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# FoundationNews

NEWS AND HAPPENINGS OF COLUMBUS PARK FOUNDATION

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## 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.

### Board Members:

Beth Morris, President  
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Parks and Recreation Director

**Project Resource Development  
Director** – Celeste Reynolds,  
Parks and Recreation

### Lifetime Members:

David Hayward  
Chuck Wilt

### Youth Representative:

Kiki Rodriguez

### Upcoming Meetings

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

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

# 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

Thank you for supporting our Fun Costs Funds campaign!

Our Fun Costs Funds campaign supports Columbus Parks and Recreation's programs, parks, trails, playgrounds and facilities to give our entire community the chance to have fun, try new things and spend time together with family. Funding from the City of Columbus and fees from the programs help provide for some of the expenses that are required to operate the Columbus Parks and Recreation's programs, parks, trails, and facilities, but it doesn't cover all the cost, especially for our free activities.

You helped raise \$31,225 through the Fun Costs Funds Campaign! Your generosity is directly going to fill in the funding gaps to make sure our community gets to enjoy Columbus Parks and Recreation programs, parks, trails, facilities, and playgrounds throughout the year!



# Tour De Trails 2022

Being able to walk, run, or bike along our People Trail Network benefits every part of your life. Getting active on our miles of People Trails helps reduce obesity and incidence of chronic disease. When you are exploring the People Trail Network, you are able to connect to nature which studies show relieves stress levels. Experiencing the People Trail Network with your family and friends helps strengthen your interpersonal relationships, and overall improves your mental health. You can make sure the People Trail Network continues to be available to help our community members by joining us for 2022 Tour de Trails Run/Walk and Bicycle Challenge.

Registration for 2022 Tour de Trails Run/Walk and Bicycle Challenge opens Monday, February 14th.

## Tour de Trails Run/Walk

Saturday, April 16th | First Race Start - 9am | Mill Race Park

**Courses:** 8K Run, 5K Run, 5K Walk, and Kid's Fun Run

**Cost:** \$30

**Register by April 4:** To save \$5 on registration

**Pre-Registration ends:** Wednesday, April 13

**T-shirt orders due:** April 4

## Tour de Trails Bicycle Challenge

Saturday, May 14th | Start 8-9 am | Donner Park Shelter

**Courses:** 20K, 50K, 80K

**Cost:** \$30

**Register by May 2:** To save \$5 on registration

**Pre-registration ends:** Thursday, May 12

**T-shirt orders due:** May 2

Register online at <https://p2p.onecause.com/tourdetrails22>.

Don't forget to join us for the 2022 Tour de Trails Challenge! Gather your co-workers, employees, friends, and family to join the challenge by creating a team to participate in any Tour de Trails event, fundraiser, and/or share on social media.

The team that tops the overall leaderboard wins our Tour de Trails Trophy and bragging rights!



## Imagine Your Columbus, IN Parks

We are excited to see what 2022 is going to bring to the Columbus Park Foundation and our community!

This year we are working to imagine better parks, playgrounds, trails, facilities, and programs for our community.

The Columbus Park Foundation is excited to work with you, our community members, and all our community partners to make sure that we are providing programs and amenities that our community needs, and build a legacy for future generations.

Make sure you follow the Columbus Park Foundation to learn more about the new and ongoing projects to make our 21 parks, 14 outdoor playgrounds, 10 facilities, over 20 miles of People Trails, and over 200 unique programs better for you and our community.

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# Friends of Columbus Park Foundation | October - December 2021

## Area of Greatest Need

**\$2,500**

Jim & Toots Henderson  
Coca-Cola Bottling of Columbus  
Donor Advised Fund

**\$1,000**

Charlie & Jayne Farber  
Kathy & Rex Baumgart

**\$500**

Nancy Conner in memory of the  
many special people who have  
been an inspiration to me

Anonymous  
David & Wilma Doup  
Mark & Wendy Elwood Foundation  
Christine & Tom Vujovich  
C.A.S.E. Construction, Inc.  
Ryan & Jean Hou

**\$300**

Laurie Booher  
Chuck & Geri Wilt  
Jeff Baker & John Pickett  
Bill & Victoria Glick

**\$200-\$299**

Christopher Raskob  
Greg Long  
Jordan Hilber  
Anonymous  
Albert & Kevina A. Schumaker  
Lynn Lacy  
Chad Heimlich & Julie Aton  
John & Amy McCormick  
David Porter  
Sam & Kelly Geckler  
Steve & Mary Ferdon  
Bill & Bambi Sasse  
Joe & Kathleen Sheehy

**\$51-\$100**

Avril Schutte  
Kalli & Malkiat Grewal  
Anonymous  
Ilya Schwartzman  
Anonymous  
Donald & Shirley Trapp  
Judy Shepherd  
Southern Roofing, Inc.  
Larry & Lynn Lucas  
Anonymous in memory of Judy Secret  
Sandra Oliverio  
Jesse Brand & Geri Handley  
Buck & Nea Ritz  
Anonymous  
Ken Dunn

**\$50**

C. Karen Shrode in honor of  
Nancy Conner  
Shailesh Agashe & Priyanka Jamenis  
Anonymous  
Uschi Wolff  
Pam & Jim Lienhoop  
Nick & Marilyn Firestone  
Walter Woolfolk  
William Jones  
Steve & Judy Jasper  
Sharon Baldwin  
Jack & Marjorie Schmeckebier  
Martin Wright  
Henry Pinkston



## Chuck Wilt Youth Scholarship

**\$2,500**

Nan & Bill Russell

**\$1,500**

Duke Energy Foundation

**\$500- \$599**

Norbert Nusterer  
Mike & Donna Keogh  
Brent & Becky Church  
Duke Energy

**\$200-\$300**

Steve & Cindy Meyer  
Nancy Wilt  
Overhead Door Company of South  
Central Indiana  
Repp Associates Foundation



**\$100-\$199**

Anonymous  
Katy Bush  
Christopher & Debra George  
Scott Patchett

**Up to \$99**

Richard B. Davis  
Curtis Gazdick  
Mark Jones  
Cindy Frey  
Steve Scgalski  
Annabelle Moore  
Diane Robbins  
Eric Notestine  
Patrick Smith  
Jennifer Flanagan  
Eric Hess  
Camille Carson  
Nathan Denison  
Heather Bush  
Peggy Lindenlaub  
Anna Nabhan  
Glecy Pentinio

## Donner Aquatic Center

Columbus Running Club

## eSports

Columbus Running Club

## Endowment Fund

Mike & Donna Keogh

## Great Columbus Campout

Family Chiropractic and Wellness

## Hamilton Community Center & Ice Arena

**Up to \$1,500**

Justin Schneider

**\$150**

David Louis Gill



## Inclusive Playgrounds

**\$500-\$600**

Columbus Running Club  
Jenn Hartwell & Ritch Mettert

**\$200-\$250**

Anonymous  
Anonymous

**\$100**

Pam Harrell

**\$50**

Brad Gonsalves

## Inclusive Programming

Family Chiropractic and Wellness

## NexusPark

Mark & Marabeth Levett Charitable Fund

## Trivia Night Sponsor

digitalAIM Media

## Parks and Parks Facilities

Norma Lienhoop in memory of Scott Jon Lienhoop

## People Trail Fund

**\$5,000**

Jim & Peggy Voelz

**\$250-\$300**

David & Claudette Hayward  
Anonymous  
Ed and Vivian Eckerly  
David and Sue Wildemann  
Anonymous

**\$100-\$150**

Paul Holtkamp  
Catherine Simmons  
David & Angie May

**Up to \$50**

Robin Hilber in honor of Elaine & Jordan Hilber  
Tina Cunningham  
Gary Dismore  
John & Cindy Smock  
Columbus Five Guys  
Diane & Jerry Mihay Jr.



## James K. Baker Trees - Bicentennial Tree Project

**\$10,000**

Duke Energy Foundation

**\$1,000**

The Rotary Club of Columbus Indiana

**\$250**

Bartholomew Consolidated School Foundation  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbus, IN



## Memorial Trees

Heritage Fund of Bartholomew County in honor of our outgoing Board  
President Matt Kirr



## Pickleball

**\$14,000**

Columbus Pickleball Club

**\$1,000-\$1,500**

Juliana Bernabe

**\$250-\$350**

Tipton Lakes Athletic Club  
Crowe Foundation on behalf of Ashley Craig

**\$100-\$150**

Matt Noblitt  
Tami Schwenk

**Up to \$50**

Linda & Steve Brown in memory of Norris Moore  
Linda & Steve Brown in memory of Fran Land  
Jerry Rinehart

## Picnic Tables

Columbus Running Club

## Playground Campaign

**\$1,000**

Richard Hawes Insurance  
Raymond & Elizabeth Morris

**\$100-\$250**

Anonymous  
G. Terrence & K. Coriden  
John & Sally Brand

**\$25**

Dr. Stephen Bayer

## Recreation & Playground Program

Chuck & Geri Wilt in memory of Mary Beth Shymkus

## The Commons

John & Donna Sasse in honor of Shanda Sasse



## In Honor and Memory

### In Honor

Nancy Conner  
- G. Karen Shrode

Elaine & Jordan Hilber  
- Robin Hilber

Outgoing Board President Matt Kirr  
- Heritage Fund of  
Bartholomew County

Shanda Sasse  
- John & Donna Sasse

### In Memory

The many special people who have  
been an inspiration to me  
- Nancy Conner

Fran Land  
- Linda & Steve Brown

Scott Jon Lienhoop  
- Norma Lienhoop

Norris Moore  
- Linda & Steve Brown

Judy Secrest  
- Anonymous

Mary Beth Shymkus  
- Chuck & Geri Wilt



# COLUMBUS PARKS & RECREATION

## Comprehensive Master Plan

Join the conversation and stay up to date!

For more info visit:

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

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