



# WE PLAY TO WIN: THE WEEKLY PLAYBOOK

AUG. 5, 2025

## SPOTLIGHT ON RISE

### SEEING THE UNSEEN: VOICES OF WOMEN BEHIND BARS

In recognition of Women's Equality Day on Aug. 26, we're spotlighting a powerful new exhibition opening this week at the [Priscilla R. Tyson Cultural Arts Center](#).

Krista Benedetti's "[Where Life Is Precious, Life Is Precious](#)" runs in the main gallery from Aug. 8 through Sept. 13. This moving exhibit centers on her ongoing project, [Life Is Precious](#), which bridges women serving long-term sentences at the Ohio Reformatory for Women with the outside world through storytelling, portraiture and interactive art.

Benedetti's work challenges us to see the humanity in those often forgotten—women who are navigating life behind bars. Through their words, images and presence, the exhibit invites us to consider the deeper stories behind incarceration and our shared role in shaping justice and compassion.

Join us for the opening reception on Friday, Aug. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public, with complimentary refreshments.

## EVENTS

- **[Where Life is Precious, Life is Precious](#)**: Aug. 8 – Sept. 13 at Priscilla R. Tyson Cultural Arts Center (139 W. Main St. Columbus | 4321)
- **[iFestival Latino!](#)**: Aug. 9-10, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., at Genoa Park, 303 W. Broad St. | 43215
- **[CBUS Soul Fest](#)**: Aug. 15-16, 4-10 p.m., at Bicentennial Park (3233 S. Civic Center Dr. | 43215)
- **[India Festival](#)**: Aug. 23, 9 a.m.-10 p.m., at Ohio Expo Center's Celeste Center (717 E. 17th Ave. | 43211)
- **[Columbus Greek Festival](#)**: Aug. 29 – Sept. 1, at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral (555 N. High St. | 43215)

## OBSERVANCES

- **Purple Heart Day (Aug. 7)**: Honors U.S. military members who were wounded or killed in action while serving their country. The day also aims to raise awareness of the impact of war on veterans and their families.
- **International Day of the World's Indigenous People (Aug. 9)**: Raises awareness and protects the rights of the world's indigenous population. This annual observance also recognizes the achievements and contributions that indigenous people make to improve world issues. It was first pronounced by the United Nations General Assembly in December 1994.
- **Women's Equality Day (Aug. 26)**: Commemorates the 1920 adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which prohibits U.S. state and federal governments from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States on the basis of sex. It was first celebrated in 1971.

# NEWS AND INFORMATION

## STAY IN THE LOOP: EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING RECAP

Missed the last Executive Leadership Team meeting? No problem, you can catch up anytime! [Meeting notes and the presentation are available on the intranet](#). These documents address the two questions submitted about the budget and the woodworking efforts. Don't have intranet access? Reach out to your supervisor.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for Oct. 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Continental Room at 1111 E. Broad St. Is there something on your mind? [Start sending in your questions now](#). Some of the common questions will be addressed in this meeting.

## TECH TIP: OFFICE 365 UPGRADE UPDATES

Big tech upgrade ahead: DOT is rolling out Office 365, and we know you have questions. While email access on mobile devices isn't live just yet, this upgrade is the first step toward getting there.

The first wave of updates will go to staff currently using the Boxer app. From there, it will roll out based on job needs.

This change affects the full Office suite—Word, Excel, Outlook and more. Most things will feel familiar, but there are a few differences. Want a refresher or a quick how-to? Citywide Training has you covered. Complete the [“Interactive Office 365 Essentials”](#) course on the Training Gateway to brush up, whether you're a beginner or a longtime Office pro.

Also good to know: Office 365 means expanded access to OneDrive. It's a great option for temporarily sharing files outside the city, but don't use it as long-term storage. Save important documents to your team's shared drive or your U drive instead.


Email [CRPDTech@columbus.gov](mailto:CRPDTech@columbus.gov) with questions.

## CREATE CULTURE STAFF SOCIAL: LET'S BOWL

The CREATE Culture Committee is headed to the lanes, and you're invited! Join us for the next Staff Social at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl on Aug. 21 from 4 to 7

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 There are no events on this day.

## KEY DATES AUGUST

**Mandatory Dayforce training for Managers and Timekeepers**

Aug. 20 – Sept. 30

**CREATE Culture Committee: Staff Social**

Aug. 21 | 4-7 p.m. | Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl

**City of Columbus Employee Health and Benefits Fair**

Aug. 26 | 10 a.m.-3 p.m. | Lou Berliner Athletic Complex

## SEPTEMBER

**CREATE Culture Committee: Staff Lunch**

Sept. 12 | 11:30 a.m.17 p.m. | 1533 Alum Creek Dr.

**CREATE Culture Committee: Staff Social**

Sept. 18 | 4-7 p.m. | Land-Grant Brewing

p.m. at 3324 S. High St.

We’ll reserve a few lanes, but bowling and refreshments are pay-your-own-way. Drop in when you can—family and friends are welcome! No RSVP is needed.

# MANDATORY TRAINING FOR MANAGERS AND TIMEKEEPERS LAUNCHES AUG. 20

Mandatory in-person Dayforce training for Managers and timekeepers launches Aug. 20 and will run through September. This hands-on, personalized session uses real-time data from your teams, so it’s the perfect chance to sharpen your skills and ask questions.

Sign-up dates will be grouped by sections and the number of attendees. Watch your inbox for details!

# JAZZ & RIB FEST MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE AT HALF PRICE

Columbus Recreation and Parks staff have the opportunity to purchase Jazz & Rib Fest merchandise at a 50% discount!

[Click here](#) to see what merch items are available, then place your order using [this Smartsheet link](#). When your order is ready to be picked up, you will be notified by email to come to the Special Events area (Suite 103) of the Jerry Hammond Center (1111 E Broad St, Columbus, OH 43205) to purchase your items.

*Please note that we will only accept credit cards and mobile payment options. Cash will not be accepted.*

## REINVESTING IN YOU

# REMINDER: TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CITY’S NEW EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

Don’t forget—the City of Columbus has partnered with the University of Phoenix to make higher education more affordable for employees. Whether you’re finishing a degree or building new skills, [this program](#) can help you move forward without the financial strain.

Here’s the deal: For every five courses you complete, the sixth one is free—adding up to more than \$7,000 in savings on a bachelor’s degree and over \$2,000 on a master’s.

Ready to take the next step? Learn more and see if this opportunity fits your goals. [Register for an information session on Sept. 22, from noon to 12:30 p.m.](#) If you can't make it, [schedule a one-on-one appointment](#).

## UPCOMING TRAINING

Check out these upcoming training opportunities.

- September: [Climate Resilience and Parks](#), City Parks Alliance
- October: [Strategies for Dealing with Development Pressure on Parks](#), City Parks Alliance

*All staff are members of City Parks Alliance; reset your password to log in and register.*

## PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Have you recently earned a degree, award or certification? [Let us know, and we will share your accomplishment in the newsletter!](#)

## CELEBRATING YOU

## CARE, CONSISTENCY CREATE A GREAT CAMP EXPERIENCE

Check out this letter from a resident praising Kelly Trent’s golf summer camp. The letter highlights how Kelly and her team are Dependable on Purpose, ensuring all of the details work well to create a great experience for youth and families.

Thank you, Kelly and team!

*Hi Mr. Musser:*

*I’m writing to share our wonderful experience with Kelly Trent’s golf camp, which my son Oliver has attended for the past two years. When I asked Kelly who I could share our appreciation with, she recommended I reach out to you.*

*Over the years, we’ve tried four different golf camps around the Columbus area, and Kelly’s program stands out as the most organized and well-run by far. From the quality of the facilities to the professionalism of the instructors and the clarity of communication, every detail is thoughtfully managed.*

*Kelly Trent brings over 43 years of experience to this camp, and it truly shows. The program offers kids a chance to stay active during the summer, engage with others, and enjoy time away from screens. It’s not just about golf—it’s about building confidence, having fun, and learning in a supportive environment.*

*One of the things we appreciate most is the involvement of local school students and instructors. Their presence adds a sense of community and mentorship that makes the camp even more special. The kids play fun golf games, learn new skills, and enjoy themselves in a safe and encouraging setting.*

*The camp locations are convenient and well-maintained, making drop-offs and pickups easy for families. Overall, this program has been a highlight of Oliver’s summer, and I highly recommend it to any parent looking for a meaningful and enriching experience for their child.*

*Sincerely,*

*Alex T.*

# NOMINATE A COWORKER FOR THE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

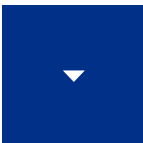
[Fill out this form to nominate a coworker.](#) The employee and their assistant director will be notified that they were nominated.

## ARCHIVE

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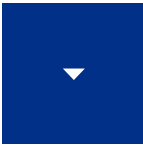
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### NATURE

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- [Summer Camps](#)

### WELLNESS

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