



RISE TOGETHER - AUG. 22, 2023

SPOTLIGHT ON CONSERVATION

REDUCING FOOD WASTE, REDUCING GREENHOUSE GASSES

Nearly 1 million pounds of food waste goes to the Franklin County landfill every single day. Food waste in the landfill generates potent methane gas — a powerful greenhouse gas that is a major contributor to climate change. Waste diversion is the most efficient way to reduce the amount of emissions generated by landfills, and to reduce demand for landfill space. Reducing organic waste, specifically food waste, from entering the landfill is a major goal of the Columbus Climate Action Plan. The plan sets ambitious goals to achieve a 45 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2050.

Conservation is key to our mission, and we want to take steps to help reduce the amount of food waste that enters the landfill. Recently, we partnered with the Department of Public Service's Division of Refuse Collection to open the City's first three food scrap drop-off sites. Open to all residents, these locations are located at department facilities: Dodge Community Center, Scioto Southland Park and Anheuser-Busch Sports Park. Compost Clubhouse, a minority, woman-owned small business based here in Columbus, will service the sites. These sites are the first of many to offer a new waste-reduction service for residents.

[Learn more about the program and reducing food waste.](#)

NEWS AND INFORMATION

REMINDER: UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO IN DAYFORCE TO ENSURE YOU RECEIVE EMERGENCY

8/28/2023

Make sure you receive important alerts from the department's new emergency notification system. This includes information about weather delays, closings and other alerts. Today is the last day to update your information in Dayforce before we test the system. The test notification will be sent out **tomorrow, Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 12 p.m.** and will include a link to a survey so you can confirm that you received the test notification.

Not sure on how to update your information? [View this step-by-step guide on how to make those updates.](#)

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE NEW COLUMBUS.GOV?

The City recently launched a [new, fresh and innovative design on its website, Columbus.gov](#). This new website features a modern look and feel, improved mobile compatibility and enhanced search functionality. In addition, the website has been better organized so that users can access the services and information they need more quickly.

Among other upgrades, the new Columbus.gov features:

- A streamlined, service-centric navigation menu informed by website analytics, user testing and community feedback
- A mobile-responsive design that optimizes viewing on any device - desktop, tablet and mobile - accounting for the fact that over half of Columbus.gov visitors access the website using a mobile device
- An automatic translation tool for Spanish, French, Somali, Arabic and Nepali
- Improved web accessibility for a more digitally inclusive experience

The transition from the [old website](#) to the new website will continue over the next several months. The 300 webpages that have been migrated to-date account for 80 percent of all traffic to the City website. The rest of the content will move to the new site in the coming months.

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August 18

All day

ADULT KICKBALL LEAGUES - FALL SESSION REGISTRATION

All day

NITE OWL CLASSIC MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DIVISION NITE REGISTRATION

All day

KNOWN AND STRANGE THINGS EXHIBITION

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

What was your favorite thing to get before school started when you were younger?

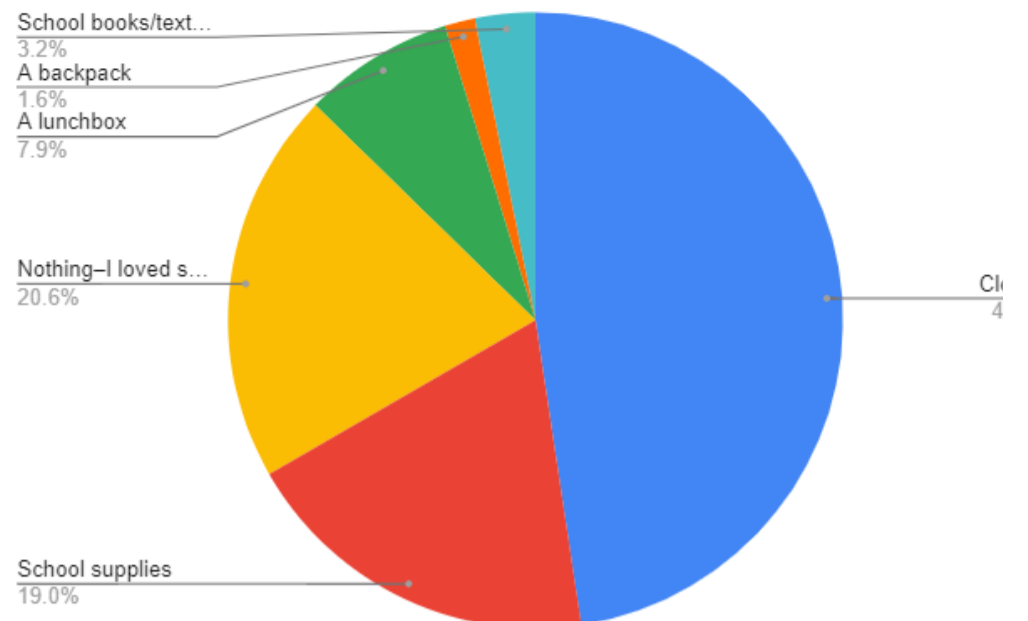
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Not shared

* Indicates required question

What was your favorite thing to get before school started when you were younger?

- Clothes
- A backpack
- A lunchbox
- School supplies
- School books/text books
- Nothing—I loved summer!



LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Rise Together Leadership Update - Aug. 22, 2021



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

RALPH

Section

Manager of the City of Columbus Municipal Nursery

Length of Employment

25 years

WAGENHOFER



What's your favorite aspect of Columbus Recreation and Parks?

Fighting man-made climate change by planting trees.

What's your favorite project that you have worked on?

Overseeing the installation of a new concrete mulch pad at the Nursery. I also enjoy writing evaluations!

What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

Black Raspberry Chocolate Chunk

What is your favorite book or movie?

I have two: *Back to School* with Rodney Dangerfield and *Pulp Fiction*.

What is one piece of advice you have?

Show up to work with a smile on your face and expect the day to go well!

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.

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