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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 high caliber parks and facilities.

Board Members:

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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

- 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 4:00p.m.

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Tour de Trails Wrap Up

Run/Walk, Bicycle Challenge & After Party

We had so much fun this year at our Tour de Trails Run/Walk, Bicycle Challenge, and our new After Party! We hope you had just as much fun. Thank you to all our sponsors and partners who helped make the Tour de Trails events memorable this year!

Your registrations, donations, and sponsorships go directly back into the maintenance of our People Trail System for our community. We help maintain over 22 miles of People Trails from clearing snow and debris, to sealing cracks and replacing concrete, to making sure our trails are safe and available to everyone.

With your help we raised over \$19,000! Thank You!

Strut Your Pup

The Columbus Park Foundation held the inaugural Strut Your Pup in June. Pups (and their owners) came to Donner Park Saturday morning to exercise and take part in dog-friendly activities. This was a free event, but over \$400 in donations was accepted to support free activities like this one.

Turkey Trot - Thursday, November 23rd!

Join us at Hamilton Community Center & Ice Arena 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!

This event is free, but donations will be accepted for the Chuck Wilt Youth Scholarship Fund.



Movies in the Park

The Columbus Park Foundation is proud to support Columbus Parks and Recreation's Movies in the Park! Movies in the Park is a FREE program for our entire community from May through August. Families are invited to bring blankets and snacks to Mill Race Park to enjoy a family friendly movie.

New this year to Movies in the Park is the our parents night out movie in September! Enjoy the movie *The Thing* along with snacks and adult beverages available to purchase.

Check out the Columbus Parks and Recreation's [Fun Guide](#) for dates and movies!

Come Out and Play Amazon Wishlist

Use your shopping to support our Come Out & Play Program!

Every year at the end of our Come Out & Play program, we offer the chance for campers to use their hard-earned "Camp Bucks" in our Camp Store, made possible by donations from our Wishlist.

Simply visit cbusinparks.com/wishlist and select an item you'd like to purchase!

This list can be viewed at any time, but only gifts purchased prior to July 24th will be featured in our Camp Store!

**CHECK OUT OUR
AMAZON WISHLIST!**



**CBUSINPARKS.COM
/WISHLIST**



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

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



Scan me!



Support Women's Ice Sports!
Donate now at cbusinparks.com/girlslockerroom

Area of Greatest Need

Jim and Pam Lienhoop
Tyler Rash
Charles E. VanNatta

Chuck Wilt Youth Scholarship Endowment Fund

Richard B. Davis

City Cemetery

Bartholomew County Historical Society

Disc Golf

Columbus Indiana Disc Golf Club
Family Chiropractic and Wellness

Hamilton Community Center & Ice Arena - Girl's Locker Room

Kevin Aker
Anonymous (8)
Jason and Jennifer Christie
Doup and Pandit Families
Chuck Fry
Ronald and Roxanne Gill
David and Lauren Gill
Erin Griffin
Angie Kirkham
Sasha L
James Loftus
Robin Loftus
Ellie Lutz
L. McReynolds
Reese Monroe
Tom and Stephanie Thornburg

John McCormick Scholarship Endowment Fund

Julie and Stephen Abedian
Jim and Pam Lienhoop
Access to Independence, Lyn McCormick
Weiss, CEO

Memorial Bench

Larry Carmer Senior Project

NexusPark Fund

Julie and Stephen Abedian
Precision Tools Service
The Heron Family - Matt, Tobi and Owen
Jim and Pam Lienhoop
Access to Independence, Lyn McCormick
Weiss, CEO

People Trail Fund

Kelly and Scott Benjamin in memory of
Elliott Raymond Morris
Chuck and Roxanne Fincham in memory of
Elliott Raymond Morris
David and Judy Harpenau in memory of
Elliott Raymond Morris
Lynn and Janice Montgomery in memory of
Elliott Raymond Morris
Ray and Beth Morris in honor of
Jim and Peggy Voelz

Pickleball

Columbus Pickleball Club
Thrive Alliance
David and Karen Leach

Recreation and Playground Programs

Evan and Bre Russell



Sponsorships - Gymnastics

Peterman Brothers

Sponsorships - HCCIA

Peterman Brothers

Sponsorships - HCCIA Equipment

Ken and Kristy Boone in memory of
Ethan Kuniewicz

Sponsorships - Sports

Peterman Brothers

Tour de Trails

Agresta, Storms & O'Leary
Anonymous (2)
Dennis Baute
Carolee Berry
William Boyd
Jimmy Collins
Gary Davis
GigabitNow Indiana
Debbie George

Tour de Trails (Cont.)

Steven H. Goldstein Jr.
Emma and Debbie Gray in honor of Uschi
Melissa Groenewold
Pam Harrell
Patricia Hernacki
Marleen Hernandez
Greg Hertle
Elizabeth Hlavaty
Erin Jones
Krista Karstensen
Rebecca Kjell
Brenda Lauderbaugh
Angie May in memory of Nala
Priscilla Mint
Gabe Ocasio
Corrine Orben
Jess Prowant
D. Richard
Norman Smith
Peter Soler
Blaine Stewart
James Stott
Steve Thomas
Alex Turner
Leslie Unrue

Join Our Columbus Park Foundation Board of Directors

The Columbus Park Foundation works to make Columbus Parks and Recreation's programs, parks, playgrounds, facilities, and trails available to every member of our community.

The Foundation is looking for members of our community who are passionate about making our community a more inclusive and welcoming place through parks and recreation to join the Columbus Park Foundation Board.

Our Board Members are actively involved in supporting Columbus Parks and Recreation, and are expected to attend monthly board meetings, participate in at least one board committee, and make a personal financial contribution.

The Columbus Park Foundation needs a variety of skills, with a strong emphasis on fundraising and community outreach.

If you are interested in joining the board, let us know by filling out our [online form](#). If you have questions about the Columbus Park Foundation Board, please contact Celeste Reynolds at creynolds@columbus.in.gov or (812) 375-2759.