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The mission of the Columbus Metropolitan Club is to connect people and ideas through community conversation.

THIS WEEK AT CMC

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Parks at the Polls: Metro Parks Levy

John O'Meara, Executive Director, Metro Parks;
Greg Lashutka, Board of Directors, Metro Parks;
Jeff McNealey, Friends of Metro Parks

With Support from **National City** Now part of PNC **Franklin Park Conservatory**



Chris Redfern

Breaking News

Special forum announced for Thursday April 9th. **Chris Redfern**, Chairman of the Ohio Democratic Party will discuss matters of the budget. Please refer to www.columbusmetroclub.org for details as they become available.

Previews of Upcoming CMC Events

Wednesday

APRIL 15

Battelle's New CEO: Reaching the World from King Avenue



Jeff Wadsworth, CEO Battelle

With support from Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur Presented in partnership with TechColumbus



We take Battelle for granted. Tucked away quietly on King Avenue for 80 years, Battelle could easily claim that it is Columbus' most global organization, as well as one of Columbus' most philanthropic citizens. Because of its strong Columbus presence, it was big news when nearly one year ago, Battelle named Jeffrey Wadsworth as its next President and Chief Executive Officer to succeed community icon Carl Kohrt, scheduled to retire December 2008.

All CMC forums are open to everyone!

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

CMC ON-SITE
5:15 - 7:00 P.M.

Exclusive Preview of the Historic Lincoln Theatre

Hosted by **Todd Bemis**, Vice President of Operations, CAPA; And, a special peak at the third-floor Jazz Academy with **Carol Argiro**, Director of Operations and Community Programs, Jazz Academy (part of the Jazz Arts Group)

In October 2007, the Lincoln Theatre Association launched a \$12 million restoration of The Lincoln Theatre (771 E. Long St.). Listed on the National Register of Historic Places and once the shining gem of an upscale African-American community east of downtown, The Lincoln Theatre will celebrate its grand reopening later this spring. Join CMC on Site for an exclusive preview.



SPECIAL EVENING FOR ALL

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

CMC P.M. @ 5:15 AT HUNTINGTON PARK

Take me out to the NEW Ballgame

6:30 - Clippers vs Louisville

Presented in partnership with YPC and the Columbus Historical Society CMCpm is underwritten by **Huntington Bank** COSI is the official host and *alive!* is the exclusive print media sponsor

Special Price for Hotdog Buffet and game ticket \$25

Our pregame program will include an appearance by professional mascot entrepreneur **Adam Bonner** plus a look at baseball history in Columbus, past, present and future by the blueblood of baseball history himself, **Clipper's Director of Communication Joe Santry**. Pregame event includes game ticket, hot dog buffet and \$2 draft... then enjoy the game with your friends!



APRIL 22

7,300 Wishes: Make a Wish Celebrates 25 Years

APRIL 29

Modern Reasons for Old-Fashioned Food: Renewed Popularity of Locally-Grown Food

Once thought of as "grandma's garden" and rather old-fashioned, vegetable gardens and even chickens in the backyard are making a comeback from the White House to Whitehall! Learn from our local food purveyors how it's good to be green and growing (and buying) locally.

Forums are held at the Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St., unless otherwise noted. Please make reservations online at columbusmetroclub.org or via email to staff@columbusmetroclub.org or by calling 464-3220

MAY 6

Dispatch Chats with Columbus Dispatch Writer Ann Fisher

Women on Fire: Local Women Featured in New Book



Ann Fisher



Debbie Phillips, Author and Founder Women on Fire



Ginny Barney, City Manager, Upper Arlington



Patricia Wynn Brown, Founder of Hair Theatre

"Debbie Phillips has the amazing ability to put together women of passion who can inspire each other. She is a Woman on Fire!"
— *Ellen Pearlman, former magazine editor, New York City*

TUESDAY, MAY 12

CMC P.M. AT COSI, 5:15 - 7:00

From the Front-lines to Home: Reentry, Resources, and Risks for Returning Veterans



Major General Gregory Wayt, Adjutant General, Ohio National Guard

Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts are returning men and women veterans to mainstream society with severe disabilities, who would likely have died in previous wars. Add to this, the increase of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), a job-starved recessionary economy and reports of National Guard and military reserve members facing job discrimination due to multiple deployments overseas. These and many more reentry challenges face returning veterans after proudly serving our country.

General Wayt leads an important, thoughtful conversation about the needs of our brave service men and women.

MAY 13

You're Going to do What with City Center? Bold Plans Emerge for City Center



Guy Worley, CEO, Columbus Downtown Development Corporation



Poor City Center. We've all watched in amazement and disbelief as a disappointing story has unfolded for a not-so-long-ago darling of our downtown stage. Try as they might, (and they have tried!) the city leaders have not been able to pull this one out of the ashes, and they have announced that the only ball this Grande dam will be seeing soon, will be the wrecking ball.

You're going to do *what* with City Center? The promise of downtown parks eases some of the pain, but will this new plan for prime center city real estate really capture the elusive downtown rebirth and resurrection that we all hope?

MARCH 25

RECAP

MARCH 26

Benchmarking Central Ohio 2009: A Tale of Sixteen Cities

Roberta Garber, CEO of Community Research Partners; Bob Milbourne, CEO of the Columbus Partnership and Betsy Ziegler, McKinsey Company.



CMC Board Member Adrienne Selsor, Bob Milbourne CEO of The Columbus Partnership, Roberta Garber CEO of the Community Research Partners, and Betsy Ziegler of McKinsey Company

Financing Columbus, A Tale of Two Cities... Choose One

Bob Howarth, the economic advisory panel chair and Joel Taylor, the City's Finance Director; moderator, Allen Proctor, Allen Proctor LLC.



CMC Board Member Todd Tuney, Allen Proctor President, Allen Proctor Consulting, LLC, Bob Howarth Chair, Economic Advisory Committee, Joel Taylor Director of Department of Finance and Management

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MONDAY, MAY 18



Senator Sherrod Brown

View from Washington

If there was ever a time when we want to hear from our leaders in Washington, it's now, and Senator Brown has accepted our CMC invitation to talk to us.

THURSDAY, MAY 21

CMC ON SITE, 5:15-7:00 P.M.

New Investment in Rich History - Renovated Statehouse Museum & Gift Shop

Special host Former Senate President Richard H. Finan

The Ohio Statehouse Museum is scheduled to open to the Public on June 10. Our Ohio Capitol building is more than a legislative hub - it's also one of the top visitor and school tour attractions in Ohio, with more than 400,000 guests last year.

This CMC on Site will offer CMC guests a preview program of the renovated museum and provide the background and development of this fascinating public/private project and its critical link to "the people's house."



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