



RISE TOGETHER - MAY 9, 2023

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

PAYROLL UPDATES

It has been discovered that there is a problem, in Dayforce, with processing employees' Birthday Holiday and Personal Business Days correctly. Additionally, a reminder that Birthday Holidays are limited to eight (8) hours, while Personal Business Days for full-time employees can only be taken in four (4) hour increments.

The Payroll team has relocated to the second floor of 1111 E. Broad St as of Friday, April 21. Any payroll-related questions should be emailed to Kori DeFelice (kmdefelice@columbus.gov) or Brenda Vawters (bmvawters@columbus.gov).

RISE UP CBUS!

Come to Milo Grogan on Thursday, May 11, for the next Rise Up CBUS! event. The event starts at 4:30 p.m. and offers free food and live music, along with lots of community resources for residents to explore. [Learn more.](#)

5/11/2023

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April 21

All day

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All day

YOUTH SOCCER 23/24 LEAGUE REGISTRATION

All day

HEART OF OHIO SENIOR NATIONAL

All day 

MOBILE PRODUCE MARKETS

May 11 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm 

FREE MOBILE PRODUCE MARKET - HOLTON

May 11 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm 

FREE MOBILE PRODUCE MARKET - DODGE

May 11 @ 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm


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INFORMATION UPDATE

DE&I UPDATE

Older Americans Month: A month to acknowledge the contributions of past and current older persons to our country. Older Americans Month is celebrated across the country through ceremonies, events, fairs, and other such activities.

Columbus Recreation and Parks works with the elder population through the [Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging \(COAAA\)](#), which plans, funds, and delivers services that help older adults and individuals with disabilities remain safe and independent in their homes. Our Department also has [a very robust free 50+ program](#) that provides several benefits to its members at no charge including:

- Access to some of our moderate to high-activity programs as well as some active relaxation programs.
- Access to our senior fitness centers
- Access to senior sports programs
- Field trips organized by the different community centers
- A quarterly newsletter containing information about 50+ programming

Recreation and Parks also boasts six community centers that feature 50+ programming, as well as the soon-to-come [Fran Ryan Center](#) which will be centrally located in Olde Towne East and specialize in 50+ programming. The center is slated to open in the fall of 2024.

Mental Health Awareness Month: Started by Mental Health America (MHA), this month helps to raise awareness about mental health. Additionally MHA releases a toolkit of materials to guide preparation for outreach activities, [which you can find here](#).

Among the mental health resources offered by the City of Columbus are:

- [Alcohol & Mental Health Board of Franklin County](#)
- [Employee Assistance Program](#)
- [Mental Health America of Franklin County](#)
- [NetCare Access](#)**Cultural Celebrations Around Town**
- [Columbus Asian Festival](#) at Franklin Park (1755 E Broad St., Columbus, OH 43203)
 - May 27 (11 a.m.-8 p.m.) and May 28 (11 a.m.-6 p.m.)
- [Ohio Black Expo](#) at Genoa Park (303 W Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215)
 - May 27 (11 a.m.-11 p.m) and May 28 (11 a.m.-8 p.m.)

Share your opinion with the DEI Committee by filling out this quick [online survey](#). Your input is valuable and it will help shape the committee's work. Do you want to see the DEI Committee organize events? Let them know!

SAFETY UPDATE

Safety wants to remind everyone that we still have openings for two upcoming CPR/FIRST AID/AED certification classes to be held at 1533 Alum Creek Drive. This is a great last chance to get certified before summer madness is full-on! Remember it is a two-step process to complete and receive your two-year certification. The training are set to be held on the following dates:

- Thursday, May 25 from 12-3 p.m.
- Friday, May 26 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

To register, make sure you follow these two steps:

Follow [this link](#) and set up your Red Cross Account (save that password) where you will be directed to the Blended Learning Link. This is a 3-4 hour “on your own” virtual training program designed to teach you the basics. You can do it all at once, or a couple modules a day (it will save your progress) but it must be completed before you proceed to step two of the process.

- You can access the online portion of this course and refresh your knowledge at any time using the [same link](#).
- The important thing is to print out your completion certificate (or take a picture if no printer access) to move to Step Two.

Contact Sherry Booth (SHBooth@columbus.gov) to register for the in-person skills assessment and make sure you show her your proof of completion to class. After this, you will receive another email with dates and times to attend the in-person sessions. It’s generally a 3-4 hour class (depending on size) where you are given scenarios to demonstrate the skills you learned during the blended learning portion.

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Rise Together Leadership Update - May



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

CHRISTOPHER

Section

Sports – Hockey Recreation Program Specialist

Length of Employment

16 years

Favorite aspect of Columbus Recreation and Parks?

Working with the wonderful folks in Community Recreation and giving kids an opportunity to play a sport that is not widely available.

Favorite project that you have worked on?

Blind Hockey

HOYE



Favorite ice cream flavor?

Cookies & Cream

What is your favorite book or movie?

Jojo Rabbit

What is one piece of advice you have?

Be patient.

Nominate A Coworker for the Staff Spotlight

[Fill out this form to nominate a coworker.](#) They will be notified that they were nominated in order to answer spotlight questions.

CELEBRATIONS

WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Admin

- Jack Castle, 25 years
- Dominique Shank, 1 year

Business Services

- Ronald Eaton, 27 years
- Paula Burkey-Plageman, 24 years
- Matthew Laroche, 19 years
- Susan Johnson, 17 years
- Colin Martinez-Watkins, 3 years

COAAA

- Carolin Leyes, 37 years
- Erica Drewry, 35 years
- Terri Hopkins, 31 years
- Linda Blount-Jacobs, 30 years
- Jodie Smith, 29 years
- Jon Fletcher, 24 years
- Kristina Helm, 22 years
- Katherine Schuster, 15 years
- Ann Bauman, 13 years

Community Centers

- Dana Eaton, 35 years
- Alyssa Lynch, 32 years
- Harriet Richardson, 27 years
- Jeremy Neely, 23 years
- Renny Tyson, 23 years
- Lance Barber, 17 years
- Cornelius Oatis, 14 years
- Victoria Lacey, 14 years
- Gregory Pearson, 13 years
- Kiara Banks, 13 years

- Merri Edwards, 10 years
- Eric Maedeker, 9 years
- Joseph Elliott, 9 years
- Kayla Seymour, 9 years
- Sheryl Clonch, 9 years
- Amanda Kirsch, 8 years
- Lauren Walter, 8 years
- Alexandra Furlong, 6 years
- Haley Smiley, 6 years
- Madeleine Cassidy, 6 years
- Amy Kilbarger, 5 years
- Elise Lamotte, 5 years
- Loretta Bayer, 5 years
- Nazaret Mekonnen, 5 years
- Amy Harr, 4 years
- Kevin Krotzer, 4 years
- Megan Gillespie, 4 years
- Abigail Mcatee, 3 years
- Alicia Bennett, 3 years
- Dawn Bartley, 2 years
- Emily Vohsing, 2 years
- Jerri Franklin, 2 years
- Nathalie Johnson, 2 years
- Andrew Zachman, 1 year
- Christine Echemann, 1 year
- Heather Remley, 1 year
- Kari Veraas, 1 year
- Morgan Wilson, 13 years
- Nicole Van Dine, 13 years
- Richard Lipson, 13 years
- Jessica Pallante, 11 years
- Wesley Russell, 11 years
- Madelyn Smith, 9 years
- Heather Corson, 8 years
- Dominique Garrett, 7 years
- Geordan Sayles, 7 years
- James Miranda, 7 years
- Allyiona Alexander, 6 years
- Andria Henry, 6 years
- Karim Smith, 6 years
- Katharine Smith, 5 years
- Shannon Barnes, 5 years
- Charles Mapp, 4 years
- Hailey Jordan, 4 years
- Julian Malone, 4 years
- Samantha Fritchman, 4 years
- Thomas Maticcik, 4 years
- Constance Scott, 3 years
- Lb Towns, 3 years
- Brad Burns, 2 years
- Charissa Muhammad, 2 years
- Clyde Covington Iii, 2 years
- Halle Swisher, 2 years
- Hassan Mohamed, 2 years

- Kayla Humphrey, 1 year
- Kiley Key, 1 year
- Malika Bryant, 1 year
- Melissa Goodrich, 1 year
- Susan Seely-Jeakle, 1 year
- Teyana Radcliff, 2 years
- Victor Anderson, 2 years
- Areej Khalid, 1 year
- Carson Clawson, 1 year
- Gary Golay, 1 year
- James Shepard, 1 year
- Jasmine Babb, 1 year
- Jejuan Mcgowan, 1 year
- Kelly Mcewan, 1 year
- Keva English, 1 year
- Kiera Lloyd, 1 year
- Landon Young, 1 year
- Lindsey Zawacki, 1 year
- Linsey Tzanidis, 1 year
- Mackenzie Kazin, 1 year
- Mark Berry, 1 year
- Mark Golden, 1 year
- Nicholas Shneker, 1 year
- Patrick Montowski, 1 year
- Roberta Hale, 1 year
- Tala Kanani, 1 year
- Ted Hoover, 1 year
- Timothy Muhammad, 1 year
- Victoria Hopkins, 1 year

Community Relations

- Carl Williams, 16 years
- Elizabeth Blockinger, 6 years
- Alaina Reimer, 2 years

Parks and Facility Operations

- James Gates, 41 years
- Sherri Brogan, 40 years
- Clarence Bostic, 38 years
- David Stearns, 38 years

Recreation Services

- Jason Nicholson, 28 years
- Geoffrey Martin, 18 years
- Alphonse Williams, 15 years
- John Whitacre, 15 years
- James Buzard, 13 years

Youth Development

- James Danes, 7 years
- Christopher Towns, 3 years
- Demarlo Verse, 3 years
- Hajiro Muktar, 3 years
- Harmony Manzie, 3 years

- Dave Murphy, 33 years
- James Crowder, 31 years
- Michael Plageman, 31 years
- Steven Lowe, 29 years
- Dewey Eaken, 28 years
- Mark Case, 28 years
- Andrew Shalosky, 26 years
- Stephanie Williams, 25 years
- Wesley Hawkins, 25 years
- Max Underwood, 24 years
- Calvin Smith, 23 years
- Donald Stiles, 18 years
- Erik Artrup, 17 years
- John Dilley, 17 years
- Elaine Boltz, 16 years
- Jon Warner, 15 years
- Lakisha Veney, 13 years
- Tyler Mounts, 13 years
- David Ratcliffe, 11 years
- Thomas Davis, 11 years
- Darryl Crumiell, 9 years
- Kenneth Zaborniak, 9 years
- Sean Fraley, 9 years
- Shawn Stevens, 9 years
- John Carlisle, 8 years
- Kyle Oglesby, 7 years
- Eric Miller, 6 years
- Nicholas Miller, 6 years
- Ryan Allen, 6 years
- Deirdre Houston, 11 years
- Gabriel Erickson, 10 years
- Kasey Unser, 10 years
- David Basye, 9 years
- William Erwin, 9 years
- Aja Matthews, 7 years
- Amelia Zamonski, 7 years
- Ayodele Adeniye, 7 years
- Carrie Legg, 7 years
- Francisco Soto, 7 years
- Margaret Loge, 7 years
- Naiya Sayavong, 7 years
- Sara Herman, 7 years
- Spencer Keane, 7 years
- Damar Noaks, 6 years
- Dashauna Bowles, 6 years
- Sawyer Davidson, 6 years
- Andrew Smith, 5 years
- Frances Moore, 5 years
- Jacob Barnes, 5 years
- Jocelyn Edwards, 5 years
- Lashaun Jones, 5 years
- Stefan James, 5 years
- Charity Davis, 4 years
- Cierra Carpenter, 4 years
- Margaret Dible, 4 years
- Taira Bennett, 4 years
- Inioluwa Kuteyi, 3 years
- Jaiden Keene, 3 years
- Jalissa Hunter, 3 years
- Jarall Hunter, 3 years
- Markeel Barron, 3 years
- Mikayla Moman, 3 years
- Virshaun Gordon, 3 years
- Alexia Pagan, 2 years
- Araya Solomon, 2 years
- Breyanna Richardson, 2 years
- Cheyanna Moore, 2 years
- Coumba Diallo, 2 years
- Darryl Trusel, 2 years
- Dashawn Simmons, 2 years
- Daymond Ayers, 2 years
- Devan Woodson, 2 years
- Elijah Easley, 2 years
- Hannaniah Matthews, 2 years
- Jacobi Riversmorgan, 2 years
- Jah'Niya Barker, 2 years
- Jaysauna Hairston, 2 years
- Jessica Garcia-Jimenez, 2 years
- Jordyn Mccarey, 2 years
- Josiah Shephard, 2 years
- Kavontay Robinson, 2 years
- Kevin Houston, 2 years

- Angel Gabriel, 5 years
- Joseph Taylor, 5 years
- Richard Starghill, 5 years
- Kevin Blankenship, 4 years
- Nicholas Shannon, 4 years
- Austin Brachok, 3 years
- Benjamin Beckman, 3 years
- John Pinsky, 3 years
- Logan Lay, 3 years
- Samson Mingione, 3 years
- Daniel Dudzinski, 2 years
- Dennis Evans, 2 years
- Gage Thompson, 2 years
- Joshua Ackison, 2 years
- Kyle Plocek, 2 years
- Phillip Reeb, 2 years
- Raheem Watts, 2 years
- Benjamin Shannon, 1 year
- Isaiah Williams, 1 year
- Joseph White, 1 year
- Mary Banks, 1 year
- Mishelle Hilliard, 1 year
- Alex Rodriguez, 2 years
- Artis Cain-Jackson, 2 years
- Austin Eckert, 2 years
- Daneisha Kendricks, 2 years
- Jael Lee, 2 years
- Joshua Richards-Jarvis, 2 years
- Maximilian Johnson, 2 years
- Mekhi Sherrell-Foster, 2 years
- Nicholas Evans, 2 years
- Patrick O'Grady, 2 years
- Terrence Shumate, 2 years
- Terron Tolber, 2 years
- William Bryant, 2 years
- Calvin Held, 1 year
- Cameron Ridolfo, 1 year
- Elysia Franke, 1 year
- Johnni Crites, 1 year
- Khalifa Cochran, 1 year
- Lauren Free, 1 year
- Magnolia Meyers, 1 year
- Naidy Cioletti, 1 year
- Olivia Johnson, 1 year
- Ryan Berry, 1 year
- Spencer Hobson, 1 year
- Tyler Swafford, 1 year
- Keyonna Walker, 2 years
- Malaysia Hagens, 2 years
- Marie Merchant, 2 years
- Mathiah Shephard, 2 years
- Nevaeh Cordell, 2 years
- Philip Towns, 2 years
- Richard Dininni, 2 years
- Samuel Whitaker Iii, 2 years
- Stephen Cottrill, 2 years
- Teshawn Johnson, 2 years
- Valerie Jordan, 2 years
- William Davis Jr, 2 years
- Xavier Hargrove, 2 years
- Ziah Mccord, 2 years
- A'Reyonna Muldrow, 1 year
- Abdi Ugas, 1 year
- Alston Laury, 1 year
- Amani Glaze, 1 year
- Amani Via, 1 year
- Amirah Stewart, 1 year
- Andrew Thomas, 1 year
- Annikah Cundiff, 1 year
- Aset Caldwell, 1 year
- Austin King, 1 year
- Chyna Fiffer, 1 year
- Claire Collins, 1 year
- Cory Mcdowell, 1 year
- Daelyn Mcguire, 1 year
- Damien Grunewald, 1 year
- Darius Lewis-Hayes, 1 year

- De'Marcus Green, 1 year
- Demetrius Smith, 1 year
- Denim Cook, 1 year
- Destiny Humphries, 1 year
- Dramayne White, 1 year
- Dwight Dorsey Jr, 1 year
- Eli Creed, 1 year
- Eric Smoak li, 1 year
- Eric Villareal, 1 year
- Erickson Ferguson, 1 year
- Harmony Ross, 1 year
- Hayden Kelley, 1 year
- Isaac Marshall, 1 year
- Jada Sanders, 1 year
- Jaihla Martin, 1 year
- Jaila Mccarey, 1 year
- Jama Ugaas, 1 year
- Jamon Pickens, 1 year
- Janay Mckinnie, 1 year
- Jason Burton, 1 year
- Jason Jones, 1 year
- Jayla Thomas, 1 year
- Jaylen Tyree, 1 year
- Jeremiah Miller, 1 year
- Jermaine Barksdale, 1 year
- Jose Martinez Casimiro, 1 year
- Journey Dorton, 1 year
- Kanique Jenkins, 1 year
- Khloe Powell, 1 year
- Kimora Bowers, 1 year
- Kira Thurman, 1 year
- Kyleigh Price, 1 year
- Kyreaf Carr, 1 year
- Maiya Woods, 1 year
- Maya Avery, 1 year

- Me'Liyah White, 1 year
- Natalie Hubbard, 1 year
- Nathaniel Lewis, 1 year
- Orion Mcdaniel, 1 year
- Owen Laury, 1 year
- Patience Richards, 1 year
- Rashawn Dillard, 1 year
- Rhyann Mattox, 1 year
- Savannah Dorton, 1 year
- Shamar Alexander, 1 year
- Shamar Hicks, 1 year
- Shia Spears, 1 year
- Tamiracle Hayes, 1 year
- Taniaya Ivory, 1 year
- Teanna Tolber, 1 year
- Terrion Barbour, 1 year
- Travon Rivers, 1 year
- Zaiden Latta, 1 year
- Zamir Latta, 1 year

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