Koprowski at 614.233.4126 or online: lkoprows@morpc.org

<http://cleanairchallenge.net>



CHALLENGE CARD

Yes! I care about clean air and will do my part to reduce pollution by committing to:

(Please check one or more of the following Clean Air Actions)

- Carpool, vanpool, bus, bike, walk, or telecommute.
How often? Once a week Twice a week Four days a week More: _____
- Will not mow my lawn during an Air Quality Alert and will use cleaner electric lawn equipment.
- Fill up my car after 6pm and stopping at the click! Topping off releases unnecessary pollution.
- Reduce or eliminate my fireplace and wood stove use. Use cleaner gas logs instead of wood.
- Conserve energy at home. For example, use energy-efficient light bulbs and appliances.
- Keep my car tuned up. Regular tune-ups reduces pollution and improves fuel efficiency.

First name: _____ Last name: _____
 Home address: _____ City/Zip: _____
 Home phone: () _____
 Employer: _____
 Work address: _____ City/Zip: _____
 Work phone: () _____ Email address: _____

Sign me up to receive E-Alerts - so I know when central Ohio air is unhealthy.
MORPC respects your privacy and will NOT share your information with any other organizations.

Incomplete forms will not be eligible for Clean Air Challenge prize drawings.
Please print legibly. Thank you!

Find out more at
www.cleanairchallenge.net
CLEAN AIR CHALLENGE
It's a Breeze - You Can Make a Difference!

Clean Air Challenge is a program of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)

Bits & Pieces



WATERWORLD

Well, we've finally reached the good, hot days of summer, and with that, trying to find ways to keep us cool. Nothing cuts the summer heat better than swimming. One of the true simple pleasures in life, swimming is an inexpensive recreation for the whole family. As great as it is, don't forget it can also be very dangerous. Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related deaths to children ages 14 and under. Each year, approximately 1,150 children ages 14 and under drown; more than half are preschoolers (ages 0-4). Among children ages 1 to 4 years old, most drownings occur in residential swimming pools. A temporary lapse in supervision is a common factor in most drownings and near-drownings. Child drownings can happen in a matter of seconds—in the time it takes to answer the phone. There is often no splashing to warn of trouble. Children can drown in small quantities of water and are at risk in their own homes from wading pools, bathtubs, buckets, diaper pails and toilets, as well as, swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs. Here are some simple steps you can do to keep your kids safe:

- 1) Assign an adult "water watcher" to supervise the pool/spa area or any other body of water, especially during social gatherings.
- 2) Assign a second adult to maintain constant visual contact with children in the pool/spa area or any body of water that might attract a child. Don't assume someone else is watching a child.
- 3) Never leave a child alone near a pool/spa, bathtub, toilet, water filled bucket, pond or any standing body of water in which a child's nose and mouth may be submerged.
- 4) Don't rely on swimming lessons, life preservers, or any other equipment to make a child "water safe".
- 5) Don't allow children to play in the pool/spa
- 6) Look in the pool area first if a child is missing
- 7) Communicate pool safety measures with the baby-sitter and train the sitter in CPR.

BE SAFE AND HAVE FUN!



LET THE SUN SHINE

If it's summer and you're swimming, that probably means you're outdoors. Don't forget to use sunscreen while outside to protect against sunburns that cause early aging, wrinkles and skin cancer. Who needs to use sunscreen? In a word: everyone! Regardless of skin type, the American Academy of Dermatology suggests that, a broad-spectrum

sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15 should be used if you're going to be in the sun for more than 20 minutes. Sunscreens should be applied to dry skin 15-30 minutes BEFORE going outdoors. When applying sunscreen, pay particular attention to the face, ears, hands and arms, and coat the skin liberally. One ounce, enough to fill a shot glass, is considered the amount needed to cover the exposed areas of the body properly. Be careful to cover exposed areas completely - a missed spot could mean a patchy, painful sunburn. Don't forget that lips get sunburned too, so apply a lip balm that contains sunscreen, preferably with an SPF of 15 or higher.



SMOOTH SAILING

When lounging by the pool soaking up the rays, a nice cool fruity drink always hits the spot. Here are a couple of recipes for fruit smoothies, (blended, frozen fruit drinks) that are easy to make, taste great and are great for you!

Tropical Smoothie

- 1 1/2 c Strawberries
- 1/2 c Pineapple chunks
- 8 oz Container low fat pina Colada yogurt
- 1/2 c Orange juice
- 1 1/2 c Ice cubes

•In blender combine all ingredients, except ice cubes. Blend until smooth. Then, gradually add ice cubes and blend until smooth.

Summer Fruit Smoothie Twister

- 1 nectarine
- 6 oz fat-free peach frozen yogurt
- 1/2 cup pineapple or Orange-Guava juice
- 1/2 cup sugar-free lemonade (or Crystal Light)

•Put all ingredients into blender and blend until smoothie consistency is reached.

Try experimenting with your favorite fruits and juices. You can always boost your smoothie with protein powder, bee pollen, fat-burn powder or ginseng.



QUICK LIKE THAT

The Columbus Aids Task Force now offers Free and Anonymous HIV Testing (OraQuick Rapid Testing) at CATF Main Office. The OraQuick Rapid HIV-1 Antibody Test is a screening for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. It detects antibodies to HIV in a fingerstick sample of blood. As with all HIV screening tests, a

positive test result needs to be confirmed by another test procedure. In clinical studies by the manufacturer, OraQuick correctly identified 99.6% of people who were positive and 100% of people who were negative. With OraQuick, an individual will be able to receive HIV test counseling and their test results typically within an hour's time. Appointments are available at your convenience by calling 614.299.2437 or walk-in:

- Tuesdays 3:30p-7:30p
- Wednesdays & Thursdays 10a-2p

CATF is located at 1751 E Long Street.



PITFALL

With the hot weather, of course you're going to sweat. Underarm stains on shirts seem to worsen when we sweat. Before washing, saturate the underarm area with a 50/50 solution of hydrogen peroxide to water. Allow that to set 30 minutes, then wash as normal. If you have been using bleach to whiten clothes and they are now graying, switch to peroxide. The first time pour 1 to 2 cups peroxide in your washer as it fills along with your detergent. Add the clothes and soak for 30 minutes. After the initial cleaning 1 cup works fine. You'll find less expensive peroxide at beauty supply stores. It's a 20% solution so use only 1/2 cup.



SMELL YA LATER

Speaking of pit stains, antiperspirant (APs) are the main cause of the yellowing on your shirts. They are also suspected to be the cause of several medical conditions. A less residual and healthier solution is deodorant. APs contain an aluminum compound, such as aluminum chlorhydrate or aluminum zirconium, which are very soluble and readily absorbed. Once in the body, the aluminum portion of the molecule ionizes, forming free or radical aluminum. This passes freely across cell membranes, and forms a physical plug, that when dissolved, is selectively absorbed by the liver, kidney, brain, cartilage and bone marrow. It is this concentration of aluminum that has been the source of concern in the medical community and has prompted the research being done on Alzheimer's disease and breast cancer victims. APs also can block gland secretion, that when built up, get infected, damage your ducts and need to be surgically removed. By switching to deodorant alone, you eliminate any of these concerns while still fighting odor. When transitioning to deodorant, it only takes a week or two for your body to adjust before you naturally don't sweat as much without chemical compounds.

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Client Launches New Career with JFS Guidance



David Clubb found new career with JFS's help

When David Clubb came to Jewish Family Services three years ago, he was unhappy with his work life.

After graduating from college, David Clubb thought he wanted to pursue a career in sales and marketing but found himself floundering for 15 years. He decided he did not have what it takes to be in sales so he took a job with Ameritech. The job lasted only a few months and he was let go because he was told he was "too nice."

Feeling depressed and distraught, a friend encouraged Clubb to go to Jewish Family Services' Career and Workforce Development department. Fred Points, JFS Career Consultant, assessed David Clubb by using the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (personality) and Strong Interest Inventory (interests). Points showed Clubb that the results clearly indicated that he should focus on a career in the medical field or social work. David Clubb decided he wanted to become a State Trained Nurse's Aid.

Having been out of work for four months, David Clubb began working at Mohun Health Care Center where he was able to take classes and pass the state exam. He worked at the center for about nine months and stated, "Mohun was really a great place to train and I learned a lot about being a nurse aid." Due to a funding shortage, however, Clubb made yet another move.

He went to work at Wexner Heritage Village (WHV) and found himself working with patients with many different needs. Caring for individuals in rehabilitation, Clubb realized that he could do even more by offering his services to people who needed extended care at home. His first break came when a woman he took care of at WHV asked him to help her when she returned home. Thus, David Clubb's business, Patience Home Health Care, took off and within a three month time period, one client turned into seven. He began serving people from Bexley, New Albany, Reynoldsburg and Upper Arlington. To continue the kind of care that Clubb wanted for his clients, he hired additional nurse aids to work with him. Depending upon client load, he has between seven and fifteen people working for him. "The average aid working for me has 15-20 years

of experience, and I visit my clients at least once a week to make sure they are getting everything they need," commented Clubb.

"I am so grateful to Jewish Family Services for setting me in the right direction and helping me find my niche. I am content and happy with my life, my family life is much happier and I am thrilled with my new career and business. Caring for people is an important part of my life," added Clubb.

The Career and Workforce Development department at JFS offers many services, including, but not limited to, job search, resume design, interview skills, employee retention, job fairs, career coaching and career assessment. For more information, call Jennifer Marshall, Director of the department at 614.559.0122.

Mount Carmel Grows Again

In its ever-expanding scope of services, Mount Carmel opens another satellite location to better serve Central Ohio's growing population.



New Green Street Surgery Center



Well, it cut's like a knife...

Green Street Surgery Center is the third ambulatory surgery center joint venture between Mount Carmel and physicians. Mount Carmel has two other successful physician joint venture surgery centers: Taylor Station

Surgical Center in East Columbus and River View Surgery Center in Lancaster.

Green Street Surgery Center is a limited liability company for which Mount Carmel owns 70% and physicians own 30%. There are 32 surgeon investors, all of whom practice at Mount Carmel West.

The surgeons practicing at Green Street Surgery Center represent the following specialties: general, urology, plastics, GYN, ophthalmology, pain, gastroenterology, orthopedics and colorectal.

The facility is an impressive 18,600 square feet, with 4 operating rooms, 2 endoscopy rooms and 16 pre/post op rooms

Green Street Surgery Center is located at 120 Green Street, in the Franklinton Heritage District. For more info call 614.225.9321

Free Seminars Bolster Business Brainpower

by Angela Netherland McBride, Greater Linden Development Corporation

Thanks to the F.U.N.D.S. (Fully Understanding the Necessary Details for Success) classes, small business owners and would-be entrepreneurs don't have to deplete their budgets to enjoy professional-quality business seminars in the Greater Linden area.

Early in 2003 representatives from the Columbus Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Development Center (SBDC), the Columbus Metropolitan Library, the Greater Linden Business Network (GLBN) and the Greater Linden Development Corporation (GLDC) met to discuss ways that the groups could partner to benefit area businesses. After identifying a need for educational opportunities for businesses, the group developed the F.U.N.D.S. series.

"Everything fell into place very easily. This is a partnership that you dream about," said Angela Netherland McBride, PR and Development Specialist for the Greater Linden Development Corporation. "The SBDC has access to excellent speakers - including their own employees. The Linden Library is a great venue and offers so many resources for businesses. Both GLBN and GLDC have direct access to the area's businesses and took the lead on promoting the classes and seeking input on training topics."

Since the first F.U.N.D.S. class was held on March 21, 2003 more than 100 attendees have attended six sessions. Topics for the sessions have included conducting market research, financing a small business, business promotion/publicity and avoiding legal woes. Each session is a "stand-

alone" class, allowing busy small business people to select those classes that are most applicable to their needs.

Each session concludes with a question and answer period; giving attendees an opportunity to get specific questions answered without paying consultation fees. Many budget conscious small business owners consider this to be the highlight of the evening.

"The presentations are filled with information for making your business more effective and more profitable," said GLBN member Sara Boothe of MSB Service Plans. "You cannot put a price on the information you can gather at these classes. In addition, business people are always looking for networking opportunities and these seminars provide that too."

All business people and prospective business owners are invited to attend the free F.U.N.D.S. classes. After taking a summer break, the class series will resume at 5:30p on Monday, September 20 when banker Jerome Jones will speak about commercial lending in relation to small businesses. The session will be held at the Linden Library, 2223 Cleveland Avenue. If you would like to attend this free class, you must reserve your spot by calling the SBDC's Shanda Harris at 614.225.6910. Classes fill up quickly, so sign up soon!

You are also invited to suggest topics and/or speakers for upcoming meetings. If you have a suggestion, please contact Mike LeHoty at mike@greaterlinden.org or 614.263.2492.



Entrepreneurs take advantage of free classes.

Classified Job Listings

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Help Wanted Executive Assistant – Clergy

Seeking full-time, primary support for two rabbis at East Side synagogue. Position requires excellent communication, multi-tasking, strong computer and organizational skills. Requires initiative for prioritizing responsibilities, short and long-term projects, and teamwork with other support staff. Assistant is expected to maintain highest professional standards and confidentiality

Responsibilities include the clergy calendars; correspondence; liaison for life-cycle events; support for synagogue committees on behalf of the clergy; and responding to congregants' inquiries.

Hours, M-Th, 9-5; F - 9-4. Good benefits. Email resume, references and salary history to etenenbaum@templeisrael.org.

RECRUITER

Excellent opportunity available for an energetic, detail oriented self-starter to recruit nurses, STNA's, and ancillary staff for Columbus area skilled nursing and assisted living center.

Position involves generating & screening applicants, building applicant base, networking to attract qualified team players. Requires associates degree, 1-3 years exp., ability to multi-task, good organizational & communication skills.

Forward resume w/salary history to:

fax: 614.451.0351
or email: mnelson@ncr.org
or mail: National Church Residences
Attn:HR-Nelson
2335 North Bank Drive
Columbus, OH 43220

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- Qualifications:**
- 18 years or older
 - Must be able to lift 50 lbs
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Apply Today

Grove City Hub
6129 South Mainway Dr.
Grove City, OH 43123
(614) 971-9070

OSU Employment Office
8 E. 17th Avenue
Columbus, OH 43261
(614) 221-6421

Division: 1710 to End of
(Columbus Campus) RT
Then left at end of ramp, right
at STOP sign.

Division: Corner of E. 17th
and W. High Street. Access
between Green Leases.

Mon-Thurs: 9:00am-4:30pm
Fri: 10:00am-2:00pm

Applications are completed on...

Hiring for Five Shifts

- Day: 1:30 p.m., Monday-Friday (\$9.50/hr)
 - Night: 6:30 p.m., Monday-Friday (\$9.50/hr)
 - Midnight: 11:30 p.m., Monday-Friday (\$11.00/hr)
 - Evening: 4:30 a.m., Tuesday-Saturday (\$11.00/hr)
 - Weekend: 7:00 a.m., Tuesday-Saturday (\$11.00/hr)
- All shifts are 7 1/2 to 5 hours per day, five days per week.

Women and minorities are encouraged to join the team.



Business Resource Guide

Better Business Bureau of Central Ohio
1335 Dublin Rd. Ste. 30A, 43215
800.759.2400/614.486.6336
www.columbus-ohbbb.org

Columbus Compact Corporation
Engine House 11
1000 E. Main St. 43205
Contact: Jim Grant 614.251.0926
www.colscompact.com
jgrant@colscompact.com

Chamber of Commerce
37 N High St. 43215
614-221-1321/800.950.1321
www.columbus-chamber.org

City of Columbus
Equal Business Opportunity Commission
614.645-4764

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

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

E. Fifth Avenue Business Association
Donald Love, President
S.O.U.L., CDC
3147 E. Fifth Ave, 43219
614.231-9150
e-mail: d1.love@att.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 3'd 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://GHDC.tripod.com>
Board of Trustees meets 2nd Thursday, 5:30p

Greater Linden Development Corp.
Ronald Dozier, Executive Director
2572 Cleveland Ave, 43211
614.263.2492
info@greaterlinden.org
www.greaterlinden.org

Hilltop Business Association
Barbara Lowry, President
P.O. Box 44217, 43204
614.527.6829
General meeting the 2nd Wednesday, 5:30p at various locations.

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

The Livingston Avenue Collaborative For Community Development
Contact:
1376 E. Livingston Ave, 43205
614.257.1376
LACCDoffice@aol.com
www.Neighborhoodlink.com/columbus/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
823 1/2 East Long St, Suite 200, 43203
lsba@alink.com
Contact: Anne J. Ross-Womack
614.251.6038

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1492 E Broad St, lower level
President: Melvin Steward
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Meets 3rd Wednesday, 11a

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

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www.shortnorth.org
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Pasquale Grado, Executive Director
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Finance

Columbus Foundation Donates to Heritage District Festival Series

This year the Compact again awarded grant dollars to support five festivals throughout The Heritage Districts, with monies from The Heritage District Festivals Fund and with a donation by the Columbus Foundation. A total of \$35,000 dollars is being distributed to five festivals. The awardees include: The Heritage Concert Series at The King Arts Complex, Old Oak's Boulevard Bash, Hot Times in Olde Town, Via Colori in the Short North, and Linden Operation Pride Parade & Festival.

The Heritage District Festival Fund was created to help market Columbus's historic neighborhoods and their strengths. It is hoped that the collective success of these festivals will create a group festival package that will attract other grant funding and corporate sponsors.

Awardees were determined based on several criteria: being of large enough scope to attract not only the neighbors close by, but also draw the attention of people outside their community; festival history and importance to the community; and future self-sustainability. Only five festivals were selected so as not to dilute the money to such a level that it made no impact on marketing the neighborhoods.

The Columbus Foundation granted \$10,000 of the award pot that is to be used strictly for marketing the events. The remaining \$25,000 came from the Compact's Heritage Festival Fund.

Awards for the festivals are as follows: The Heritage Concert Series at The King Arts Complex, \$8,500; Old Oak's Boulevard Bash, \$4,000; Hot Times in Olde Town \$13,000; Via Colori in the Short North, \$4,000; and Linden Operation Pride Parade & Festival, \$4,000.

Each festival has a unique flavor that really shows the diverse heritage of our neighborhoods.

1. The Heritage Concert Series (July 8-August 12) is a series of 6 free jazz concerts, Thursday evenings, in Mayme Moore Park next to the King Arts Complex. People from all over town come to relax with friends and family, picnic and enjoy great music. 6 years strong now, the 2004 series continues its heritage of exceptional talent, showcasing Urban Jazz Coalition, C/O Hot Boyz, James Gaiters, A Tribute to Hank Marr, Jimmie McGhee and Conspiracy.

2. The Old Oaks Boulevard Bash (July 24) is a revival festival from an area event popular in the '60s and '70s. In its third year now, the Bash drew people from all over Columbus for a day of great entertainment, delicious food, creative and educational events and lots of fun. Last year's highlights include a program from the Columbus Zoo, the dunk tank, Smacky's BBQ, local firefighters and live local musical groups.

3. The Hot Times Community Music and Art Festival (September 10-12) is a weekend long celebration where the whole community can

gather to celebrate peace, harmony, community unity, friends, family and the Arts.

4. Linden Operation Pride Parade and Festival (September 17-18), commences with a Friday night "Evening of Excellence" Dinner, honoring organizations dedicated to meeting the community's needs. Saturday, then, is the Annual Linden Parade and Festival. The parade starts at Linden McKinley High School and ends up at St Stephens for a festival featuring a 3-on-3 Youth Basketball Tournament, Children's Area and different vendors.

5. The Via Colori Festival (September 25-26) is a street painting festival based on the centuries-old form of chalking images and artwork in the courtyards of cathedrals in renaissance Italy. A once-in-a-life-time-opening on I-670 in the Short North last year launched this festival, where 100 artists donated their time and talent to create a tapestry of original art. Attendees also enjoyed fine food and beverages, live music and entertainment, a children's area and a romantic evening luminaria!

The Columbus Foundation is the center for charitable giving. They are the community's permanent endowment, enabling central Ohioans from all walks of life to improve the communities they care about through charitable giving.

For more information:

www.columbusfoundation.org

Neighborhood Grant Recipients Gear Up For Their Summer Events

Organizations that have projects that allow neighborhood residents to come together and collaborate, get youth involved, and make an overall difference in their neighborhoods are eligible for a Neighborhood Grant from the Columbus Compact Corporation.

EZ neighborhood grants are flexible sources of funding that can be used to equip playgrounds, sponsor street fairs, publish newsletters, fund clean-ups, and hundreds of other ideas coming from grass root participation. The maximum award grant is \$3000.

All applicants are highly encouraged to contact their Area Commission or Civic Association to determine if the project is compatible with neighborhood priorities prior to submitting an application to the Compact. Applicants are also encouraged to read the application and budget materials thoroughly prior to completion. Technical assistance is available to answer questions related to completing the application.

If your organization is interested in applying for a grant during 2004 call 251-0926 for an application packet. For more detailed information about the Neighborhood Grant program contact Steven Waller (swaller@colcompact.com) or Lita Thomas (litathomas@colcompact.com). Copies of the application materials are available on the Compact's website at www.colcompact.com

With this round of funding, 23 different organizations were awarded a total of \$65,100 in grants toward their goals of helping make the communities better.

The Columbus Compact is already taking applications for the 2004 Fall round of Neighborhood Grants. The deadline for submission is August 20th, 5p. Please see chart above for timeline for awarding applicants.

The Spring 2004 Neighborhood Grant Awardees are:

Grant Proposals Due (by 5:00p)	Internal Review	Distributed to Area Commissions	Review Committee Meets	Awardees Notified	Contractors' Orientation Meeting	Award Date
August 20	August 26	September 3	September 17	September 20	September 24	October 1
Alkebulan, Inc. Juneteenth Celebration \$3,000		Franklinton Neighborhood Watch National Nite Out \$2,000		Shepherd Community Association Annual Community Family Day \$3,000		
AmerCrest Improvement Group Community Garden \$3,000		Greater Linden Development Corporation Blockwatch/Blockwalk \$2,200		St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church Rock on the Block \$3,000		
Argyle Park Civic Association Newsletter \$3,000		Jewels, Inc. A Day of Wellness \$3,000		TAKE/ABC Summer Basketball & Fitness Camp \$2,600		
Buckeye Military Academy Buckeye Military Academy Corps \$3,000		Linden Youth Association Linden Eagles \$2,606		Word in the Hood Thirteenth Avenue Beautification \$3,000		
Changing Pathways 7th Annual Day of Hope \$3,000		Milo Grogan Revitalization Weed-Be-Gone/Youth Activities \$3,000		Mt. Vernon Eastside Tigers Cheerleading/Football Program \$3,000		
Community Properties CPO Resident Appreciation Day \$2,694		Mt. Vernon District Improvement Association Urban Community Awards and Banquet \$3,000		Neighborhood House CHDO Building A Healthy Community \$3,000		
Family Initiatives Summer Fitness Challenge II \$3,000		Fellowship of Christian Athletes Sports Camp \$2,000		SBC Project Excellence Summer Academy \$3,000		
Fountain of Hope Cultural Experience \$3,000				<i>Fall Deferrals</i> Inner City Performing Arts Conservatory Creating Writing Enhancing Education \$3,000		

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The Civic Center offers computer-training classes along with a variety of other courses. Please call the Civic Center at 614.253.9388 to sign up for our 10a, Tuesday, August 24, 2004 orientation.

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Neighborhood Life

Picnic in the Park to Celebrate Eight Years of Fun for the Entire Family

by Bobbie Shkolnik, Jewish Family Services

Jewish Family Services is celebrating the eighth annual Picnic in the Park on Sunday, June 27, from 11a to 4p on the front lawn of St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 East Broad Street.

"Celebrating Picnic in the Park is about celebrating families," said co-chair Karen Shore Meyer. "This fundraising event for Jewish Family Services falls directly in line with the JFS mission of 'strengthening families and individuals.' Families have a day to be together in a relaxing, fun environment with each other and their friends."

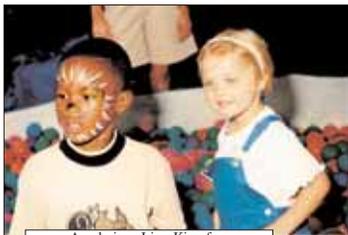
Activities and attractions at the June 27 event include carnival rides, face painting, caricatures, a climbing wall, a visit with farm animals, COSI, horse carriage rides, the

Columbus Blue Jackets speed hockey inflatable, old-fashioned family games, hair painting, Gymboree, roaming Disney characters, family activities for little ones, the Columbus Crew soccer inflatable, a wildlife display, trackless train, merry-go-round, a funhouse and a frog bounce.

Throughout the day, The Pact and Rabbi Cary Kozberg's band, will offer musical entertainment. In addition, there will be special performances by Mark Camden with Native American Flutes and the Short Stop Center Drum and Dance from Directions for Youth and Families. Catering by Scott will provide the food and refreshments for sale.

"Picnic in the Park has become a summer event like Bexley's Summerfest and St. Catherine's Fun Fest," stated Kathy Shkolnik. "More and more people in both the Jewish and general Columbus communities remember the event from the previous year and look forward to attending. This year we expect more than 3,000 people to participate in the festivities."

With more than 40 activities and attractions lined up for the event, Picnic in the Park requires at least 100 volunteers. Volunteers are needed for the fol-



An obvious Lion King fan.



Balloon for the pretty lady.

lowing shifts: 10:30a to 1:30p and 1:15p to 4:00p. All volunteers will receive a Picnic in the Park t-shirt and four free tickets for family members or friends.

Following the tear down of Picnic in the Park, volunteers will enjoy a party with free food and beverages at 5:30p

"We are so pleased with the generous corpo-

rate support we have seen this year for Picnic in the Park," commented Meyer. "For some of the corporate sponsors, this is the first time their businesses have been involved with Jewish Family Services."

Lead Sponsors for this year's program are Bob Evans, Jon and Susan Diamond Family, The Glimcher Co., Limited Brands, MI Homes and Saks Fifth Avenue. Gold Sponsors include AEP; Archer-Meek-Weiler Agency; Giant Eagle Foundation; Hummel Title Agency; Nacht, Hilbrands, Rackoff Family Funds; Smith Barney, a division of Citigroup Global Markets, Inc.; and Smoot Construction Company. Silver Sponsors include Abercrombie & Fitch; Barkan & Neff; Chase Home Finance; Drew Shoe Company; Ernst & Young; Fifth Third Bank; Germain Motor Company; Sue and Al Harmon; Nationwide Insurance; NBC 4; OSU Hospitals East; Plaza Properties; Roslovic Partners; Too, Inc.; Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease; White Castle Management Company; and Worly Plumbing Supply.

Tickets for Picnic in the Park can be purchased in advance or at the gate. Adult tickets cost \$5; children 13 and under and adults over 75 are admitted free.

For more information about Picnic in the Park or to purchase tickets, call Jewish Family Services 614.231.1890. To volunteer, call Volunteer Co-Chairs Marc Fishel 614.237.7042 or Susan Alexander 614.888.7575 or Bobbie Shkolnik at Jewish Family Services 614.559.0105.

Summer Heat No Match for 2004 Election Campaigns;

As the summer progressively gets hotter, so will the political campaigns. With candidates already filling up commercial slots and shaking hands across the country, this year will prove to be one of the most heated and scrutinized elections in history.

With the controversy of the 2000 presidential elections, the war in Iraq, rising gas prices, unemployment, GLBT equal rights, the deficit and homeland security, people have plenty of issues to care about, and so, are getting involved early and loudly to be heard and persuade.

Massive voter registration campaigns are taking place across the country by groups like Rock the Vote, Freedom's Answer, America Coming Together, Black Youth Vote, and Project Vote, to name a few, all with the same goal of getting more people to the polls and a better understanding of the nation as a whole. For a more comprehensive list go to:

<http://www.enterprisefoundation.org/resources/policyinfo/VoterRegistrationCampaigns.htm>

Each year in America there are over 80,000 elections, the most important of which is the national election for President, held every four years. The process for a national election lasts nearly a year, taking up 25% of the standing president's time in power.

What's unique about the Presidential election is that the Electoral College ultimately decides the winner of the presidency, not the popular vote. This indirect system of voting which was originally set up to ensure a system of checks and balances for our government, and while there are very few examples of the Electoral College going against the popular vote, know that it is possible for a candidate to win the popular vote but not the presidency because of the way the Electoral College is set up. The 2000 general election is a clear example of this. The popular vote for Al Gore was 50,996,116 while George Bush retained 50,456,169 of the popular vote. President Bush won the election in the Electoral College with a total of 271 delegates, while Al Gore had only 266.

If you feel like your vote doesn't matter, try not to think of it on a national level, but a local one. A candidate that wins the popular vote in a state wins that state's Electoral Votes. Ohio is one of the major swing states for any election because we carry 20 Electoral Votes. Florida is, too, with 27 votes. Gore lost Ohio by less than 5% of the vote, while closer

still, he lost Florida by fewer than 600 votes. Had Gore won either state, he would have won the election. A mere 600 votes determined the victor. Both states demonstrate just how much every single vote really does count.

Don't miss out on your chance to take a stand this year. Register if you need to or update your existing registration and exercise your right to vote.

You are qualified to vote if you are a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old on the day of the election and have been a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days before the election.

You can register at any county Board of Elections, the Secretary of State's office, any public high school or vocational school or college, at the offices of designated agencies which provide public assistance or disability programs, public libraries, County Treasurer's office, or by mail. You may request a registration form from a Board of Elections or the Secretary of State's office by mail, telephone, in person or by having another person obtain it for you.

After completing the form, return it to the Board of Elections or Secretary of State's office by mail. Mailed registration forms sent to a county Board of Elections or the Secretary of State's office must be postmarked 30 days before an election to be valid for the election.

Registration forms not mailed in must be received by a Board of Elections, the Secretary of State's office, office of any Bureau of Motor Vehicles or designated agencies 30 days before an election to be valid for the election. You will be notified by mail, from the Board of Elections, of your new polling place. Please allow four weeks for the notification. Registration Closes for the November 2, 2004 General Election on October 4, 2004.

You can check to see if you are registered or where your polling place is by logging on to the Board of Election's website or by calling:

Franklin County Board of Elections
280 E. Broad St., 1st floor
Columbus, OH 43215-4572

Office Hours: 8:00a - 5:00p (Monday thru Friday)

Telephone: .614.462.3100 / Fax: .614.462.3489

Email: boe@co.franklin.oh.us

Web site: www.co.franklin.oh.us/boe



Summer Reading Fun at the Franklinton Branch Library

Dive Into Books this summer at the Franklinton Branch Library, 1061 West Town Street. No matter what your age, there is a summer reading program for you. Summer Reading Club fun begins Saturday, June 12 and ends August 7.

Dive Into Books for children 11 years and younger, **Teens-Connect** for teens 12-17 and the **Adult Summer Reading Club** for adults 18 years & older. Read,

earn prizes and drop by the Franklinton Branch Library for one of these cool summer programs.

During June & July enter the **"Guess How Many Fish" contest**. Guess the number of fish crackers at the circulation desk—best guess wins a jar full of fish crackers. Check out a book to get an entry blank. No limit.

ATTENTION: Parents & Caregivers. Sign your child up

for **Dive Into Books** starting June 12th and be entered into a raffle drawing to win free family passes to the **Columbus Zoo**. See Franklinton Branch for details.

Adult Summer Reading Club begins 6/12 -8/7. Weekly drawings, great prizes. Grand prize book: **The Da Vinci Code**. Sign up to win.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		June 23 3pm TEENS 11-17. Teen Yoga. Learn yoga basics, bring a friend.	June 24 3pm. Ages 6 & up. Meet Civil War Soldier, Neil Hamilton.
June 28 3pm. Ages 6 & up. Indian Dance with Sultana Nahar	June 29 3pm. Ages 8 & up. Captain Underpants Party. Tra-La-Laaa!	June 30 3pm. Ages 5-12. Slippery Science.	July 1 1pm. All ages. Fine Read Day. Read to earn \$8 credit towards fines. 3pm TEENS 11-17. Teen Game Day. Board games, cards, music & snacks
	July 6 3pm. TEENS 11-17. Bodacious Beads. Get creative with beads, bring a friend.	July 7 3pm. All ages. The Marvelous Toy, Marc Rossio. Music & dance. 6pm. All ages. Family Reading Celebration Great books, music & games.	July 8 3pm. Ages 5-11. In Cold Blood. Hoover Park Y brings live reptiles.
July 12 3pm. All ages. Kathy Piper's puppets present Pinocchio.	July 13 1pm. All ages. Fine Read Day. Earn \$8 towards library card fines. 3pm. Ages 7 & up Tropical Island Fun. Hula & limbo.	July 14 3pm. Ages 7 & up. Paper Weaving.	July 15 3pm. Ages 10-15. Calligraphy. Learn the art of fancy lettering.
July 19 3pm. Ages 6 & up. Hat Parade. Listen to hat stories and make a paper hat!	July 20 3pm. TEENS 11-17. Teens Knit! Learn about knitting, raw wool & cool things you can make.	Wednesday, July 21 3pm. All ages. Storytelling with the Wittman's.	Thursday, July 22 3pm. Ages 6 & up. String Story Fun. Listen to great stories & tell one using string.
July 26 3pm. All ages. Hangin' Out with the Queen of Fun, Mimi Chenfeld.	July 27 3pm. Ages 8 & up. Harry Potter Mania.	July 28 1pm. All ages. Fine Read Day. Read for an hour, earn \$8 credit towards library fines.	July 29 3pm. All ages. Waterworks. Lyn Ford tells water related folktales from around the world.
August, 2 All day. Check out the activity center in the children's area. Puzzles, Games, Coloring Sheets.	August, 3 3pm. Ages 7 & up. Pipe Cleaner and Straw Art. Create Crazy sculptures.	August 4 3pm. TEENS 11-17. Marshmallow Madness. Build the tallest marshmallow tower.	



Wednesdays on the Porch kicked off at the Home of Bill Seilof at 677 Wilson Avenue. This is the 4th year of these casual neighborhood get-togethers.

Other News - Resident Wayne LaFaber was recently awarded the Columbus Landmarks Foundation Award for Outstanding Individual of the Year 2003 for his efforts to save and move two homes slated for demolition into the Old Oaks Historic District. Councilman Richard Sensenbrenner also presented Wayne a special recognition on behalf of IKCO (1000 Friends of Central Ohio) for his outstanding work and terrific example of how Smart Growth can benefit the Central Core City.

Old Oaks 3rd Annual Boulevard Blast is planned to rock the neighborhood Saturday, July 24th, from 1p - 7p. As in the past, this years community-wide block party will feature live music and entertainment, children's activities and great food. Thanks to a special grant from the GCAC Greater Columbus Arts Council), this year's party will have a unique focus on bringing the arts into the lives of children. The event is sponsored by the Old Oaks Civic Association.

If you would like further information about volunteering or attending, please contact Old Oaks Secretary Jody Dully at 614.258.2327.



It's a Blast Finding Nemo

King Arts Complex to Begin Annual Summer Heritage Concert Series



The Heritage Concert Series in Beatty Pavilion at Mayme Moore Park has become a summer tradition in Columbus' Near East Heritage District. Presented by The King Arts Complex, the 2004 concerts are on Thursday evenings, July 8 through

August 12th (see line up below). With major sponsorship from Bank One, all six concerts are free and open to the public. Friends of Hank Marr, performing a musical tribute to him on July 29th, highlight this year's series.

Through powerful performances, exhibits and educational programs, The King Arts Complex has become a model institution for the preservation of African American art, history and culture. The Complex provides a full season of dance, drama, poetry, visual art and children's programs, reaching an estimated 36,000 people annually. The King Arts Complex recognizes the following support agencies: Greater Columbus Arts Council, Ohio Arts Council, The Columbus Foundation, National City, Nationwide, Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc. and Limited Brands.

For more information call 614.645.0632. Mayme Moore Park is located at the intersection of Mt Vernon Ave and Martin Luther King Blvd.

6th Annual Heritage Concert Series

Mayme Moore Park
(adjacent to The King Arts Complex)

All concerts begin at 7p

Thursday, July 8
Urban Jazz Coalition

Thursday, July 15
C/O Hot Boyz

Thursday, July 22
James Gaiters

Thursday, July 29
A Tribute to Hank Marr

Thursday, August 5
Jimmie McGhee

Thursday, August 12
Conspiracy

Community Joins Hands to Make Milo-Grogan Sparkle

by Christine Foster, Milo-Grogan Revitalization Corporation's *THE INSIDE TRACK*

The helping spirit was alive this weekend when the Milo-Grogan Revitalization Corporation hosted its fourth annual Community Cleanup and Family Festival. The theme of this year's cleanup was *Joining Hands: Working Together to Build a Stronger Community*. The volunteers for the day did just that. With help from residents, Milo-Grogan Area Commissioners, Faith on 8th, Milo-Grogan clergy, Milo-Grogan Business Association, Faith Mission on 6th Street, staff, residents and children from the Boys and Girls Club, students from the Ohio State University, and many others, as well as Milo-Grogan Revitalization Corporation staff, these volunteers took to the streets in their brilliant green tee-shirts to spread the message that spring has arrived and it was time to take some action.

Arriving in the early morning at the Timken site on Cleveland Avenue, volunteers were greeted with gorgeous weather and a delicious breakfast. After registration, safety training, and getting the layout of the land, crews were formed to set out into the community. Armed with trash bags, rakes, safety vests, brooms and grabbers, the volunteers, young and old, canvassed the community from track to track, making Milo-Grogan gleam with cleanliness and community pride.

From these volunteers, a very special crew was developed to distribute the first ever newspaper specifically aimed at the Milo-Grogan community. *THE INSIDE TRACK* is a monthly publication, developed by the Milo-Grogan Revitalization Corporation to link the residents, businesses and clergy in Milo-Grogan to their own community, as well as outlying areas, with an effective communication outlet. Featuring

community meeting times, local activities, important services, inspirational thoughts, stories highlighting several members of the Milo-Grogan community, and other valuable information, *THE INSIDE TRACK* was delivered door-to-door throughout the area. Not only was the



Milo-Grogan trash clean-up no small task

paper delivered directly to residents of Milo-Grogan, but it was also made available in all churches and businesses throughout the community.

After a long morning of beautifying the community, the teams returned to the Timken site to the smell of barbeque and the sound of music in the air. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and barbeque chicken prepared by residents and Milo-Grogan Revitalization Corporation staff filled

everyone's plates. Children from the Milo-Grogan Boys and Girls Club rode their bicycles, played games, and painted masks with a renowned local artist, Pat Durkin. Information was distributed about the Red Cross and several programs they offer, as well as, information on other community programs. Voter registration was also a priority for the day.

The cleanup was a definite success. The Milo-Grogan Revitalization would like to thank everyone that participated, as well as, those who offered special donations including, Pepsi Cola, Clark Grave Vault, White Castle, Mid-Ohio Food Bank, Rallys, Auddinos Italian Bakery, the Columbus Compact, Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church, Fifth-Third Bank, Pure Environmental Products, Coca Cola, Giant Eagle, the Red Cross, Central Ohio Transit Authority, AA Rental, Tony's Tee-Shirt Warehouse, Conn's Potato Chips, the Inkwell, St. Stevens, Trinity Baptist Church, Higher Ground Always Abounding Assemblies, the Milo-Grogan Business Association, Faith Mission, the Milo-Grogan Area Commission, the Milo-Grogan Resource Center and the Willing Workers Association. The day would not have been so full of smiles and full tummies without them.

Just in time for spring, the Milo-Grogan community can now be seen from track to track welcoming a cleaner, friendlier and safer neighborhood to live, work and play.

For more information on revitalization efforts in the area, or to see what you can do to help, contact the Milo-Grogan Community Coordinator, Rose Merry Prater, at the Milo-Grogan Revitalization Corporation's office at 614.299.4883 or mgrc@sbcglobal.net.

Forecast: Humidity and Heat Drive Record Numbers to Pools

With reports indicating a record hot and balmy summer, it's a good bet you'll be heading to the pool to cool down more than a few times this season. Your air conditioner and electric bill will both need the break.

The Columbus Department of Parks and Recreation have 12 different pools for you splash around in. Below is a listing, as well as, general rules for all facilities. Remember kids, there's no P in Pool.

2004 COLUMBUS SUMMER SWIMMING POOL SCHEDULE

Schedule and prices are subject to change

All pools are open 1:30p to 6:30p daily.

All Pools will be Closed on July 4th.

\$1.00 (QUARTERS REQUIRED)

POOL	ADDRESS	PHONE
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Blackburn	263 Carpenter Street	645-3071
Dodge	545 Sullivant Avenue	645-7365
Fairwood	1392 Fairwood Avenue	645-3110
Glenwood	1925 West Broad Street	645-3281
Lincoln	1700 Ann Street	645-3058
Liv-Moor	3366 Deshler Avenue	645-7771
Marion-Franklin	2699 Lockbourne Road	645-3161
Maryland	1380 Atcheson	645-3063
Tuttle	240 West Oakland Avenue	645-3603
Windsor	1300 Windsor Avenue	645-3607

O'Shaughnessy Boating Program 9610 Riverside Drive 645-3232

Anyone 6 years and older will be required to have a Columbus Recreation & Parks Department Leisure Card. These cards cost \$1 and can be purchased at various Recreation Facilities throughout the City. You must have proof of identification, either a birth certificate, social security card or driver's license to obtain a Leisure Card. If you have any questions regarding the Leisure Card, please call any of our pools.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

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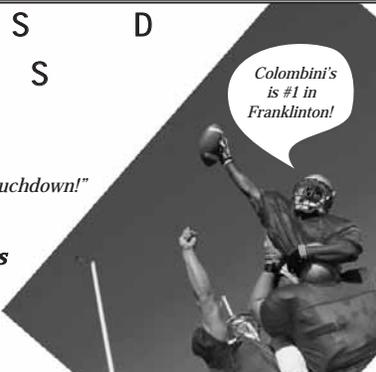
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Driving Park Area Commission
Hope Lutheran Church
820 Lilley Ave
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1061 W Town St
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Chair: Helen Evans 614.274.8967

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Franklin Park Conservatory
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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
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Chair: Steve Hurr 614.299.9028

King-Lincoln Bronzeville
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Tried Stone Missionary Baptist Church
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Mount Vernon Avenue District
Improvement Association
University Hospital East
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Center
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Chair: Sharon Young 614.294.5113

Lead, Still A Threat To Columbus Children

by Troy Romine, Dorothy McDonald and Pamela Eash and staff from the Columbus Health Department Lead Program

Dirt on your children's hands could be hazardous to their health. So could dust on your window sills, that is, if that dirt or dust contains lead.

Lead is a metal that was used in paint, gasoline and other household items for years. Although lead was known to be toxic to young children for years, it wasn't until the 1970's that it was taken out of paint and gasoline. Yet even after 30 years, lead remains a threat to children today.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 430,000 children in the United States are victims of lead poisoning. With a large number of pre-1950's housing containing lead based paint, Ohio and other Midwestern states have the highest number of new cases in the nation of lead poisoning each year.

Lead can build up to very high levels in a child's body before symptoms are noticed. Prevention and early screening are the ways to keep Columbus children safe. This is important since recent studies have shown that even low levels of lead can cause problems such as decreased IQ and behavioral problems. This in return may cause problems in school, especially in reading and math. Higher levels may cause damage to vital organs and in rare cases, seizures, coma and death.

The summer months are particularly dangerous according to Pam Young, a nurse with the Columbus Health Department Lead Program. "Children are playing outside more, often in soil around the house, and people are frequently

opening and closing their windows, creating large amounts of lead dust," Young said. However, there are several things that parents can do to keep their children safe.

Parents are urged to wash children's hands after play, before eating and prior to naps and



bedtime. This can prevent lead from entering the body from lead contaminated soil and dust. It is also recommended that toys, pacifiers and teething rings be washed frequently to prevent poisoning. Young also stated, "many people overlook the importance of a healthy diet in preventing lead poisoning. A reduced fat diet, high in calcium and iron can prevent a child from absorbing lead that may be taken in by the body." Cleaning up those often-overlooked dusty spots can also go a long way in preven-

tion.

Since old windows painted with lead based paint are a major cause of lead dust, windows and sills should be washed with soap and water often. Damp dusting and mopping floors are important steps to take in reducing lead dust in the home. It is also important to keep children away from chipping and peeling paint. In addition, covering the bare areas in the yard with mulch or topsoil would be helpful in reducing direct contact with lead in soil.

Homeowners can paint over old paint to keep it from chipping. However, removal of lead based paint is not a do it yourself project. Improper scraping can cause higher lead dust levels. Only a professional trained in lead removal should remove lead based paint.

If you have a child younger than 6 that lives in or frequently visits a home built before 1978, they should be tested for lead poisoning. Your child should be tested at their 12 and 24 month checkups by your doctor or at any age before 6 if not previously tested. Any child receiving Medicaid, Healthy Start or

CareSource are required by law to be tested. WIC does not test for lead. The finger stick in their office is checking iron levels only. The Columbus Health Department offers FREE lead testing for children 6 months to 6 years every 2nd Thursday of the month from 11am-3pm and every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 3pm-7pm at their Parsons Avenue location. No appointment is necessary. For more information contact the Columbus Health Department Lead Program at 614.724.6000.

Daily Eye Drops May Hold Key to Glaucoma Prevention

Glaucoma, a leading cause of blindness, may be delayed or prevented in high-risk African Americans with daily eye drops.

The findings, published in this month's issue of the Archives of Ophthalmology, also draw attention to the need for African Americans, beginning at age 40, to receive periodic eye exams to detect signs of the disease.

Although glaucoma has no early symptoms, it insidiously can lead to vision problems. The disease is caused by increased pressure inside the eye that builds up over time and damages the optic nerve, eventually causing blindness if not treated.

The study is the first large-scale and long-term analysis that shows the benefit of eye drops that lower intraocular pressure in delaying or preventing the disease, particularly in African Americans, according to Dr. Paul Weber, a principal investigator of the study.

"We now have data that demonstrates the significant difference in outcome that eye drops can make," said Weber, who chairs The Ohio State University Medical Center's Department of Ophthalmology. In the study, researchers found eye drops reduced the development of primary open-angle glaucoma in African Americans by nearly 50 percent.

The study initially followed approximately 1,600 people with elevated eye pressure. The group included 408 African Americans between

the ages of 40 and 80 who had elevated eye pressure, but no signs of glaucoma. Half of the 408 were assigned daily pressure-lowering eye drops and the other half received no eye drops or other medical intervention.



In the group that received medication, the number of African Americans developing glaucoma was reduced by almost half: 8.4 percent compared to 16.1 percent who developed glaucoma in the group that received no medical intervention.

Results of the study do not imply that every African American with high eye pressure

requires treatment, according to Dr. Eve Higginbotham, chair of the University of Maryland Medical Center's Department of Ophthalmology and an author of the study. She said extent of eye damage, and the patient's general health, are among factors to be considered before prescribing treatment.

Blacks are more than three times as likely as whites to acquire glaucoma. Family history, earlier onset of the disease as compared to other races, and economic and social barriers can contribute to increased prevalence of the disease in African Americans.

Increased eye pressure inside the eye is often associated with open-angle glaucoma. As clear fluid flows in and out of a chamber near the front of the eye, it nourishes the nearby tissues. A buildup of fluid and pressure occurs when the fluid passes too slowly through the chamber.

The Ocular Hypertension Treatment Study was funded by the National Eye Institute and the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities. Both are components of the National Institutes of Health.

The study was supported by Research to Prevent Blindness and Merck Research Laboratories. Although Merck is a manufacturer of eye drops, researchers at the 22 study sites were not limited to using specific medications.

For More Info Contact: David Crawford, Medical Center Communications, 614-293-3737, or crawford.1@osu.edu.



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MORPC Continues to Help First-Time Homebuyers Achieve Their Dreams

First-time homebuyers may qualify for down payment assistance and MORPC is determined to teach them how. In the last issue of *EZ News*, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) outlined the HUD-certified Homeownership Counseling program (see www.colcompact.com/e2news). Other free classes are offered to income-eligible, first-time homebuyers by MORPC's Housing Department staff, to teach participants the secrets behind successful, lifetime homeownership.

This segment highlights MORPC's Down-Payment Assistance programs. These programs can make it possible for individuals with a lower income to own a home.



MORPC and 5/3 Bank Partnership: Up to \$4,500 is available for first-time homebuyers, towards the down payment and closing costs.

Requirements:

- After qualifying for the down-payment assistance, and living in the residence for five years, the loan is forgiven. Note: If less than five years, the entire amount received must be paid back.
- Applicants must be income-eligible (call Tonya at 614.233.4181 for guidelines), and first-time homebuyers.
- All loans must be processed through Fifth Third Bank.
- Homes can be in the Empowerment Zone.
- Applicants must complete MORPC's free Homeownership Counseling program which includes:
 - Understanding Your Credit
 - Budget/Money Management
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 - Predatory Lending
 - Hands-On Maintenance
 - One-on-One Counseling

MORPC and Household Finance Partnership Buyers can qualify for up to \$1,500 towards the down payment and/or closing costs.

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- 80% area median income guidelines are used (this includes income for everyone 18+ who is employed, child support, social security, social security disability, etc.).
- Funds can be joined with city of Columbus and/or other down-payment programs willing to partner.
- Clients cannot receive cash back, but additional funds can be used to reduce the principal.
- You must have at least one one-on-one counseling session with a MORPC counselor.
- You will agree to attend post-purchase counseling (information will be provided by MORPC).



MORPC and TANF Partnership: Qualified buyers are eligible to receive up to \$2,550 (not to exceed 3% of the purchase price). This program is for very low-income households with at least one dependent.

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- Buyers will sign a Mortgage and Promissory note for the down payment assistance received. The mortgage will have no payments and no interest. If buyer lives in the home for six years, the loan will be forgiven.
 - Buyers cannot receive cash back.
 - Buyers must show an investment of at least five dollars toward the purchase of their home before closing (home inspection, home insurance, appraisal fee, or other).
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 - Buyers will agree to attend MORPC's free post-purchasing counseling (three classes at least six months after you close on your home).
- MORPC wants to help buyers realize their dreams of owning a home. For more information call Tonya at 614-233-4181, or visit us at www.morpc.org.

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the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the NCLRT Project, making the project the most competitive to receive federal funding. The FTA would provide 50 percent of the project's cost with the Ohio Department of Transportation providing 25 percent of the project's cost. The remaining 25 percent needs to be locally funded.

The NCLRT Project will not only increase mobility in the North Corridor, but also will spur economic development in central Ohio. Other cities have experienced significant economic development around light rail corridors. In Dallas, \$800 million in development has occurred since the opening of a light rail line in 1996. Property values near Dallas' light rail stations have increased 25 percent faster than comparable properties not served by rail. In Portland, OR, over \$825 million has been invested in residential and commercial development including, 8,500 housing units within walking distance of Portland's Max Blue Line since opening in September of 1998.

Light rail and expanded bus service can play an important role as central Ohio faces the challenges that come with growth, an aging trans-

portation infrastructure and an expanding population. As the community grows, businesses, residents and visitors will benefit from the choices



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and versatility that a modern and comprehensive transit system provides. In addition, improved transit can help central Ohio achieve improvements in air quality needed to reverse the 'non-attainment' status the region has entered for certain air pollutants in 2004. Unless this trend is reversed, existing businesses may decide to locate elsewhere and new businesses may decide not to consider our region because of the negative economic effects that accompany this non-attainment status.

The NCLRT Project is currently in the pre-

liminary engineering and environmental study phase. In late 2004 or early 2005, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be presented to the community detailing the alternative light rail alignments and describing the impacts and benefits of the project. Coinciding with these studies, the Public Involvement process is also underway.

Continuous public input is an important component and the project team welcomes public comment and inquiries. For more information about the project or to schedule a presentation about the NCLRT write to:

COTA NCLRT Project
1650 Lake Shore Drive
Suite 300
Columbus, Ohio 43204
Attn: Mike Bradley, Director of Rail Development

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