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# FoundationNews

NEWS AND HAPPENINGS OF COLUMBUS PARK FOUNDATION

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The Columbus Park Foundation

## About Columbus Park Foundation

The Columbus Park Foundation works to create a better, more inclusive community through supporting Columbus Parks and Recreation's programming and facilities. The Foundation's goal is to improve the quality of life of our community members through play and recreation, increase our community members' physical fitness and encourage them to lead a healthier lifestyle, protect our community spaces for future generations, and develop a vibrant, inclusive culture by supporting facilities and programs that encourage connection. The Foundation ensures all resources are used for their intended purposes, and contribute to the preservation and maintenance of top-rated parks and facilities.

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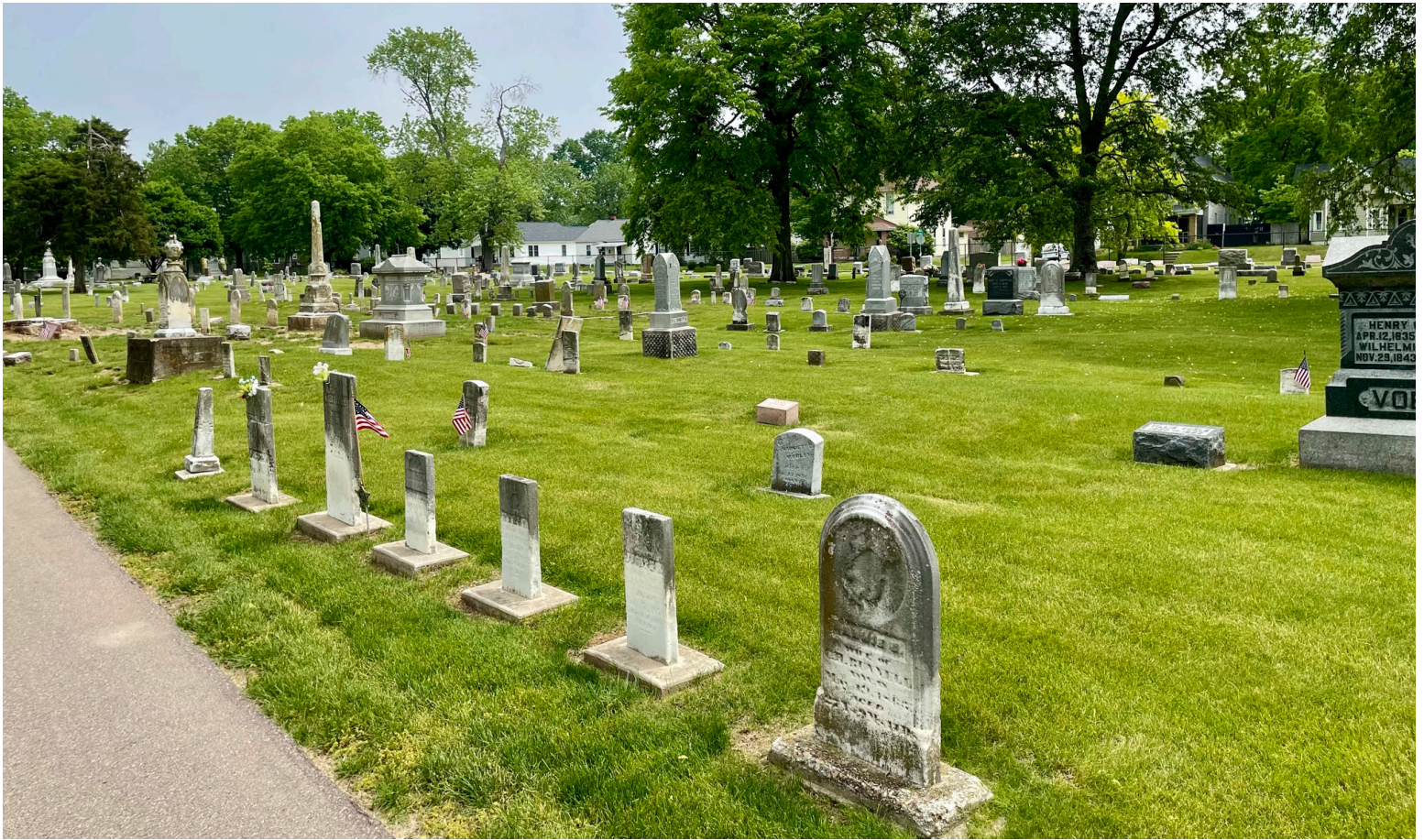
### Youth Representatives:

Kiki Rodriguez

### Upcoming Meetings

November 8	June 13
December 13	July 11
January 10	August 8
February 14	September 12
March 21	October 17
April 11	November 14
May 9	December 12

Meetings of the Columbus Park Foundation Board, unless stated otherwise, are held on the second Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m.



## Take a Walk Through History

Established in 1821, the City Cemetery has been in continuous use housing the who's who of Columbus history. When you walk through the City Cemetery, you are able to see a historic record of Columbus from Clessie Cummins to Joseph I. Irwin. As you walk through the cemetery, you are also able to see a historic record of our country. The City Cemetery houses 250 military graves from the Mexican War, Civil War, Spanish American War, World War I, and World War II. There are 12 unknown soldiers from the Civil War at the City Cemetery. Wounded soldiers were sent from the battlefields to hospitals in the north by train. Those who died on the trip were left at each stop for burial.

Columbus Park Foundation and the Columbus Parks and Recreation is responsible for honoring this history through managing and maintaining the City Cemetery. Park Operations works to keep the grave sites at the City Cemetery mowed and maintained in order show the proper respect to those buried at the cemeteries and the families that entrusted the memory of their loved ones in Parks and Recreation care. Columbus Parks and Recreation works with volunteer groups to recognize the veterans in the Cemetery for Memorial Day and Veterans Day by placing flags on each grave site.



COLUMBUS PARK FOUNDATION  
*Annual Community Meeting*



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 5:30-7PM  
DONNER PARK SHELTER



## Annual Community Meeting

The Columbus Park Foundation held their Annual Community Meeting on September 16th. The Annual Community Meeting is a time for the Columbus Park Foundation to share with the community what has been accomplished in the past year, and share what the future priorities of the Columbus Park Foundation are.

This year we introduced the William H. Donner Award. This award honors an individual that makes a significant contribution to the Columbus Park Foundation through commitment, service, creativity, cooperation, and leadership. The inaugural William H. Donner was awarded to Victoria Griffin. Victoria Griffin, who served 7 years on the Park Foundation Board, has championed many causes during her years of service to build a better community and enrich everyone's lives around her. She has worked tirelessly to ensure that the Columbus Park Foundation is able to continue to give back to Columbus Parks and Recreation and



# Friends of Columbus Park Foundation | April - June 2021

## Area of Greatest Need

**\$1000 and Up**

Sam & Millie Maier

**\$300**

Bill & Victoria Glick  
Chuck & Geri Wilt

**Up to \$100**

Stillwater Ridge Produce  
Moravec Family



## Hamilton Community Center and Ice Arena

Chuck & Carleen Fry

## James K. Baker Trees

Community Church of Columbus, Inc.  
First Presbyterian Church  
First United Methodist Church  
Sierra Club Hoosier - Chapter Winding Waters Group

## Memorial Trees and Benches

Colieta Browning Bloss in memory of Warren W. Baumgart, Sr.

Nancy Fay-Muzar & Michael Muzar in memory of Peter James Baker

Howard & Ann Herron in memory Peter James Baker

Jenelle Krumb in memory of Peter James Baker

Shirley Lyster in memory of Peter James Baker

James & Edrie Martin in memory of Peter James Baker

Kim Stover in memory of Peter James Baker

## Pickleball

Judy Cummings in memory of Frances Land



## Discover Columbus Pickleball Tournament

Columbus Area Visitors Center Inc

Artful Interiors

Dave Adams

Cathy Boll

Patricia Bush

Barb Donathen

Flourish Columbus, Inc.

Greater Horizon Financial Group

Martin of Overhead Door

Milestone Contractors, L.P.

Nichols & Dimes Antiques & Collectables

Floyd Rutan

Tami Schwenk

Taylor Bros. Construction Co., Inc.

The Cozy Lounge



## Chuck Wilt Youth Scholarships

Family Chiropractic and Wellness



## Pollinator Parks

Don & Karen Nissen

## People Trail Fund

James & Lynette Farless

## Youth Baseball \$100

Kim Milligan and Carolyn Cox and Family

## Up to \$50

James Baker, Jr. in memory of Gene Fields

Richard & Diane Holedman in memory of Gene Fields

Chris Oswald in memory of Gene Fields

Bob & Judy Pitman in memory of Gene Fields

## In Honor and Memory

Peter James Baker

- Nancy Fay-Muzar & Michael Muzar

- Howard & Ann Herron

- Jenelle Krumb

- Shirley Lyster

- James & Edrie Martin

- Kim Stover

Warren W. Baumgart, Sr.

- Colieta Browning Bloss

Gene Fields

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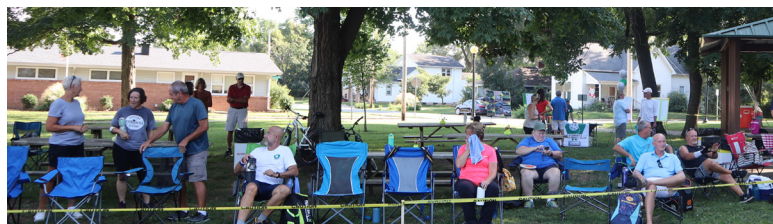
- Bob & Judy Pitman

Frances Land

- Judy Cummings

# Columbus Pickleball Campaign

The Columbus Pickleball Club (CPC) has worked tirelessly with the Columbus Park Foundation and Parks Department to raise funds for the expansion of Pickleball opportunities in Columbus. Throughout the course of an aggressive fundraising campaign, CPC has focused on expanding the Pickleball courts in Donner Park due to the fact that the popularity of Pickleball has surpassed the needs for the two originally constructed courts in Donner Park. By holding tournaments, clinics, and other fundraisers, CPC successfully raised over \$97,000! Funds from this multi-year fundraiser were used to build four more courts in Donner Park and actively contribute to ensure availability of funds for future maintenance of the courts. The ribbon cutting to commemorate the completion of this campaign and court construction, was held in August. The largest annual fundraiser is the Discover Columbus Pickleball Tournament (DCPT), which is a USA Pickleball Association sanctioned outdoor tournament. DCPT raises on average, \$14,000 annually to contribute to the growth of the Pickleball fund and increase opportunities in Columbus.



**\$35,000**

Columbus Pickleball Club

**\$1,000-2,000**

Greg Manley & friends in memory of Jill Manley  
Bartholomew County REMC  
Papa's Grill  
Re/Max Real Estate Professionals, Vicky Gelfius

**\$400-500**

David & Marilyn Adams  
Columbus Area Visitors Center  
Nancy Conner in memory of Norris Moore, Jill Manley & Don Reed  
Lisa & Charlie Day  
Daryl & Diana Gressel  
Harmon Construction, Inc.  
Helen & Steve Kinsey in memory of Norris Moore  
Joesph W. Kresovsky  
Zeller Insurance, LLC  
Nancy Conner  
Fran Land

**\$201-300**

Matt Noblitt  
Jan Matchette in memory of Norris Moore  
Trent & Mandy Miller  
Ray & Mary Arnholt in memory of Norris Moore  
Michael & Paula Bandos  
Juliana Bernabe & Jay D Miller  
Charles R Boll  
Sam & Debbie Cotton in memory of Norris Moore  
Ashley Craig  
Judy Cummings in honor of the Columbus Pickleball Club  
Curt & Tonnie Reimer in memory of Bryson Tharp  
LuAnn & Mark Davis  
John & Rose Ann Dunlap  
Gene & Julia Dura

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Dr. Herman & Virginia Echner in memory of Norris Moore  
Erik's Lawn Service  
Kalli & Grewal Malkiat  
Jim & Celeste Hook  
Larry Husmann  
Barbara Kaiser  
Bill & Elaine Martin  
Cindy Massey in honor of Mary & Norris Moore  
Judy McCormick in memory of Norris Moore  
Lynn Montgomery  
Norris & Mary Moore  
Dennis & Joyce Orwin in memory of Norris Moore  
Linda M. Thompson  
David & Sue Wildemann  
Brad & Jeannine Gonsalves



**\$101-200**

Mark & Wendy Elwood  
Matt Noblitt in memory of Norris Moore  
Bonnie Rogers  
Toyota Industrial Equipment Mfg, Inc.  
Ken M. Yasue  
Alan & Tami Schwenk in memory of Norris Moore  
Alan & Tami Schwenk in memory of Jill Manley  
Jim Bramlett

**\$51-100**

Juliana Bernabe in memory of Rita Perkins  
Cathy & Chuck Boll in memory of Norris Moore  
Ron Brock & Patty Hauck in memory of Norris Moore  
Danny & Teresa Brown  
Jerry & Claudia Castleman  
Rick & Amy Chase in memory of Norris Moore  
Brad Gonsalves  
Charlie & Lisa Day in honor of Norris & Mary Moore  
Walter Glover  
Walter Glover in memory of Norris Moore  
Walter Glover in memory of Jill Manley  
Brad & Jeannine Gonsalves in memory of Norris Moore  
Anonymous  
Mary Beth & Greg Kelley  
Ed Lancaster in memory of Jill Manley  
Paula Lehman in memory of Norris Moore  
Judy McCormick  
Judy Cummings in memory of Jill Manley  
Uschi Wolff in memory of Norris Moore

# Columbus Pickleball Campaign

## \$25-50

David & Marilyn Adams in memory of Norris Moore  
David & Marilyn Adams in memory of Don Reed  
Stephen & Linda Brown  
Teresa Brown in memory of Norris Moore  
Jerry & Claudia Castleman  
Nancy Conner in memory of Norris Moore  
John & Rose Ann Dunlap in memory of Alice Purtlebaugh  
James & Lynette Farless in memory of Norris Moore  
Jeff & Carol Gwin in memory of Jill Manley  
Andrea Hall in memory of Don Reed  
Phil & Joan Houston in memory of Don Reed  
Viny & Linda Marconi in memory of Norris Moore  
Cindy Massey in memory of Norris Moore  
Jeanette O'Connor & Dick Dykeman in memory of Norris Moore  
Jim & Ramona Pound in memory of Norris Moore  
Kathy Rebber in memory of Norris Moore & Jill Manley  
John & Janice Stafford in memory of Don Reed  
Steve & Jerrie Suckow in memory of Don Reed  
Ed & Cathy Tower in memory of Don Reed  
James Wilhelm & Deborah Franzek in memory of Norris Moore  
Judy Cummings in memory of Norris Moore  
Gregory & Judy Cummings in memory of Rita Perkins  
Judy Cummings in memory of Frances Land  
Danny & Connie Dixon in memory of Don Reed  
Danny & Connie Dixon in memory of Norris Moore  
Cindy Maxwell in memory of Norris Moore  
James Texter

## Up to \$25

Kay Johanson in memory of Don C. Reed  
John & Lois Anderson in memory of Don Reed  
Jim Beall & Sandy Swain  
Nancy Conner in memory of Don Reed  
Carol Crossman in memory of Norris Moore  
Rose & John Dunlap in memory of Norris Moore  
Brad & Jeannine Gonsalves in memory of Dr. Herman Echsner  
Brad & Jeannine Gonsalves in memory of Martha Lancaster  
Brad & Jeannine Gonsalves in memory of Jane Milan  
Brad & Jeannine Gonsalves in memory of D. Neil Coy  
Brad & Jeannine Gonsalves in memory of Thomas D. Rottinghaus  
Cathy & Randy Hall in memory of Norris Moore  
Marsha Hankins in memory of Norris Moore  
Dick & Jo Ann Hendrickson in memory of Norris Moore  
Dick & Jo Ann Hendrickson in memory of Jim Lloyd  
Larry & Sue Husmann in memory of Norris Moore  
Larry & Sue Husmann in memory of Jill Manning  
Cindy Massey in memory of Jill Manley  
Bo & Kathy O'Brien in memory of Norris Moore  
The Pavey's  
Bonnie Rogers in memory of Norris Moore  
Walter Woolfolk  
Steve & Bev Chinn in memory of Norris Moore  
Joseph & Nancy Dutton in memory of Don Reed  
Steve Fushelberger in memory of Norris Moore  
Gayle Dudley Nay in memory of Norris Moore  
Gayle Dudley Nay in memory of Jill Manley  
Ray & Sharon Zeigler in memory of Don Reed  
Diana Gressel in memory of Jill Manley  
Ed Lancaster  
Rita Perkins



## In Honor

Columbus Pickleball Club  
- Judy Cummings

D. Neil Coy  
- Brad & Jeannine Gonsalves

Mary & Norris Moore  
- Charlie & Lisa Day  
- Cindy Massey

## In Memory

Dr. Herman Echsner  
- Brad & Jeannine Gonsalves

Martha Lancaster  
- Brad & Jeannine Gonsalves

Frances Land  
- Judy Cummings

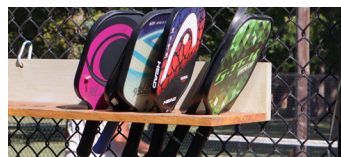
Jim Lloyd  
- Dick & Jo Ann Hendrickson

Jill Manley  
- Nancy Conner  
- Judy Cummings  
- Greg Manley & friends  
- Alan & Tami Schwenk  
- Walter Glover  
- Diana Gressel  
- Jeff & Carol Gwin  
- Ed Lancaster  
- Cindy Massey  
- Gayle Dudley Nay  
- Kathy Rebber

Jill Manning  
- Larry & Sue Husmann

Jane Milan  
- Brad & Jeannine Gonsalves

Norris Moore  
- David & Marilyn Adams  
- Ray & Mary Arnholt  
- Cathy & Chuck Boll  
- Teresa Brown  
- Rick & Amy Chase  
- Steve & Bev Chinn  
- Nancy Conner  
- Sam & Debbie Cotton  
- Judy Cummings  
- Carol Crossman  
- Danny & Connie Dixon  
- Rose & John Dunlap  
- Jeanette O'Connor & Dick Dykeman  
- Dr. Herman & Virginia Echner  
- James & Lynette Farless  
- James Wilhelm & Deborah Franzek



Norris Moore cont.  
- Steve Fushelberger  
- Walter Glover  
- Brad & Jeannine Gonsalves  
- Cathy & Randy Hall  
- Marsha Hankins  
- Ron Brock & Patty Hauck  
- Dick & Jo Ann Hendrickson  
- Larry & Sue Husmann  
- Helen & Steve Kinsey  
- Paula Lehman  
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- Cindy Massey  
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Rita Perkins  
- Juliana Bernabe  
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## Playgrounds Better Our Community

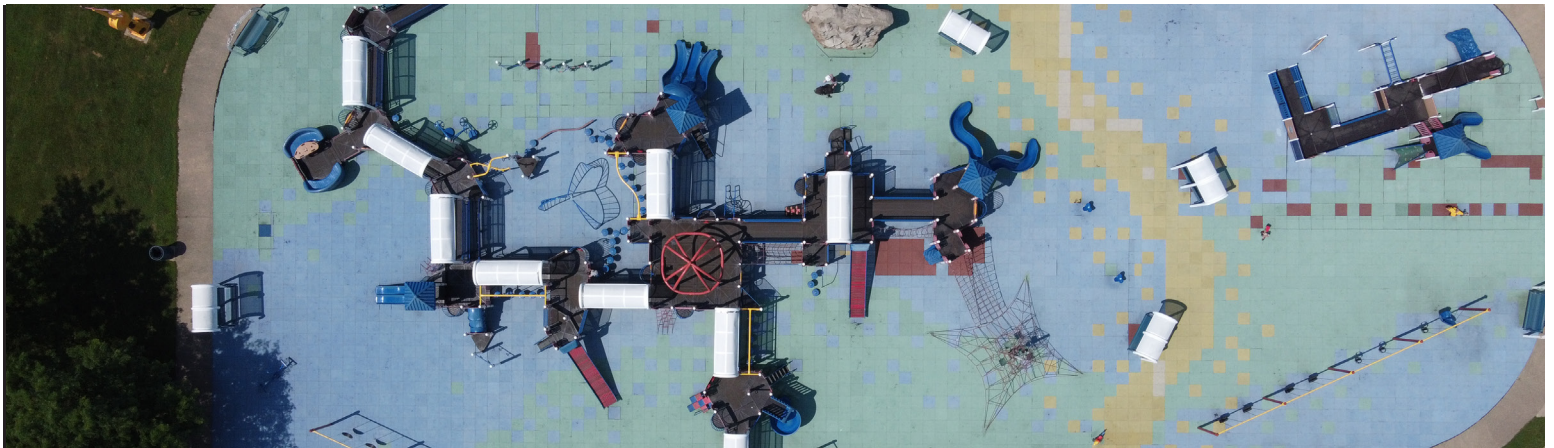
Playgrounds create community. Parents can talk to parents, kids can climb and swing and run with other kids, and neighborhoods can get to know each other.

Freedom Field is one of our playgrounds that creates a community around it. This playground was designed so that children of all abilities can play together, and gives adults with differing abilities the chance to enjoy the playground with their children or other young relatives.

Creating inclusive playgrounds, like Freedom Field, in our community gives all children the opportunity to learn life skills and boost their health by playing on playgrounds. When children are at their community playground, they get to interact with more children than their usual social circle, and create and play games that require cooperating and communicating with new friends. Children are able to carry these skills into adulthood when they are in the workplace and other social settings. Playgrounds provide free opportunities for children to be healthy and active. Climbing and playing on playgrounds build more muscles than most sports while allowing children to work out at their own pace, and because children have so much fun playing, they don't realize that they are exercising.

If we do not have playgrounds like Freedom Field in our community that provide inclusive equipment or surfacing, then children with differing abilities are put at a disadvantage. They are not able to socialize with their peers to learn cooperation and communication or be able to take advantage of the physical benefits of playing on a playground. Studies show that children perceive those who play with them are "contributors", and those that are not able to play with them are not. By preventing children with differing abilities from being able to play on playgrounds, other children see them as not equal. Making sure playground equipment and surfacing is accessible for kids of all abilities is a key way to ensure all children are able to learn skills and achieve critical peer status on equal ground.

We have begun the journey of having inclusive playground equipment and surfacing with Freedom Field. As we reimagined the James A. Henderson Playground, we worked to include elements to have inclusive play opportunities. Now we need to look at the rest of the outdoor playgrounds. We need to update our outdoor playgrounds, and this gives us the chance to make our playgrounds even better for our children now and for future generation.



# Discover Columbus Pickleball Tournament 2021



**\$1000**

Family Chiropractic and Wellness

**\$500**

Columbus Area Visitors Center Inc.



**\$250**

Alan & Tami Schwenk  
Artful Interiors  
Barb & Lynn Donathen  
Chuck & Cathy Boll  
Dave & Marilyn Adams  
Flourish Columbus, Inc.  
Floyd & Cindy Rutan  
Greater Horizon Financial Group

Henry Chiropractic Center  
LB Mold Inc.  
Martin Overhead Door, Inc.  
Milestone Contractors, L.P.  
Nichols & Dimes Antiques & Collectables  
Robert & Patricia Bush  
Taylor Bros. Construction Co., Inc.  
The Cozy Lounge



## In Kind

Hydrant  
Ashley Craig  
Texas Roadhouse  
Arby's  
Charlie Day  
Pickleball Central  
Coca-Cola Bottling Company  
Engage Pickleball  
Freddy's Frozen Custard  
Hyland's  
Juliana Bernabe

Selkirk Sports  
Gamma Sports  
Culver's  
Jigsaw Health  
Hotel Indigo, an IHG Hotel  
Holiday Inn Columbus, an IHG Hotel  
Paddletek  
Tami Schwenk  
Dirtbuster Car Wash  
Cindy Massey





# FUN *Costs* FUNDS

**Make a donation to the Columbus Park Foundation to help support the mission of the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department!**

*Enriching Lives... Building Community...*

*Areas of Need*

**Area of Greatest Need**  
**Endowment Fund**  
**People Trail Campaign**  
**Playgrounds**



The Columbus Park Foundation

## Fun Costs Funds

The Columbus Park Foundation helps our community have fun, try new things, and spend time together with family. While we provide free activities to our community, all this fun costs funds. Your generosity is the reason the Columbus Park Foundation is able to support these activities and programs. Join us as we close out this year so we can continue to provide our amazing parks, facilities, trails, playgrounds, and programs in the future. Watch our social media to learn more about how you can help.



## Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is a day for the community to come together to do good. This year on Giving Tuesday we are asking our community to come together to start looking at our playgrounds. We want everyone in our community to be able to enjoy our outdoor playgrounds. As we are working to update all our outdoor playgrounds, we want to make our playgrounds inclusive for everyone of all abilities. You can help us on this journey of creating more inclusivity on our playgrounds by joining us November 30th for Giving Tuesday.

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[columbusparkfoundation.org](http://columbusparkfoundation.org)

# COLUMBUS PARKS & RECREATION

## Comprehensive Master Plan

Join the conversation and stay up to date!

For more info visit:

[ImagineYourColumbusParks.com](http://ImagineYourColumbusParks.com)

#ImagineYourColumbusParks



## Comprehensive Master Planning

Columbus Parks Department Strategic Plan public survey is available! Please take the survey so your voice is heard as we plan the next 10+ years for our parks. Request a translated copy from [parks@columbus.in.gov](mailto:parks@columbus.in.gov).

La encuesta pública del Plan Estratégico del Departamento de Parques de Columbus está disponible. Responda la encuesta para que su voz sea escuchada mientras planificamos los próximos 10 años para nuestros parques. Solicite una copia traducida a [parks@columbus.in.gov](mailto:parks@columbus.in.gov).

कोलंबस पार्क विभाग सामरिक योजना का सार्वजनिक सर्वेक्षण उपलब्ध है! कृपया सर्वेक्षण में भाग लें ताकि आपकी आवाज़ सुनी जा सके क्योंकि हम अपने पार्कों के लिए अगले 10+ वर्षों की योजना बना रहे हैं। [parks@columbus.in.gov](mailto:parks@columbus.in.gov) से अनुवादित प्रति का अनुरोध करें।

哥伦布市公园管理局 (Columbus Parks Department) 战略规划公众调查问卷可供使用! 我们正在进行未来十多年的公园规划, 请接受调查问卷, 以便我们关注到您的意见。请向 [parks@columbus.in.gov](mailto:parks@columbus.in.gov) 索取调查问卷翻译件。

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