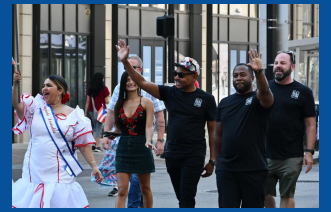


# Happy Latino Heritage Month!



This month we take time to celebrate our diverse Latino community in Columbus. Learn more about the exciting festivities around the city honoring our Latino community members and heritage [CLICK HERE](#)



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## A LETTER FROM CHRIS

Dear Neighbors,

School is in full swing, tree plantings are underway across the city and my team and I are working on exciting climate focused initiatives that we are hoping to roll out soon.

Due to climate change, we are currently in [aregional drought](#). We all must come together to reduce our water usage, my office has committed to following the Ohio Department of Natural Resources [Water Conservation](#) tips.

Lastly, if have not heard, we have launched two youth programs this fall! [ACT with Us Youth Art Contest](#) is for K-12 students who are interested in creating the city's next Sustainability Sign, and the [City-wide Hackathon](#) for high school students who are interested in learning coding!

My office is always open to your thoughts on how we can meet our city's Climate Action Plan and how we can all work together.

Thank You,  
Councilmember Christopher L. Wyche



## COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



### Eldon & Elsie Ward YMCA

[ymcacolumbus.com/locations/ward](http://ymcacolumbus.com/locations/ward) | 614-389-4643

YMCA of Central Ohio has been serving neighbors for over 100 years. Eldon & Elsie Ward YMCA recently opened a new playground for children and neighbors on the near eastside area and provides programs to over 5,000 members. The Ward YMCA's mission is to guide individuals on their journey toward holistic well-being while offering empowerment opportunities for all.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES



**Free Credit Monitoring**

**PLAY Scholarship**

**Proyecto Mariposas**

Cyber threats can come from any

direction, whether it's from the recent cyber-attack on Columbus or thousands of other data breaches.

Take action today to protect yourself from cybercriminals by enrolling in two years of free Experian credit monitoring, which is available to all Columbus residents.

Enroll by November 29, 2024 at:

[COLUMBUS.GOV/CYBER](https://COLUMBUS.GOV/CYBER)

1-833-918-5161 with the code B129832



### Kaleidoscope Youth Center

Kaleidoscope Youth Center supports LGBTQIA+ Youth and works to provide a safer place, programming, and leadership opportunities so that youth can be free to explore who they are and empowered to become their confident, truest self. KYC also provides support services for housing and behavioral health.

[MORE INFORMATION LINKED HERE](#)

The PLAY Scholarship Fund was created because the City of Columbus believes all kids deserve the chance to play regardless of ability to pay. Financially-challenged families with children 18 years and younger can apply for a PLAY Scholarship for any fee-based program offered through Columbus Recreation and Parks Department.

Apply at your neighborhood Columbus Recreation and Parks Department Community Center.

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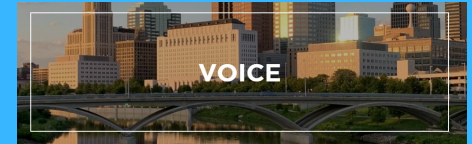
### Adaptive Sports Connection

Adaptive Sports Connection provides sports programs for individuals and families. Programs all for all abilities to participate in sports at their own pace and skill level. Adaptive Equipment is provided variety of sports equipment to meet needs - from beginners to competitive athletes.

[MORE INFORMATION LINKED HERE](#)

The Proyecto Mariposas is a non-profit organization that provides an environment of learning, sharing and support to Latina Girls and their mothers. Proyecto Mariposas is at no cost and has weekly programs, summer experiences and other events.

[MORE INFORMATION LINKED HERE](#)



### VOICE Program

The VOICE (Violence Outreach, Intervention, Community Engagement) program provides vital resources to victims of violent crime ages 18-40 to help prevent re-injury and jail time and assist with recovery. This voluntary case management program provides wrap-around services and connects participants to needed medical, clinical and community social service programs.

Participants can receive financial incentives for their progress as they work through four phases with a social work/intervention team

[MORE INFORMATION LINKED HERE](#)

## BE THE CHANGE!



### Join GreenSpot!

GreenSpot inspires, educates, and recognizes households, businesses, and community groups that adopt green practices. GreenSpot is a membership-based program that provides a framework to think about sustainability and a way to log your successes. It is free to join and there is no fee or cost. If you live in Franklin County or surrounding counties you are eligible! All community members are encouraged to help shape the future of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department!

[MORE INFORMATION LINKED HERE](#)



### A.C.T. with Us Youth Art Contest!

Calling all young Climate Champions! Design our city's next sign encouraging neighbors to be more sustainable! This year's theme is "Reduce, reuse, recycle Columbus!"

K-12 Students who attend school in Columbus or live in Columbus or participate in a Columbus Recreation and Parks Department Program are eligible to enter.

Deadline for Submission is Oct. 18, 2024

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### COMMUNITY BACKYARDS

Save Money. Protect Clean Water.

Take the online course or attend an in-person workshop to receive a rebate towards one of the following:

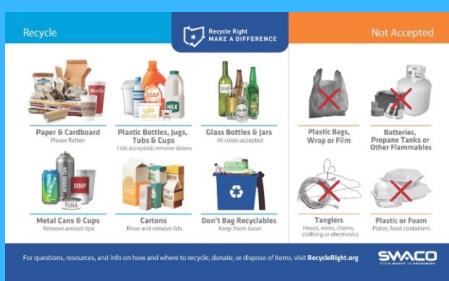
- RAIN BARRELS**: Your plants love soft, mineral-free rainwater that you'll capture and store for when you need it.
- COMPOST BINS**: Layer your nitrogen-rich greens and carbon-rich browns for free fertilizer for home gardens.
- NATIVE PLANTS & TREES**: Support your heritage and the animals that depend on hardy, attractive native plants, shrubs, and trees.

Most Franklin County homes are eligible. Visit [communitybackyards.org](https://communitybackyards.org) to see if your home qualifies.

We thank our participating communities and partners for supporting this program!

### Get Community Backyard Program Rebate!

Through Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District, the Community



Backyards program is an educational rebate program for Franklin County, Ohio residents. The goal is to capture rainwater where it falls and soak it in. In the course, residents learn about rainwater, water pollution, storm water runoff and its detrimental impacts on local water quality, erosion, and flooding. Residents will also learn what they can do to help protect our waterways beginning right in their own backyard!

**Request Your Recycling Bin!**

Did you know the City of Columbus provides weekly recycling pick up? Request your blue recycle bin through 311 by using the CBUS 311 App, call (614) 645-3111 or e-mail 311@columbus.gov.

[MORE INFORMATION LINKED HERE](#)

**Register to vote!**

Deadline to register or update your voter registration is October 7! Register to vote, update your voting registration, request an absentee ballot, find early voting dates at the County Board of Elections, and/or find your voting location!

[MORE INFORMATION LINKED HERE](#)

After taking the course, Franklin County residents can receive a rebate to install a backyard conservation practice.

Online Classes are free and open to the public! The 2024 Program Year ends on October 1.

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**



**Big Table: A Conversation on Clean Energy**  
**Wednesday | Sept. 25 | 1 - 3 P.M.**  
 Department of Public Utilities  
 910 Dublin Rd.

Join Councilmember Wyche, Sustainable Columbus and the Ohio Environmental Council for a lively conversation about the future of clean energy. Light lunch included. Event is free and open to the public.

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**Drive Electric Week Celebration**  
**Saturday | Sept. 28 | 11 A.M. - 2 P.M.**  
 Center Street Market Parking Lot  
 4061 Wayne St.

Hosted by Drive Electric Columbus, the celebration will include members bringing their EVs to showcase, and there will be information on the Federal EV Tax Credit, exhibits from other local organizations, swag items to give away, and more! Event is free and open to the public.

[MORE INFORMATION LINKED HERE](#)



**CelebrateOne First Birthday Party**  
**Saturday | Sept. 28 | 1 - 3 P.M.**  
 Dorrian Green Park  
 50 S. Belle St.

Join CelebrateOne for our biggest First Birthday Party ever with free food, fun activities, and a smash cupcake photo for your little one to take home.

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**Council Public Hearing: Public Utilities and Sustainability Committee**  
**Wednesday | Oct. 2 | 3:30 P.M.**  
 Council Chambers - City Hall  
 90 W. Broad St.

Councilmember Wyche is hosting a Public Utilities and Sustainability Committee Hearing on upcoming code changes. If you would like to provide public testimony, please email cglolterman@columbus.gov by 12:00 P.M. on the day of the hearing.



**Senior Wellness Jamboree**  
**Friday | Oct. 4 | 9 A.M.**  
 Schiller Park  
 1069 Jaeger St.

Join us for a fun fitness walk with distances for every fitness level! Participate in classes and activities, get tips and resources for a healthy lifestyle and win prizes.

[MORE INFORMATION LINKED HERE](#)



**Latino Heritage Art Show**  
**Friday | Oct. 18 | 6 - 10 P.M.**  
 Blockfort Gallery  
 90 W. Broad St.

Join us for a vibrant celebration of Latino culture through art. The Art Show showcases works by local Latino artists, exploring our diverse heritage. Event is free and open to the public.

[MORE INFORMATION LINKED HERE](#)





**Day of the Dead Festival**

**Saturday | Oct. 19 | 10 A.M. - 6:30 P.M.**  
Green Lawn Cemetery  
1000 Greenlawn Ave.

Join Latino Arts for Humanity on October 19, 2024, at the historic Green Lawn Cemetery for a celebration of culture, remembrance, and community. Day of the Dead Columbus is a vibrant and meaningful event that's been celebrated in Columbus since 1999! Event is free and open to the public.

**LinkUs Bus Tour**

**Thursday | Oct. 24 | 1 - 3 P.M.**  
COTA's McKinley Ave. Facility  
1600 McKinley Ave.

Join Councilmember Wyche for a tour that aims to create a visual experience that communicates what's coming with LinkUS, especially bus rapid transit and how it functions/looks/feels different than what's on the ground today.

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**Council Community Eastside Meeting**

**Wednesday | Oct. 30 | 6 - 7:30 P.M.**  
Directions for Youth and Families  
Crittenton Center, 3840 Kimberly Pkwy.

Join City Councilmembers on the Eastside! Discuss issues and initiatives with your Councilmembers and the City Departments. Event is free and open to the public.



**Councilmember Christopher L. Wyche | 90 W. Broad St. | Columbus, OH 43215 US**

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