

Spring | 2023

# Foundation News

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.

### Board Members:

Jordan Hilber, President  
Christopher Bartels, Vice President  
Charlie Farber, Treasurer  
Avril Schutte, Secretary  
Chrissy Bailey  
Laurie Booher  
Nancy Conner  
Beth Hughes  
Tyler Stilwell

**Ex-Officio** – Mark Jones,  
Parks and Recreation Director

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

### Lifetime Members:

David Hayward  
Chuck Wilt

### Youth Members:

Kate Ellis  
Eden Knight  
Dane Tibbs

### Upcoming Meetings

May 10  
June 14  
July 12  
August 9

September 13  
October 18  
November 8  
December 13

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

## Tour de Trails Events Series

Thank you for everyone who participated in our Tour de Trails Run/Walk! We hope you enjoyed exploring our parks and People Trail Network! This year we have expanded our Tour de Trails Event Series for our community members to enjoy the People Trail Network and parks.

### Bicycle Challenge & After Party - Saturday, May 13th!

Starting at the Donner Park Shelter, choose between the 80K, 50K, or 20K route to explore our People Trails throughout town and further west. Bicyclists will be supported on each route with stops for snacks and drinks.

When you get back to the Donner Park Shelter, join us for the Tour de Trails After Party! Have your friends and family stop by for outdoor games, yoga, Zumba, Big JT's Craft BBQ, and live music after your ride! Participants (21+) from the Run/Walk and Bicycle Challenge will receive a discount on their first beverage from Hog Molly Brewing Co.!

### Strut Your Pup - Saturday, June 10th!

Starting at Donner Center, owners and their dogs will be able to enjoy a mile loop around Donner Park as many times as they would like. We will have complimentary bowls of water available for dogs along the route. When you get back to Donner Center activities will be available for you and your dog to participate in.

Registration is free and donations are welcome.

### Turkey Trot - Thursday, November 23rd!

Join us at Hamilton Community Center & Ice Arena at Lincoln Park on Thanksgiving Day to run or walk a 5K on our People Trail. Come out, be healthy, and have fun with your friends and family! All participants are entered into a raffle.

Registration is free and donations will be accepted for the Chuck Wilt Youth Scholarship Endowment Fund.



Learn More!

[cbusinparks.com/  
TourDeTrails](https://cbusinparks.com/TourDeTrails)

OR



# Friends of Columbus Park Foundation | January - March 2023

## Area of Greatest Need

Nancy Conner in memory of Elliott Raymond Morris  
Tom & Amy Dowd  
Charlie Farber in memory of Elliott Raymond Morris  
Beth, Justin & Zach Gifford Gifford in memory of  
Elliott Raymond Morris  
Walter Glover in memory of Elliott Raymond Morris  
Drs. Dale & Linda Guse  
Thomas & Mary Harmon  
David & Claudette Hayward in memory of  
Elliott Raymond Morris  
Jordan Hilber in memory of Elliott Raymond Morris  
Robin Hilber in honor of Elaine & Jordan Hilber  
David & Sharon Larson in memory of Elliott Raymond  
Morris  
Tyler Rash  
Christopher Raskob  
Avril Schutte in memory of Elliott Raymond Morris  
Beth & John Stroh and Family in memory of Elliott  
Raymond Morris  
Tom Swenson & Jane Howey in memory of Elliott  
Raymond Morris  
Janet Ward  
James & Peggy Voelz in memory of Elliott Raymond  
Morris  
Jeff & Nicole Wiltrout

## Columbus Farmer's Market

Johnson Ventures, Inc.

## Chuck Wilt Youth Scholarship Endowment Fund

Richard B. Davis  
Russell & Jean Hashman Endowment Fund  
Norbert Nusterer  
The Snyder Family

## Disc Golf

Drew Wyant Realty

## Hamilton Community Center & Ice Arena

Justin Schneider

## Recreation & Playground Program

Midwest TCG Co.

## Tour de Trails

Analytical Engineering, Inc.  
Aton's Self Storage  
Dunlap & Company Inc.  
Family Chiropractic and Wellness  
Flourish Columbus, Inc.  
Force Construction Company, Inc.  
Strand Associates Inc.  
Milestone Contractors , L.P.  
Robertson Paving Inc.  
SIHO Insurance Services  
Taylor Bros. Construction Co., Inc.  
Chris Bartels  
Rodrigo Bracamonte  
Steph Cain  
Deborah Davis  
Thomas F. Dowd  
Karlene Kurtz  
Suzanne Morgan  
Patrick Noonan  
Julie Orben  
Voelz, Reed & Mount, LLC  
Megumi Suzuki  
Paula Weller

## John McCormick Scholarship Endowment Fund

Henry Bush Senior Project  
Pat & Ali Crimmons  
Amy McCormick  
David & Lindy Rix



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## People Trail Fund

Julie Abedian in memory of Elliott Raymond Morris  
Raymond & Elizabeth Morris in memory of  
Elliott Raymond Morris

Mary Ellen Nelson in memory of Elliot Morris  
Karen Nissen in memory of Elliott Morris  
Emilie Pinkston in memory of Elliott Raymond Morris  
Erin Slevin in memory of Elliott Morris  
Morgan & Patricia Tharp

## NexusPark Fund

Centra Credit Union  
Circle K  
Pat & Ali Crimmons  
Steve & Mary Ferdon  
Johnson Ventures, Inc.  
Jim & Marcie Lyons  
Amy McCormick  
David & Lindy Rix  
Brad Stinebring & Amy Boerger



## In Honor

Elaine & Jordan Hilber  
- Robin Hilber

## In Memory

Elliot Raymond Morris  
- Nancy Conner  
- Charlie Farber  
- Beth, Justin & Zach Gifford Gifford  
- Walter Glover  
- David & Claudette Hayward  
- Jordan Hilber  
- David & Sharon Larson  
- Avril Schutte  
- Beth & John Stroh and Family  
- Tom Swenson & Jane Howey  
- James & Peggy Voelz  
- Julie Abedian  
- Raymond & Elizabeth Morris  
- Mary Ellen Nelson  
- Karen Nissen  
- Emilie Pinkston  
- Erin Slevin

## John McCormick Scholarship Endowment Fund

John McCormick was a true friend and supporter of Columbus Parks and Recreation. He is truly missed by our community and the Parks and Recreation family. John McCormick not only served time on the Columbus Park Foundation and Columbus Park Board, but also a strong advocate of Parks projects and improvements for our community. After his passing, four of McCormick's friends wanted to honor his legacy by raising funds for a project that McCormick believed in. They raised funds for the John McCormick Fields at Nexus Park and the John McCormick Scholarship Fund.

Henry Bush, John McCormick's grandson, honored his grandfather through his senior project, raising \$11,110 for the John McCormick Scholarship Fund. Thank you Henry Bush for honoring your grandfather and his philanthropic legacy in our community.

More information about the John McCormick Scholarship Fund will be coming soon.





Donate!

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donte](http://cbusinparks.com/donte)

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The Columbus Park Foundation is helping even more children in our community! This year the Foundation increased the per child annual amount of the Chuck Wilt Youth Scholarship from \$140 to \$200. We have been working with our Marketing Team and community partners to make sure everyone knows this Scholarship Program is available to the children in our community.

So far this year we have awarded 131 scholarships and \$5,450 has already been used by the recipients!

You can continue to support the Chuck Wilt Youth Scholarship Program by sharing information about the Scholarships to our community so every child has a chance to participate in our sports or recreation programs. You can also donate to the Chuck Wilt Youth Scholarship to ensure the Scholarship is always available to our community.

## Girls Locker Rooms at Hamilton Community Center & Ice Arena

We are improving the Hamilton Community Center and Ice Arena for our community!

In the past few years we have increased our offering for women and girls in our community to be more inclusive. For example, we have introduced Girls Hockey League which is increasing in popularity. In order to be inclusive for every member our community, we need to a locker room to accommodate the women and girls that are participating in our activities.

This is a very large and important project for our community. Not only will it be a positive impact for the members of the community that use the Ice Arena, it also will help the community as a whole economically by giving the Ice Arena the ability to bring in outside teams and tournaments to Columbus.

We will need your help to complete this project. Stay tuned to the Columbus Park Foundation's social media to learn more about this project.

If you are interested in being part of this project, please contact Celeste Reynolds at [creynolds@columbus.in.gov](mailto:creynolds@columbus.in.gov) or 812-375-2759.

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