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2018-19

RELOCATION

THE
COLUMBUS
REGION



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“Moving to Columbus is one of the best decisions I’ve made in my life; I wish I had moved here sooner. I’m very happy here.”

PHUNTSO LAMA

Momo Ghar owner

MOVED TO: Columbus in 2014

FROM: Brooklyn

“

“I had been to visit Columbus many times and always had great experiences when I was here. However, it wasn't until I moved here that I fully realized how much Columbus has to offer.”

AMY HARMAN

Fahlgren Mortine account supervisor

MOVED TO: Dublin in 2008

FROM: Chicago

“

“There is so much to offer for every age and stage in life [here]. ... Columbus is a fantastic, growing, progressive city full of Midwestern hospitality. You'll fall in love!”

PEYTON SUTTON

treefree senior manager

MOVED TO: Powell in 2016

FROM: Irvine, California



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Welcome to the Columbus Region!

Relocating is a stressful event. Logistics aside, the finer points of getting acquainted with a new home—learning what restaurants you prefer, where to take your kids on a rainy afternoon and how to get across town most effectively—can take some time. So when Columbus 2020 and Dispatch Magazines, which includes *Columbus Monthly* and *Columbus CEO*, among nine other publications, discussed creating a *Relocation Guide* for newcom-

ers and those considering a move to the Columbus Region, we jumped at the opportunity.

When we first started working with Columbus 2020 on this project, deciding what information to include wasn't hard; I just had to think back to my own arrival to Columbus in 2010 and what I wish I had known then. The hard part, in fact, was condensing everything I know and love about my region into these 104 pages.

It's no exaggeration to say that Central Ohio has

something to offer everyone who lives here; the depth and breadth of its offerings is truly remarkable. On behalf of Columbus 2020 and Dispatch Magazines, I invite you to use this guide as a jumping-off point in your exploration of your new region, from Alexandria to Zanesfield.

Emma

Emma Frankart Henterly
Editor, *Columbus Monthly*
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MEGAN LEIGH BARNARD



"When I first moved here, I [thought] Columbus was just going to be another temporary stop for me. Ten years later ... Columbus is home."

MICHAEL A. BUKACH

CoverMyMeds communications manager

MOVED TO: Grandview Heights in 2008

FROM: Cleveland by way of New York City

NOAH VAN SCIVER



"To me, Columbus feels like 100 cities in one. Each part has its own vibe. There's a big difference between German Village and Clintonville!"

NOAH VAN SCIVER

Cartoonist

MOVED TO: Columbus in 2016

FROM: Denver, Colorado

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WELCOME

“

People are really tied to the Region. People grow up and raise their families here—there's a real sense of home.”

DR. MICHAEL DRAKE

The Ohio State University president

MOVED TO: Columbus in 2014

FROM: Irvine, California

Columbus Region County Profiles

The 11 counties in the Columbus Region comprise more than 2 million people. Here's a look at how each county stacks up.

BY EMMA FRANKART HENTERLY

Delaware County

County Seat

Delaware

Established

April 1, 1808

Named for: **Delaware Native Americans**

Area

442.41 square miles

Population

200,464

TOP PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

JPMorgan Chase & Co.

10,197 employees

The Kroger Co.

800 employees

DHL Supply Chain

774 employees

Unemployment Rate

3.5%

Median Age

38

Median

household income

\$94,234

Average

household income

\$119,897

Fairfield County

County Seat

Lancaster

Established

Dec. 9, 1800

Named for: **The beauty of its "fair fields"**

Area

505.11 square miles

Population

154,733

TOP PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

The Oneida Group, Inc.

671 employees

Nifco America Corp.

419 employees

TreeHouse Foods, Inc.

341 employees

Unemployment Rate

4.3%

Median Age

39.3

Median

household income

\$61,473

Average

household income

\$76,365

The Columbus Region is made up of 11 counties. More than 45 percent of the U.S. population and nearly 50 percent of U.S. headquarters' operations are accessible within a 10-hour drive of the Region, making it uniquely poised to offer greater access to the U.S. market within that distance than any other major metro.

The Region's 50-plus college and university campuses enroll 134,000 students each year, giving it one of the highest concentrations of college students in the nation. Economically, no single industry sector represents more than 18 percent of the Region's employment, making it incredibly diverse and, therefore, stable. The Region's 2017 unemployment rate was 4.1 percent.

The area is demographically diverse, too. More than

100 languages are spoken throughout the Region; the concentrations of its Japanese, Bhutanese and Somali populations are among the highest in the country.

Columbus—Ohio's capital—is the 14th-largest city in the country and the fastest-growing large city in the Midwest. Office space in Columbus is affordable; it is 40 percent less expensive than in Chicago and 60 percent less than in New York City.

Read on for detailed information on each of the Region's 11 counties.

Unemployment rates from U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2017 average (seasonally adjusted by Columbus 2020); top private employers data from Columbus 2020; demographic data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 Population Estimates and U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2016, five-year estimates.



Downtown Columbus

DORAL CHENOWETH III

Franklin County

County Seat

Columbus

Established

April 30, 1803

Named for: **Benjamin Franklin**

Area

539.87 square miles

Population

1,291,981

TOP PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

Nationwide

13,400 employees

JPMorgan Chase & Co.

8,220 employees

Cardinal Health, Inc.

5,058 employees

Unemployment Rate

4.0%

Median Age

33.9

Median

household income

\$54,037

Average

household income

\$73,666

Knox County

County Seat

Mount Vernon

Established

March 1, 1808

Named for: **Gen. Henry Knox**

Area

527.12 square miles

Population

61,261

TOP PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

Ariel Corp.

1,500 employees

JELD-WEN, Inc.

470 employees

FT Precision, Inc.

370 employees

Unemployment Rate

4.5%

Median Age

39

Median

household income

\$48,619

Average

household income

\$60,027

Marion County

County Seat

Marion

Established

April 1, 1820

Named for: **Gen. Francis Marion**

Area

403.84 square miles

Population

64,967

TOP PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

Whirlpool Corp.

2,344 employees

Andersen Corp. (Silver Line)

600 employees

Wyandot Inc.

400 employees

Unemployment Rate

5.1%

Median Age

40.5

Median
household income

\$43,557

Average
household income

\$55,671

Licking County

County Seat

Newark

Established

March 1, 1808

Named for: **Area salt licks**

Area

686.5 square miles

Population

173,448

TOP PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

Amazon

4,040 employees

Ascena Shared Services

1,475 employees

L Brands, Inc.

1,407 employees

Unemployment Rate

4.2%

Median Age

39.8

Median
household income

\$57,571

Average
household income

\$72,360

Morrow County

County Seat

Mount Gilead

Established

March 1, 1848

Named for: **Gov. Jeremiah Morrow**

Area

406.22 square miles

Population

34,994

TOP PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

Cardington Yutaka Technologies

725 employees

Glen-Gery Brick

75 employees

Marengo Fabricated Steel

35 employees

Unemployment Rate

4.9%

Median Age

41.5

Median
household income

\$53,032

Average
household income

\$63,992

Logan County

County Seat

Bellefontaine

Established

March 1, 1818

Named for: **Gen. Benjamin Logan**

Area

458.44 square miles

Population

45,325

TOP PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

Honda of America Mfg., Inc.

3,785 employees

Midwest Express, Inc.

1,010 employees

AGC Flat Glass North America, Inc.

485 employees

Unemployment Rate

4.1%

Median Age

41.2

Median
household income

\$51,136

Average
household income

\$63,112

Pickaway County

County Seat

Circleville

Established

March 1, 1810

Named for: **A misspelling of the Piqua tribe**

Area

501.91 square miles

Population

57,830

TOP PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

DuPont

570 employees

TriMold LLC (TS Tech)

290 employees

EG TranSpire

204 employees

Unemployment Rate

4.6%

Median Age

39.3

Median
household income

\$58,706

Average
household income

\$70,332

Madison County

County Seat

London

Established

March 1, 1810

Named for: **President James Madison**

Area

465.44 square miles

Population

44,036

TOP PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

Stanley Electric U.S. Co., Inc.

1,528 employees

XPO Logistics, Inc. (Supply Chain)

1,016 employees

Target

600 employees

Jefferson Industries Corp.

600 employees

Unemployment Rate

3.9%

Median Age

40.2

Median
household income

\$58,326

Average
household income

\$74,065

Union County

County Seat

Marysville

Established

April 1, 1820

Named for: **Union of four formerly individual counties**

Area

436.65 square miles

Population

56,741

TOP PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

Honda of America Mfg., Inc.

6,850 employees

The Scotts Miracle-Gro Co.

1,100 employees

Veyance
Technologies, Inc.

400 employees

Transportation Research
Center Inc.

400 employees

Unemployment Rate

3.7%

Median Age

38.2

Median
household income

\$71,282

Average
household income

\$85,950

50 Memorable Moments

The Region has seen a lot of growth and change in its 206-year history. Here are some noteworthy moments from its past.

COMPILED BY **EMMA FRANKART HENTERLY**

1812

The town of Columbus was platted.

1814

The first Ohio Statehouse was constructed.

1824

Columbus became the Franklin County seat.

1830

Capital University was founded.

1834

Columbus was incorporated as a city.

1839

Construction began on the new Statehouse; it was completed more than 20 years later, in 1861.



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1850

The first locomotive ran through Columbus after Union Station was built.

1851

Dr. Lincoln Goodale donated land for Goodale Park, the first city park.



1861

Camp Chase opened as a Civil War encampment and Union prison.

1865

President Abraham Lincoln's funeral train traveled through Columbus; he lay in repose for one day in the new Statehouse as 50,000 Ohioans paid their respects.

1870

The Ohio State University was founded.

1871

The first edition of the *Daily Dispatch*—now known as the *Columbus Dispatch*—was published.

1880

Rev. James Poindexter was the first African-American elected to city council.

1891

The first electric streetcar debuted.

1894

Construction began on the city's first skyscraper, the 11-story Wyandotte building.

1907

The Columbus Main Library opened.

1910

The Southern Theatre opened.

1922

Ohio Stadium opened on The Ohio State University campus.



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1928

The Ohio Theatre opened.

1929

Battelle Memorial Institute opened.

1931

The Columbus Museum of Art opened.



Dispatch File

1936

OSU track star Jesse Owens became the first athlete to win four Olympic gold medals during the Berlin Summer Games—in front of Adolf Hitler.

1956

The world's first captive-born gorilla, Colo, was born at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium.

1962

The inaugural "Festival of the Arts" took place on the Ohio Statehouse lawn; today it's known as the Columbus Arts Festival and has found its home to the west, along the Scioto riverfront.



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1965

Jerrie Mock, a Newark native, became the first woman to fly around the globe solo. Her single-engine Cessna, dubbed "Spirit of Columbus," took off and landed at John Glenn Columbus International Airport (then Port Columbus International Airport).

1969

The nation's first Wendy's opened on Broad Street.

1975

OSU running back Archie Griffin became the first player to win two Heisman Trophy awards.

1976

The first Memorial Tournament, organized by native son Jack Nicklaus, was held.

1977

The Columbus Clippers made their home debut in the refurbished Franklin County Stadium (renamed Cooper Stadium in 1984).

1978

The Columbus Zoo hired Jack Hanna to be its new director.

1981

The first gay Pride Parade was held.

1981

The first Red, White & BOOM! was held.

1984

The first Short North Gallery Hop was held.

1989

The first Arnold Classic bodybuilding competition—now the multiday, multisport Arnold Sports Festival—took place.

1990

OSU's Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital opened.

1993

The Greater Columbus Convention Center opened.

1994

Columbus was one of the original seven cities awarded a Major League Soccer franchise: the Columbus Crew.



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1997

The National Hockey League approved an application for a Columbus franchise: the Columbus Blue Jackets.

1998

The Easton Town Center groundbreaking was attended by retail giant Les Wexner, Mayor Greg Lashutka, actor Arnold Schwarzenegger and hockey legend Wayne Gretzky. (It opened a year later.)



1999

Former Columbus City Council president Michael Coleman became the city's first black mayor.

2003

The OSU football team won the Fiesta Bowl to clinch its first national championship since the 1968 season.

2004

The downtown Lazarus department store closed after 153 years of operation.

2006

The Nationwide Foundation pledged \$50 million to Children's Hospital (which was renamed Nationwide Children's Hospital).

2008

The Columbus Crew won its first MLS Cup.

2009

The Columbus Clippers' new downtown home, Huntington Park, opened with a game against the Toledo Mud Hens.

2009

Lance Armstrong and an estimated 2,500 cyclists kicked off the first Pelotonia.

2014

The OSU football team became the first team to win the College Football Playoff National Championship.

2014

Michael Coleman became the city's longest-serving mayor; he announced later that year that he would not run for a fifth term.

2016

Former Columbus City Council president Andrew Ginther took office as Columbus' first new mayor in 15 years.

2018

Columbus hosted the NCAA Women's Final Four basketball championship.



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Rankings

The Columbus metropolitan area is home to the 14th-largest city in the U.S. and is nationally ranked as a leader in many other areas. Here are just a few.

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Best Big City in the Midwest

Money magazine, 2016

“Our Best Big Cities list identifies the metro area (300,000-plus population) in each region of the country that offers all the benefits of big-city living plus strong job growth, affordable housing, good schools, low crime, and great quality-of-life factors such as ample transporta-

tion options and access to green space.”

Best City for Tech Workers

Smart Asset, 2017

“Columbus’ best score came in the ratio of average tech wage to the average wage across all fields. ... On average, tech workers are paid 1.82 times more than the average worker across all fields.

The city also benefits from being home to one of the largest schools in the country, Ohio State University, which supplies fresh-faced tech workers for local tech businesses.”

No. 2 City for College Grads

Smart Asset, 2017

“The Discovery City was able to make its way up [from No. 3 last year] largely because of its beneficial job market. The unemployment rate among people with bachelor’s degrees decreased by 0.5 percent ... [and] those with degrees are making more than last year on average. Columbus residents also have the 12th-best cost of living number overall, landing at 2 percent below the national average.”

No. 5 City for Entrepreneurs and Startups

Business.org, 2018

“In 2017, *TechCrunch* headlined an article with ‘Columbus could be the next start-up city,’ and our research doesn’t disagree. The capital city of Ohio makes a strong argument, with a large, educated young adult population and solid numbers for start-up growth, plus a recent [multimillion dollar] Smart City grant to shore up the city’s infrastructure.”

No. 3 City for Growth Entrepreneurship Activity

Kauffman Foundation, 2017

“While Silicon Valley, Boston, and New York City tend to grab national headlines, other areas of the country have been

flying below the radar, quietly growing their ecosystems and nurturing entrepreneurial activity in their backyards. ... Growth entrepreneurship helps drive job creation, innovation, and wealth in the U.S. economy. Research indicates that high growth, particularly in young firms, is an especially important contributor to job, output, and productivity growth.”

No. 4 City to Start a Business

Inc. magazine, 2017

“It’s a wonderful time to start a business in Columbus, OH. ... The city is home to five Fortune 500 companies and is rapidly growing the health care industry with major players like Cardinal Health, CoverMyMeds, and CrossChx. According to a 2015 report by Venture-Ohio—an organization that looks to advance entrepreneurship in the state—Columbus office space is 40 percent less expensive than Chicago and 60 percent less expensive than New York City.”

All-Star City; perfect equality score (fifth year running)

Human Rights Campaign’s 2017 Municipal Equality Index (MEI)

“Forty-one ‘All-Star’ cities—those that scored about 85 points [out of 100] despite being in a state with no state-level LGBTQ protections—emerged this year. This is up from 37 in 2016 and marks a new record for the MEI. ... Sixty-eight municipalities earned perfect scores, a noteworthy rise over last year’s record of 60 100-point cities.”



Courtesy YWCA



Faces of the Columbus Region

The demographic data on residents of the Columbus Region paint a picture of diversity, financial stability and growth.

Professional and Business Services

18%

Government

15%

Education and Health

15%

Retail Trade

11%

INDUSTRY BREAKDOWN

Leisure and Hospitality

10%

Manufacturing

8%

Financial Activities

7%

Transportation and Utilities

5%

Construction and Mining

4%

Wholesale Trade

4%

Other Services

3%

BY THE NUMBERS

Unemployment rate
(2017 average)

4.1%

Labor force
(as of February 2018)

1,123,408

Median age
(calculated as an average of each Columbus Region county's median age)

36.2

Percent of adults 25 and older with an associate's degree or higher

41.2%

Average home sales price

\$214,802

Average household size

2.6

Median household income

(calculated as an average of each Columbus Region county's median household income)

\$76,446

Households

806,279

Population in 2017

2,185,780

Population growth 2010-2017

8.5%



Courtesy COLUMBUS COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS

GLOBAL MATTERS

Metro area growth from international migration

29%

Foreign-born residents

155,793

Languages spoken

80+

Source: Columbus Council on World Affairs.

Getting Around

Central Ohio is well-connected with multiple public and private transportation options.

BY EMMA FRANKART HENTERLY

Public Transit

The biggest public transit system in the area, **COTA** (the Central Ohio Transit Authority) reaches all corners of Columbus and Franklin County. Its fleet of more than 300 buses on 43 routes means you rarely have to wait long for a ride, and amenities like real-time bus tracking, free onboard Wi-Fi and bike racks make

your trip easier than ever. Fares are \$2 to \$2.75 one way. Passes are available for one, seven or 31 days (\$4.50-\$62). Discounts are available for children under 12, seniors, veterans, Medicare card holders and individuals with disabilities. For employees of participating downtown businesses, the new C-pass—the result of a

partnership between COTA, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District property owners—provides unlimited access to the entire COTA system at no cost.

COTA's AirConnect route runs between the John Glenn Columbus International Airport, the Greater Columbus Convention Center and many downtown Columbus hotels every half-hour from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

New in 2018 is the CMAX rapid transit line, which connects downtown Columbus with the Polaris/Africa Road area in Westerville. Limited stops and on-board technology that can

control traffic lights means commuters can travel between the two areas faster than ever before.

COTA also operates a free circulator called the CBUS, which travels between the center-city neighborhoods of the Short North Arts District, downtown Columbus and German Village every 10 to 15 minutes. cota.com

The Ohio Department of Transportation's **GoBus** is designed to serve the entire state. It connects nearly 40 cities, including many in the Columbus Region. Pricing is based on distance traveled; base rates range from \$5 to \$30. Children 5 and younger ride free. ridegobus.com



Flying

The Columbus Region has two major airports. On the east side of Columbus, **John Glenn Columbus International Airport** is the area's main commercial air hub, with direct flights to more than 40 destinations, including Atlanta, Chicago, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Oakland, Miami, New York, Tampa and Washington, D.C., as well as destinations in Mexico, Canada and the Dominican Republic.

Rickenbacker International Airport on the south side of Columbus is primarily a cargo hub. For commercial travelers, however, Allegiant Air offers discount seasonal and year-round commercial flights to destinations in Florida, as well as New Orleans, Louisiana; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Savannah, Georgia; and Austin, Texas.

flycolumbus.com



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Cycling

Cyclists can rent bikes via **CoGo Bike Share**, which has more than 360 bikes at nearly 50 stations in central Columbus and Grandview Heights, and **LimeBike**, whose fleet of 250 free-standing bikes can be found throughout Columbus, Dublin and Worthington.

CoGo passes are available for 24 hours (\$8), 72 hours (\$18) or one year

(\$7/month or a \$75 one-time payment) and include unlimited 30-minute trips. LimeBikes can be rented by the half-hour, starting at \$1, via the company's smartphone app.

A wide availability of marked and/or dedicated bike lanes in these areas make riding easy, safe and convenient. cogobike.com, limebike.com



EAMON QUEENEY

Driving

Central Ohio's major highways include **U.S. Interstate 70**, which runs east-west through the entire region; **U.S. Interstate 71**, which runs from the southwest corner to the northeast corner; **U.S. Interstate 270**, which encircles the Greater Columbus area; **U.S. Route 33**, which runs from the northwest corner to the southeast corner; and

U.S. Route 23, which runs north-south through the entire region. In Columbus, **State Route 315** runs west of and parallel to 71 and 23, from the north side of 270 to just south of downtown. Additionally, **U.S. Route 670** cuts through the downtown area, from 270 on the east side to south of Grandview Heights, where it joins with 70.



Taxis and Ride-shares

Columbus has numerous taxi companies; some of the most well-known ones are **Yellow Cab of Columbus** (614-444-4444, yellowcabofcolumbus.com), **American Blue Cab** (614-333-3333, americanbluecab.com) and **Columbus Taxi Service** (614-262-4444, columbus-taxi.com).

There's also **E.C.T. Pedicab**, the rickshaw-inspired bicycle service. The green-and-white transports typically pick up passengers in the Short North Thursdays through Saturdays from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m., but also serve the Arena District and the Schottenstein Center on The Ohio State University campus for special events. 614-975-5064, ectpedicab.com

Zipcar—the most popular car-sharing company in Europe—has operated on The Ohio State University's campus and at John Glenn Columbus International Airport since 2015. In 2018, the company expanded to include downtown Columbus, the Short North and German Village. Members can rent a car for up to 14 days, with hourly rates starting at \$8.50 depending on the type of vehicle; SUVs cost slightly more than sedans. Using Zipcar is easy, too: Just unlock the vehicle of your choice

with your Zipcard keycard, drive as needed (180 miles per day are included in your rental fee), then return to the same spot you found it. Membership fees are \$7 per month or \$70 for a year. zipcar.com

Columbus is home to two free ride services.

Hopper Carts uses an app to connect riders with drivers in electric vehicles. Rides are available in the Short North, Victorian Village, Italian Village, Arena District and Discovery District. hoppercarts.com

Hail a lift from **FreeRide Columbus** like a cab ... except these are street-legal golf carts, and there's no meter to worry about. Serving a 5-mile radius centered in the Arena District, FreeRide Columbus operates from 6 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 6 a.m.-1 a.m. Thursday, 6 a.m.-1:45 a.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-1:45 a.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Sunday.

freeridecolumbusohio.com

Both **Uber** and **Lyft** are available in Columbus and surrounding cities, though Lyft's network extends farther than Uber's. Fares vary based on demand and driver availability, but you can get an estimate on the apps before you start your ride. uber.com, lyft.com

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WELCOME



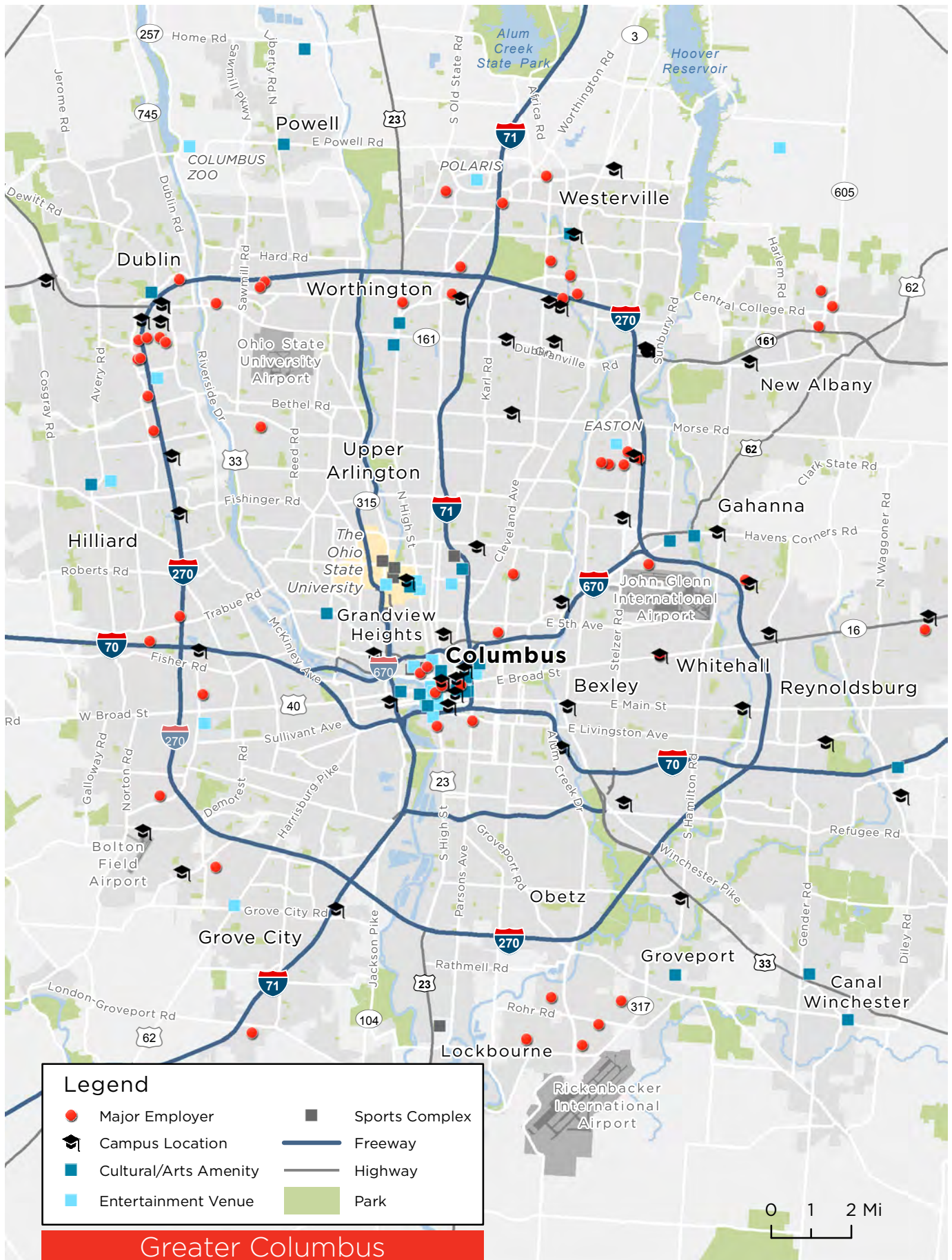
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Legend

- County Seats
- ✈ Major Airports
- Interstate Freeway
- US/State Highway
- ▭ Columbus Region
- ▭ County Boundary

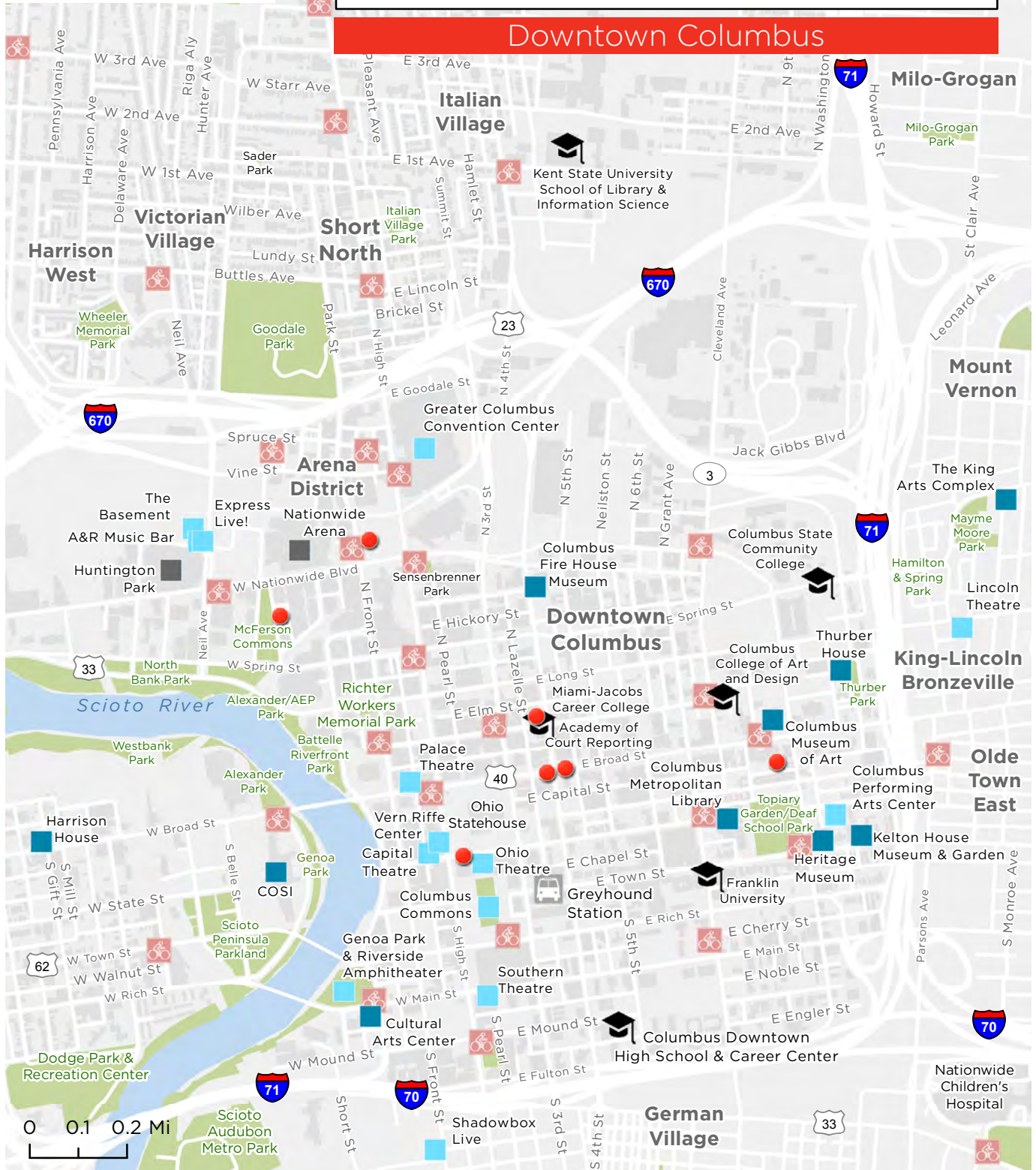
Columbus Region



Legend

-  Major Employer
-  University/College Campus
-  COGO Bike Sharing Station
-  Cultural/Arts Amenity
-  Entertainment Venue
-  Sports Complex
-  Greyhound Station

Downtown Columbus



10 Things to Know About Columbus

New to the Region or considering the move? Here's what you should know.

BY EMMA FRANKART HENTERLY

Longtime Columbus residents know what an interesting place their hometown is and often wonder just what has taken the rest of the country so long to notice. The state capital is full of charm and rich in history, with a long list of local lore to enthrall newcomers. Here are some interesting facts about the city, past and present:

We are rightfully proud of our zoo

The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium is named on just about everyone's list of top zoos in the nation, or even in the world—often right at the very top. Its 9,000-plus animals represent 600 species from around the globe. Don't miss the various habitat exhibits, including the manatee program, which rehabilitates injured "sea cows" with the goal of returning them to the wild.

We honor the country's veterans

Columbus is home to the country's first official National Veterans Memorial and Museum. The facility—named among the 12 most anticipated buildings of 2018 by *Architectural Digest*—honors the nearly

22 million living veterans in the United States, as well as those who have passed, in all branches of service and eras of conflict. (See page 89 for more.)

We have a big say in the nation

There's a saying in politics: As Ohio goes, so goes the nation. What that means is that when it comes to presidential elections, Ohio is a bellwether state—the candidate who gets Ohio often gets the entire election. But Central Ohio's influence goes beyond politics. Columbus historically has been a microcosm of the nation in terms of religion, race, age and economic diversity, ranking fourth among metro areas in its resemblance to the demographics of the U.S. as a whole. For that reason, the capital city often is a test market for brands in the country, with everyone from fashion to fast food trying their concepts here first.

Two of *ARTnews'* Top 200 Art Collectors in the World—Ron Pizzuti and Les Wexner—are key figures in the local arts scene; learn more about it and them on page 70.

We're young (and growing)

The Columbus Region is the fastest-growing metropolitan area in the Midwest, leading the largest metros in the categories of population, GDP and job growth since 2010. In fact, the city of Columbus has always been in a state of growth; it's never lost population in its 200-plus-year history. And that population is young; we're No. 8 in the nation for highest concentration of millennials aged 25 to 34 among metros over 1 million people. What does that mean for residents in the Region? A low cost of living, for one, and a wide array of employment opportunities.

We loooooove the Buckeyes

Anyone with a passing knowledge of college football knows that The Ohio State University fans are evangelical about their team. During home games, the area around Lane Avenue on the school's campus transforms into one big tailgate as area pubs and porches are taken over in a wash of scarlet and gray. And Ohio Stadium (also called "The Shoe" for its iconic horse-shoe shape) routinely fills with more than 100,000 enthusiastic fans. If you hear someone shout, "O-HI!"—regardless of the season—the only appropriate response is, "I-O!"

Each year, the city plays host to more than two dozen festivals celebrating culture, music, the arts, fashion and more (get info on a few of them on page 91).



BARBARA J. PERENIC

The Columbus Pride Festival is the second-largest LGBT event in the Midwest, fourth-largest in the U.S. and 18th-largest in the world.

15

Fortune 1000

companies have headquarters in the Greater Columbus area (see page 20).



ERIC ALBRECHT

The Columbus Region is home to more than 50 craft and microbreweries.

ALISON COLVIN



Moving to Central Ohio?

Moving is stressful. We're here to help make it a little easier with these tips and resources.

BY EMMA FRANKART HENTERLY

Let us be among the first to welcome you to your new home! Whether you've relocated to downtown Columbus, a quaint little town outside of the city or somewhere in between, your post-move checklist probably will look the same.

Read on for our tips on your first steps in your new locale, and be sure to check out our Resources listings on page 98 for more information on area utilities, service providers and more. Helpful information on school districts, hospitals and other key institutions is listed throughout this guide.

Moving Checklist

- Make sure all of your financial and professional services, from your car insurance company to your magazine subscriptions, have your new address.
- Set up your utilities—the area's primary utilities are AEP Ohio electric and Columbia Gas of Ohio—as well as cable and internet.
- Get your vehicle registered and, if necessary, obtain an Ohio driver's license or state ID. Both of these tasks can be completed at your local Bureau of Motor Vehicles office;

visit bmhv.ohio.gov to find the office nearest you.

- Update your address with the IRS, Social Security Administration and other key agencies.
- Replace the locks on your house to ensure no one has a spare key.
- Register to vote! The Ohio Secretary of State's office has information on registration deadlines and a link to register online or request a paper form. Visit olvr.sos.state.oh.us; you'll

need your Ohio driver's license or state ID number to register online.

- Make sure your new home has working fire extinguishers and smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Connect to local media by subscribing to your city's newspaper and area magazines.
- If you have a dog, you'll need to register him or her with the county auditor's office. Cats and other small house pets do not need to be licensed. Check your local zoning and codes office for less-common pets, including farm animals—some cities don't allow backyard chickens, for example, and there are statewide laws regarding exotic pets, including certain snakes and reptiles.

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Courtesy, CITY OF GAHANNA

"You will get more bang for your buck in the Columbus Region. Good people, good times, and it can provide a good future."

ANTHONY JONES

City of Gahanna director of planning and development

MOVED TO: Columbus in 2008

FROM: Toledo, Ohio

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RELOCATION

THE
COLUMBUS
REGION



BUSINESS



Columbus is full of opportunities. Whether you're looking for a new career, a place to raise a family or just a great local brewery, you can find it in Columbus."

MACKENZIE COMP

Fahlgren Mortine senior account executive

MOVED TO: Columbus in 2016

FROM: Scottsdale, Arizona



SAM GREENE



FRED SQUILLANTE

700+

economic base company expansions and new locations since 2011 (as tracked via involvement with Columbus 2020 and local economic development organizations)

FORTUNE 1000 COMPANIES

15 headquartered here, by rank

• Cardinal Health	14
• Nationwide	66
• American Electric Power	185
• L Brands	231
• Big Lots	510
• Huntington Bancshares	544
• Greif	642
• Hexion	649
• Abercrombie & Fitch	666
• Worthington Industries	730
• ScottsMiracle-Gro	741
• DSW	771
• Mettler-Toledo	788
• Express	927
• M/I Homes	963

An additional 30-plus Fortune 1000 companies have significant operations based in the Region.

Business by the Numbers

The 11 counties of the Columbus Region are economically diverse and ever-growing. The noteworthy business data and attributes of the Region could fill a book; we compiled some key points to know on this page.

BY EMMA FRANKART HENTERLY

300+

internationally owned companies with investment in the Region

Japan has the largest presence in this regard; 115 Japanese companies have investment here. Canada has the second-largest presence, with 32 companies; Germany has 31 companies, and the United Kingdom has 25. France and Switzerland also have moderate presences in the Region.

89.7

Columbus' cost of living index in 2017

The U.S. has a base cost of living index of 100, meaning that Columbus' cost of living is more affordable than the national average. The city fares well when compared to other metro areas, too. Its index is lower than that of nearby metros, including Pittsburgh (index of 99.6) and Chicago (index of 123.6).

3.5%

2017 average unemployment rate for Delaware County (second-lowest in the state)

Also in 2017, all Columbus Region counties had average unemployment rates of 4.9 percent or lower, ranking them in the top half of the state for lowest unemployment rate. Franklin County, the state's most populous, also fared well at 4.0 percent average rate for the year.



AUTUMN THEODORE PHOTOGRAPHY

"Columbus is an amazing place for people of all ages. ... I love the genuine collaborative nature of the people, communities and government."

MAC JOSEPH

Paul Werth Associates senior vice president of marketing
MOVED TO: Columbus in 2016
FROM: New York City

Top Employers

PRIVATE SECTOR

OhioHealth

Hospitals and healthcare services

EMPLOYEES: 21,117
ohiohealth.com

JPMorgan Chase

Financial services

EMPLOYEES: 20,475
jpmorganchase.com

Nationwide

Insurance and financial services

EMPLOYEES: 13,400
nationwide.com

Honda North America Inc.

Automotive manufacturing and research & development
EMPLOYEES: 10,701
ohio.honda.com

Nationwide Children's Hospital

Hospitals and healthcare services

EMPLOYEES: 10,032
nationwidechildrens.org

Mount Carmel Health System

Hospitals and healthcare services

EMPLOYEES: 8,852
mountcarmelhealth.com

L Brands Inc.

Women's apparel

EMPLOYEES: 7,800
lb.com

Cardinal Health Inc.

Healthcare services

EMPLOYEES: 5,058
cardinalhealth.com

Huntington Bancshares Inc.

Financial services

EMPLOYEES: 5,052
huntington.com

Alliance Data

Marketing and loyalty solutions for branded credit

EMPLOYEES: 3,627
knowmoresellmore.com

Source for employer data:
Columbus 2020; *Columbus Business First* Book of Lists

PUBLIC SECTOR

The Ohio State University

Public university
EMPLOYEES: 31,340
osu.edu

State of Ohio

State government
EMPLOYEES: 24,067
ohio.gov

The Ohio State University Health System

Hospitals and healthcare organization

EMPLOYEES: 22,727
wexnermedical.osu.edu

City of Columbus

City government
EMPLOYEES: 8,815
columbus.gov

Columbus City Schools

Public school district
EMPLOYEES: 8,004
ccsoh.us

Franklin County

County government
EMPLOYEES: 7,040
franklincountyohio.gov

U.S. Postal Service

Postal services
EMPLOYEES: 3,598
usps.com

Defense Logistics Agency, Land and Maritime Supply Chain (Defense Supply Center Columbus)

Military logistical support
EMPLOYEES: 3,000
defensemwr.com/columbus

South-Western City Schools

Public school district
EMPLOYEES: 2,553
swcsd.us

YMCA of Central Ohio

Youth development, healthy living, social responsibility
EMPLOYEES: 2,518
ymcacolumbus.org

TIM JOHNSON



Janet Chen

Executive director,
ProMusica Chamber Orchestra

I moved to Columbus in the fall of 2003, and ProMusica is what brought me here. When I moved, I honestly didn't think I would stay very long. The fact that I now have another community of family here is important to me in terms of staying and being part of the city's growth.

Columbus is truly diverse in its offerings: a strong cultural community, inspiring nonprofits doing tremendous work, entertainment, sports and a very robust student base. This gives Columbus a lot of energy and youthfulness that keeps the city fresh and open to embrace change and growth. I think that's a unique blend that attracts people to living here. Who doesn't want to be part of that kind of vibrant transformation?

As told to Jessica Salerno



Courtesy HONDA



Taking Root

The Region's bustling economic landscape continues to grow.

BY BRITT TIMMONS

The Columbus Region's economy is coming into full bloom, thanks in large part to the careful planning and cultivating facilitated by the Columbus 2020 Regional Growth Strategy, which, coming into the home stretch of its 10-year plan, is on track to surpass all of its goals.

One example of this economic fruit is Amazon's May 2018 announcement of plans to open a fulfillment center in West Jefferson. The third such center in the Region is

projected to create more than 1,500 full-time positions by the end of 2019. Amazon vice president of North America customer fulfillment Mark Stewart commended Ohio for its outstanding workforce and commitment to "providing great opportunities for jobs and customer experience."

Attracting businesses like Amazon to the Region exemplifies Columbus 2020's objectives set to action. Columbus 2020, the economic development organization for the

11-county Columbus Region, was created to spur growth and create opportunity in every corner of the Region. The group grew from a community conversation in 2008 into a robust collaboration engaging hundreds of civic and business leaders.

The Columbus 2020 Regional Growth Strategy defines four goals to accomplish by the year 2020:

- Add 150,000 net new jobs,
- Generate \$8 billion of capital investment,
- Raise personal per capita income by 30 percent, and
- Earn recognition as a leader in economic development.

Already, Columbus 2020 has met its first two goals. The organization announced in late May—more than 18 months ahead of schedule—that the Region exceeded that mark with 159,000 net jobs added, according to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data. If job creation continues at this rate, the Region will exceed its goal and see an overall gain of 182,245 jobs by 2020.

"We selected the 150,000 net new jobs goal because it surpasses anything we've done in our history as a metropolitan region," says Kenny McDonald, president and CEO of Columbus 2020. "We stressed that it be a net number so that we continued to focus on the success and expansion of existing companies, and not just the recruitment of new companies to the area."

Capital investment also has exceeded Columbus 2020's ambitious goal;

with \$8.9 billion in new capital investment as of March 2018, the Region is at 111 percent of its \$8 billion benchmark—and still growing. At this pace, business growth could include a total investment of \$10.8 billion by the initiative's end date.

The area's steadily increasing personal per capita income exemplifies the impact of the Region's work to spur job creation and capital investment. According to U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis data from 2016, the most recent year available, personal income levels in the Columbus Metropolitan Statistical Area rose 24.4 percent since 2010. That figure is expected to rise to 43.9 percent by 2020.

While measuring the Region's recognition as a leader in economic development may be a less quantifiable benchmark, it is apparent that the Region is gaining spotlight on a national level. Case in point: *Site Selection* magazine awarded Columbus 2020 the Mac Conway Award for Excellence in Economic Development in early 2018. The group was one of 15 winners out of more than 5,000 organizations nationwide.

"Columbus and the Region will remain prosperous well into the future because of the breadth and depth of our industries," says Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther. "No one industry dominates our economic portfolio. We have strong businesses in healthcare, technology, manufacturing and education, and we are also a top city for startup and entrepreneurial endeavors."

Emma Frankart Henterly contributed to this article.

Economic Development Organizations

The Columbus Region is home to dozens of local economic development organizations that serve growing companies within their communities.

TODD YARRINGTON



Regional

Columbus 2020
columbusregion.com

Statewide

JobsOhio
jobs-ohio.com

Delaware County

Delaware County
Economic Development
delawarecountyecondev.com

City of Delaware
delawaremeansbusiness.com

City of Powell
businessinpowell.org

Fairfield County

Fairfield 33 Development
Alliance
fairfield33.com
City of Lancaster
ci.lancaster.oh.us/538/economic-development

City of Canal Winchester
canalwinchesterohio.gov/190/economic-development

City of Pickerington
ci.pickerington.oh.us/pages/departments/economic_development
City of Reynoldsburg
ci.reynoldsburg.oh.us/departments/department-of-development.aspx
Violet Township
investinviolet.com

Franklin County

City of Bexley
bexley.org/development-department
City of Columbus
columbus.gov/development/economic-development
City of Dublin
thriveindublinohio.com

City of Gahanna
gahanna.gov/business-assistance

City of Grandview
grandviewheights.org/development

City of Grove City
grovecityohio.gov/development

City of Groveport
groveport.org/247/business-development

City of Hilliard
hilliardohio.gov

City of New Albany
newalbanybusiness.org

City of Reynoldsburg
ci.reynoldsburg.oh.us/departments/department-of-development.aspx
City of Upper Arlington
upperarlingtonoh.gov/economic-development
City of Westerville
business.westerville.org

City of Whitehall
whitehallmeansbusiness.com

City of Worthington
businessworthington.org
Franklin County Economic
Development & Planning
Department

development.franklincountyohio.gov

Village of Obetz
obetz.oh.us/economic-development

Knox County

Area Development
Foundation of Knox
County
knoxadf.com

Licking County

City of Pataskala
cityofpataskalaohio.gov/economic-development
GROW Licking
County CIC
growlickingcounty.org

Logan County

Logan County Community
Improvement Corporation
logancountyohio.com/economic-development.html

Madison County

City of London
ci.london.oh.us
Madison County Future
Inc.
madisoncountyohio.org/econ-dev

Marion County

Marion CAN DO!
marioncando.com

Morrow County

Morrow County
Development Office
developmorrow.com

Pickaway County

Pickaway Progress
Partnership
pickawayprogress.com

Union County

Union County-Marysville
Economic Development
unioncounty.org/economic-development

Closing the Gap

Race and gender pay gaps are nothing new, but the way Columbus is approaching the issue certainly is. Shannon Ginther, first lady of Columbus, has made it her mission to advance the economic well-being of Columbus' women. Early in 2017, she and husband Mayor Andrew Ginther launched the Columbus Women's Commission to support that cause.

In its first year, the diverse, 21-member commission held multiple focus groups and panels, gathering data to better build on existing work in the community.

On Nov. 2, 2017, the Columbus Women's Commission launched The Columbus Commitment: Achieving Pay Equity, which asks companies to commit to closing the gender pay gap through education and implementation of best practices. To date, more than 100 companies—including The Ohio State University, Nationwide and the Mid-Ohio Foodbank—have signed.

Further study in 2018 by the commission will look at issues surrounding housing and the relationship between child care and the workforce, among other topics.

Emma Frankart Henterly



Columbus Commons

Utilizing the Columbus Way

As a region, we get things done by working together—really.

BY ABERNATHY MILLER RINEHART

On any given sunny day, the greenspace along the Scioto River, known as the Scioto Mile, buzzes with activity. Young families post up on benches and swings overlooking the river, while joggers and cyclists whiz by on the promenade and multiuse trail.

East of the river, residents of the newly developed luxury apartments nosh double-grind burgers and craft pizzas at The Goat's newest location at LC RiverSouth, and college students grab coffee before checking out the latest installation at the OSU Urban Arts Space. The Columbus Commons, a six-acre park adja-

cent to the Scioto Mile, buzzes with the activity of children on the merry-go-round and dogs enjoying a little playtime.

It's hard to imagine that only a few years ago the Scioto River and surrounding area was little more than a muddy pond, empty parking lots and a defunct mall.

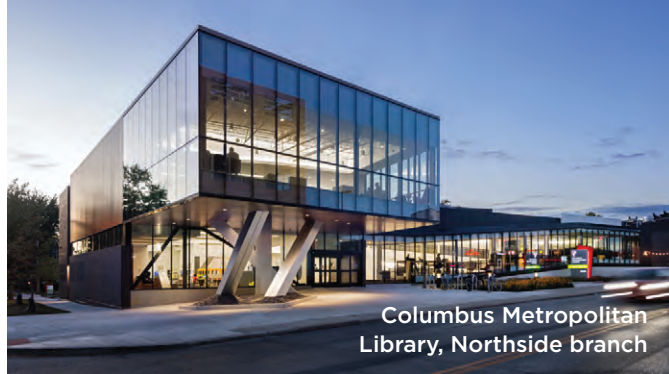
"It took a lot of heavy lifting from our city leaders and our business leaders," says Guy Worley, president and CEO of the Columbus Downtown Development Corp.

The \$36 million Scioto Greenways riverfront revitalization project and the \$25 million Columbus Commons project are just two examples of local government and Colum-

bus' private business sector working in tandem to build public amenities and develop the economy.

"It's the culture of Columbus," says Alex Fischer, president and CEO of the Columbus Partnership. "It wasn't created by happenstance. People have been working at building that culture a long time."

Former Mayor Michael Coleman is credited with making public-private partnerships integral to the city's DNA during his tenure. Current Mayor Andrew Ginther has since taken the reins; his office has completed 16 public-private partnership projects since Ginther took office in 2016, including a partnership with the Columbus Metropolitan



Columbus Metropolitan Library, Northside branch

Courtesy CHUCK CHOI/CML



Fountains at Bicentennial Park

BARBARA J. PERENIC

Library system that facilitated construction of several new neighborhood libraries.

"Many folks, including Harvard, view us as a best-practice as far as public-private partnerships," Ginther said in a January 2017 interview with *Columbus CEO*. "These public-private partnerships have gotten the people of Columbus a huge return on investment."

Columbus' particular brand of collaboration, dubbed "The Columbus Way" in a case-study class taught by Jan Rivkin at the Harvard Business School, is considered a national model for public-private partnerships due to its success.

"We went from a bashful city to a city that is lead-

ing in economic development, in every ranking and radar screen," Fischer says.

In March 2018, *Site Selection* magazine named the Columbus Region No. 7 on its "Top 10 Metro Areas" list for the sixth consecutive year, rising from No. 8 in 2017. In 2017, *Inc.* magazine placed 50 Central Ohio companies on the Inc. 5000 list of fastest-growing businesses.

Columbus 2020, a regional economic development organization, regularly leverages public and private partnerships to accomplish lofty goals and bring business to the Columbus Region. In 2010, Columbus 2020 announced goals to add jobs, generate capital investment and raise per capita income in the Region by

2020. As of early 2018, the Columbus Region is ahead of pace, having achieved two goals already. (See page 22 for more.)

"We set those goals when there was 12 percent unemployment," says Kenny McDonald, president and CEO of Columbus 2020. "Now that we're in a stronger place, our goals are going to be even more exciting." The organization is expected to release a new set of goals by the end of 2018, he adds.

Nurturing partnerships between business and civic leaders and investing in community projects isn't just good for residents; it's good for business. Attracting an educated and skilled workforce incentivizes businesses to invest.

"Talent has become a premium. Talented people want to be in vibrant communities. A vibrant community creates an advantage," McDonald says. "We want the ideas. It's almost a mandate. We want to know how you're going to contribute."

McDonald, Worley and Fischer believe that Columbus' ability to effectively facilitate public and private partnership is going to take the city into the future.

"We're not having conversations about whether or not our public-private partnerships make sense. We're having conversations about what's next, and I think the Smart

Columbus application and what you saw during the Smart City Challenge is a perfect example of that," Ginther said in the January *Columbus CEO* interview.

The Smart City Challenge refers to a \$50 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation and Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen to implement a holistic vision of technology that can help residents access more opportunities. Columbus beat 77 cities, including Austin, Portland, San Francisco and Denver, to win the grant in June 2016.

"The Smart City win is about what the city and the world is going to look like in the future, and what role Columbus can play in that," Fischer says. Whatever that future looks like, one thing is certain: The Columbus Way will be a part of it, connecting businesses big and small with government and other stakeholders.

"In Columbus, you have the ability to really be a player," McDonald says. "You can't do that in every community."

The next startup success story could be incubating within the Columbus Region limits right now. Fischer hopes these kind of success stories, as well as the strong collaborative climate, continue to bring in new opportunities and talent to the Columbus Region.

"You're either going to grow or you're going to die," McDonald says. "There's nothing you can't achieve in Columbus. That's true today, and we have the kind of community that's going to make that true tomorrow."

Mary Yost and Emma Frankart Henterly contributed to this story.



TIM JOHNSON

"Be prepared to have sudden, friendly conversations with strangers who are ... super nice. After living in NYC for 31 years, this was a huge breath of fresh air."

PHUNTSON LAMA

Momo Ghar owner

MOVED TO: Columbus in 2014

FROM: Brooklyn

Tech Boomtown

Ohio's capital is fast becoming a hotspot for tech and IT.

BY JACKIE MANTEY

ROB HARDIN



Frederic
Bertley

President/CEO, COSI

I moved to Columbus Jan. 1, 2017, and started work the next day. Columbus is on a rocket trajectory; it is already a fantastic city, but it just continues to develop.

COSI is a great place to be, and I am glad to be a part of this terrific team and do some really cool things for the city of Columbus and beyond. I was born and raised in Montreal, Canada, lived in Boston and Philly for 20 years, spent time in New York, D.C., and lived and worked internationally. What I have learned here is that Midwesterners are really lovely people, and there is a value and ethics system here that is unparalleled.

As told to Jessica Salerno

In 2016, Columbus stepped onto the global stage. That June, the city's Smart Columbus plan won the U.S. Department of Transportation's Smart City Challenge, besting 77 competitors nationwide to win a \$40 million grant to fund innovative technologies in its transportation network.

Think self-driving cars, safety smart sensors and Wi-Fi-enabled vehicles.

Combined with additional grants and investments from both the public and private sectors, the city had earned more than \$500 million to turn Columbus into the model connected city of the future.

Plans have sped forward ever since, laying the groundwork for technological advancements with global reach that maps back to Central Ohio.

From announcing a first-of-its-kind tech and innovation knowledge-share center—the Smart Columbus Experience Center, which will educate the public about the initiative's tech and how to integrate it into their lives—to awarding rebates for electric vehicle charging stations built into apartment and

condominium buildings, Smart Columbus' emerging work is an exciting recent development in the drive for innovation in the Columbus Region.

The Smart Columbus win is just one example of how the city benefits from embracing such innovation and supporting the tech sector based here. The current boom of tech talent, companies and investments flocking to Columbus is another. For them, Columbus has distinct advantages that even Silicon Valley can't touch. This is a unique place: small enough for businesses to have scale, but big enough to foster relationships with major players in town.

And there are a lot of major players in town.

The Region is home to 15 Fortune 1000 company headquarters—ScottsMiracle-Gro, Abercrombie & Fitch and Huntington Bancshares, to name a few—and other major operations with significant IT workforces. They've created an entire ecosystem of IT-related operations spanning six major sectors with significant IT activity: education, information and

publishing; finance; health; military/defense; retail and consumer; and transportation and utilities.

Notable tech employers in the region include Alliance Data Card Services and Nationwide Insurance, which has more than 13,000 full-time employees. Then there's Battelle Memorial Institute, the largest private nonprofit research and development organization in the world.

Since opening in Columbus in 1929, Battelle has become a stalwart of American innovation and technology. Its historical achievements include making contributions to the invention of the Xerox machine, cruise control, CDs and barcodes. Founder Gordon Battelle promoted the pursuit of scientific discovery and technological innovation to do the greatest good for humanity.

"We live this mission every day," says Katy Delaney, Battelle media relations director. "Our staff members call themselves 'Solvers,' because they are constantly looking for ways to use science and technology to solve problems."

Among Battelle's current projects: NeuroLife,



MEGAN RALSTON

"We were struck by how much energy and enthusiasm Columbus had for new businesses and new ideas."

LAUREN CULLEY & JEFF EXCELL

Fox in the Snow Café owners

MOVED TO: Columbus in 2014

FROM: Brooklyn



The Smart Columbus Experience Center; below, research at Battelle Memorial Institute

Courtesy SMART COLUMBUS



ADAM CAIRNS

a technology that allows paralyzed people to move their limbs using sensors that transmit thoughts from brain to body; Drone Defender, which troops use to stop rogue drones; and sensors, vaccines and detectors to help protect against chemical and biological threat or disease.

Battelle also uses its wealth of knowledge and resources to educate area students, regularly investing in STEM-education networks, training teachers and administrators, and providing grants for STEM organizations. It even founded STEM-centric Metro Early College High School, in collaboration with The Ohio State University, in 2006.

The potential for those kinds of powerfully connected partnerships also

make Columbus a great place for tech startups.

“The Columbus Region has become a hub for startups because of the connections to corporate customers, capital and diverse talent. You can quickly connect with decision-makers that have local and national significance,” says Kristy Campbell, COO of Rev1 Ventures, an organization dedicated to helping foster these partnerships that has launched more than \$70 million in new capital since 2014 and funded more than 80 startups.

One such startup is MentorcliQ, which offers a cloud-based software platform to enable results-driven mentoring programs with healthcare industry heavyweight Cardinal Health. Cardinal Health, which is headquartered in the Columbus suburb of Dublin, implemented the MentorcliQ software to strengthen organizational knowledge of its core business segments.

“We connect top corporations in our region to startups,” Campbell says. “They can provide early market feedback and serve as first customers.”

With more than 50 higher education institutions in the Region, these fledgling businesses find important resources they can tap—namely, a large student base and well-established research institutions—helping close the lingering tech talent gap faced across the country.

Larger corporations, like Honda in Marysville, take advantage of this supply of talent and information as well. The international car manufacturer recently announced a \$124 million investment to build an advanced wind tunnel facility at its Transportation Research Center with support from OSU faculty, staff and students, who will work alongside Honda researchers at the TRC.

An educated workforce is critical to tech growth, and as Columbus leads the Midwest’s largest metros in categories of population, GDP and job growth since 2010, it’s also No. 7 in the nation for highest concentration of millennials age 25 to 34.

Clearly, Columbus attracts young talent—and talent of all stripes attracts Facebook.

The social media giant

opened its New Albany Data Center in fall of 2017. It will be one of the cornerstones in Facebook’s global infrastructure, which has a community nearly 2 billion users deep.

“We’re thrilled to have found a home in Ohio,” says Jim Piazza, director of Facebook’s Data Center Operations – East. “Our specific location in New Albany offers excellent access to fiber, a strong pool of talent for both construction and operations staff, and a great set of community partners who have helped us move forward quickly with our project. We also have the opportunity to power our data center with 100 percent clean and renewable energy.”

When the New Albany center begins serving traffic in 2019, it will use outdoor air and direct evaporative cooling systems, making it one of the most advanced, energy-efficient data centers in the world.

Those innovative, groundbreaking moves are only expected to continue. The future on the horizon for Columbus looks bright, lit up by screens of game-changing startups, like healthcare’s CoverMyMeds—purchased in 2017 for \$1.1 billion by San Francisco-based McKesson—and wireless technology’s Nikola Labs, as well as powerful tech mainstays like Battelle, which is nearing its 90th anniversary and has no intention of leaving anytime soon.

“We’re happy to say Columbus is the home of our headquarters,” Delaney says. “It is a community rich in talent, and it has a supportive research and business ethos. Our staff travel all over the country and world, but Columbus is our home, and we see no reason to change that.”

Resources

Whether you're self-employed, run a small business or just want to stay in the know on the area's financial happenings, these resources have you covered.

BY EMMA FRANKART HENTERLY

CCAD MindMarket

Collaboration between students and partner organizations; students work with faculty to brainstorm new ideas as commissioned by partners. MindMarket Workshops are free and open to the public. ccad.edu/mindmarket

Columbus Business First

The area's leading weekly business newspaper; an American City Business Journals publication. bizjournals.com/columbus

Columbus CEO

The area's leading monthly business magazine; a Dispatch Media Group/GateHouse Media publication. columbusceo.com

Columbus Chamber

Serving more than 1,300 small- to medium-sized businesses through event programming and four pillars of service: Government relations, talent connections, research and marketing. columbus.org

Columbus Startup Week

A free community celebration of entrepreneurship, spring 2019. columbus.startupweek.co

Community Incubators

New Albany (Innovate New Albany, innovate.newalbany.org), Dublin (Dublin Entrepreneurial Center, decindublin.com) and Grove City (Cultivate, cultivatesmb.com) all have community-based small business incubators.

Drive Capital

Venture capital firm focusing on technology, healthcare and consumer companies. drivecapital.com

ECDI: Economic and Community Development Institute

A statewide SBA lender that also provides tools and support for small businesses. ecdio.org

EDGE Innovation Hub

Thinktank connecting food, agriculture and tech stakeholders. edgeinnovationhub.com

Founders Factory

Accelerator and incubator for technology-based startups; recently acquired by a UK company of the same name, with the office staying in Columbus. foundersfactory.com

GiveBackHack

Community members collaborate with entrepreneurs, nonprofit leaders and venture capitalists to bring social impact ideas to life during this event; the next one takes place in April 2019. givebackhack.com

HackOHI/O

Weekend "hackathon" in which 700-plus undergraduate and graduate students at The Ohio State University design and build projects, Oct. 27-28. hack.osu.edu

Metropreneur

Information, events and news related to small business development and entrepreneurialism. themetropreneur.com/columbus

NCT Ventures

Venture capital firm nctventures.com

Ohio Christian University Business Innovation Center

A small business incubator and research center at OCU's Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise Center serving Pickaway County and surrounding areas. ocubic.org

The Point

A STEAM innovation center on Otterbein University's campus that operates in partnership with public and private sector organizations. otterbeinpoint.com

QStart Labs

Firm dedicated to connecting venture capitalists with entrepreneurs to launch and grow new startups. qstartlabs.com

Reservoir Venture Partners

Venture capital firm reservoirvp.com

Rev1 Ventures

Part startup accelerator, part venture capital fund, one purpose: providing vital connections, services and funding that startups and entrepreneurs need. rev1ventures.com

Score Columbus

Offering mentors, workshops and articles for small business owners. columbusoh.score.org

Small Business Development Centers of Ohio

A division of the Ohio Development Services Agency, this organization offers a range of services and community partnerships for small business owners. development.ohio.gov/bs/bs_sbdc.htm

SunDown RunDown

Connecting entrepreneurs with mentors, investors and talent; also offering coworking spaces and resources, special events, workshops and seminars. sundownrundown.com

VentureOhio

Venture capital firm that also aims to be a resource to the entrepreneurial community and facilitate collaboration between it and other stakeholders. ventureohio.org

Women's Small Business Accelerator

Ohio Department of Development program supporting female owners of small businesses with educational opportunities, mentorships and small business resources. wsbaohio.org

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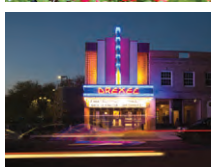
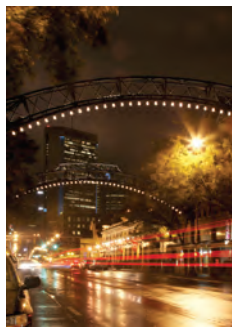
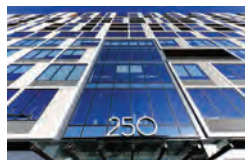
Small business and entrepreneurial incubator and accelerator, offering training and consulting in Westerville. yourmanagementteam.com

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We really fell in love with Columbus from Day 1. We loved how progressive, welcoming and accessible it felt. We spent a lot of time exploring each individual neighborhood and loved each downtown and unique feel to each area.”

PEYTON SUTTON

tree:tree senior manager

MOVED TO: Powell in 2016

FROM: Irvine, California

Where Do We Go From Here?

You've taken the plunge and decided to move to Central Ohio. But where do you want to live, exactly? The Columbus Region has a variety of residential options, from hip urban neighborhoods to charming rural towns.

BY JACKIE MANTEY AND EMMA FRANKART HENTERLY

Courtesy COLUMBUS 2020



legiate feel it lends the city is enhanced by its venerable private and public schools that consistently receive outstanding marks statewide. Bexley is home to a vibrant Jewish community and is the only municipality in the U.S. that's an official arboretum. This suburb's residents are committed to preserving the natural beauty surrounding their stately homes and mansions, as well as the historical and cultural significance of the city's walkable downtown. Here, residents and visitors alike enjoy fine dining, art galleries, coffee shops and the artistically adored Drexel Theatre, a legacy movie theater that shows independent films and international cinema alongside Hollywood's latest and greatest.

Bellefontaine

FOUNDED: 1817
COUNTY: Logan
POPULATION: 13,161

Bellefontaine—the city an hour northwest of Columbus whose name means “beautiful spring” in French—has had many identities. In the 1870s, the Chief Blue Jacket of the Shawnee tribe made the area his home, earning it the nickname “Blue Jacket Town.” In 1951, Bellefontaine became the site of the 664th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron; with the highest point

in the state, it was the perfect location to monitor for possible aerospace attacks from the Soviet Union. Now, the site serves the Ohio Hi-Point Career Center. The city also was home to industrial giants like Rockwell, Westinghouse, Siemens, Detroit Aluminum & Brass and Carter Steel during the '50s; after the closing or outsourcing of these companies in the subsequent decades, new companies filled their gap to support the Honda manufacturing facility in neighboring Union County. Thanks to them, the area now is known for its highly skilled

workforce. But Bellefontaine manages to celebrate the past as it looks forward; its Holland Theatre is the only remaining Dutch-style atmospheric theater in the U.S.

Bexley

FOUNDED: 1908
COUNTY: Franklin
POPULATION: 13,786

A picturesque mix of suburbia and city life, Bexley's tree-lined streets are located just minutes southeast of downtown Columbus. Situated in the middle of Main Street is Capital University; the col-

Canal Winchester

FOUNDED: 1828
COUNTIES: Fairfield and Franklin
POPULATION: 8,294

This community located 15 miles southeast of Columbus has a funny origin story. In 1841, a village often wasn't legitimate until it had a post office. Local legend goes that on Halloween of that year, someone hooked

horses up to the foundation of the post office in a neighboring town and pulled the building to what was then called simply Winchester. While the tale is likely untrue, Canal Winchester was renamed that year and later incorporated. Today its historical attractions evoke a similar quirk, like the National Barber Museum and Hall of Fame, the Mid-Ohio Historical Doll and Toy Museum and the only remaining wooden covered bridge in the county. New to the scene in 2017 was Scottish craft brewer BrewDog, which chose the city for its U.S. headquarters. On the campus you'll find DogTap, a tap room and restaurant serving up the label's Punk IPA, Elvis Juice, Cocoa Psycho and American-exclusive small batch brews.

Circleville

FOUNDED: 1810
COUNTY: Pickaway
POPULATION: 13,930

Travel 30 miles south of Columbus to find Circleville, home of the Pumpkin Show. Circleville has hosted this celebration to promote agriculture, manufacturing and mercantile

interest every fall since 1903. Its humble inception—a display of jack-o-lanterns by the mayor—has grown into one of the largest festivals in the U.S. and earned the title of Best Fall Harvest Festival by *USA Today's* 10Best. More than 20,000 pumpkin pies and 400,000 people show up for the free festival each year. When it's not October, though, this small community has that quiet hum of subdivision and farmland life. Manufacturing is an important industry here. One example: The city is home to the first U.S. greenfield investment plant with integrated operations from Italian hygienic and domestic tissue maker Sofidel.

Delaware

FOUNDED: 1808
COUNTY: Delaware
POPULATION: 39,267

The Little Brown Jug and the Delaware County Fair are chapters of Delaware history that date to the last century. Today, the annual harness horse-racing event is just one element of the Americana charm that distinguishes this vibrant city, located 40 minutes north of Columbus. For



Gahanna Creekside Park and Plaza

ROB HARDIN

residents, Delaware is a family-oriented community that blends a traditional hometown atmosphere with a modern, independent spirit. Delaware offers visitors a sophisticated, charming atmosphere. Well-established neighborhoods are home to a relatively even mix of blue and white collar workers, including professors and students from Ohio Wesleyan University, a small private college in the heart of downtown. Surrounding the city are myriad popular recreational activities, like camping, fishing and boating, which Delaware and Columbus residents alike enjoy throughout the year.

Dublin

FOUNDED: 1802
COUNTIES: Franklin, Delaware and Union
POPULATION: 47,619

Dublin is one of Columbus' largest suburbs. It's known within Central Ohio for excellent schools, miles of recreation paths, parks,

gorgeous neighborhoods and an evolving historic downtown district. Nationally, it's renowned as home to the Dublin Irish Festival, the largest three-day Irish cultural celebration in the country. The city shows its commitment to the future with the developing Bridge Street District, an urban, walkable corridor with entertainment, dining, shopping, office space and housing options. Dublin also is home to Muirfield Village Golf Club and its annual Memorial Tournament—both created by golf legend (and Upper Arlington native) Jack Nicklaus—a number of major business headquarters, including The Wendy's Co. and Cardinal Health, and a branch of Ohio University.

Gahanna

FOUNDED: 1849
COUNTY: Franklin
POPULATION: 35,297

Young professionals and families have been flocking to this eastern suburb



Circleville Pumpkin Show

BROOKE LaVALLEY

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in the last 10 years thanks to modern revitalization efforts and schools known for their academic and athletic prowess. Built along Big Walnut Creek, recent development includes Creekside Plaza, an indoor/outdoor hub of retail, office and dining spaces that connects to a park where those aforementioned families indulge in outdoor activities like paddleboats, fishing and hiking. Located directly along the I-270 outer-belt and within 2 miles of John Glenn International

Airport, it's a popular destination for downtown Columbus dwellers looking to do something rustic with a touch of the urban sophistication they're used to, like exploring the city's Herb Cocktail Trail. Mint, rosemary and more star on this roundup of lush libations from the restaurants and brewhouses of Gahanna, the official herb capital of Ohio.

Grandview Heights

FOUNDED: 1906
COUNTY: Franklin
POPULATION: 7,778

Although technically a suburb just west of downtown Columbus, Grandview Heights offers an urban feel that its many

young families and professionals enjoy. The city's central street, Grandview Avenue, is densely populated with chic boutiques, spas, fitness centers and food options that range from white tablecloth hideaways (Spagio's wine lounge is outstanding) to taco joints with mustache-themed margaritas (nearby Local Cantina is a must-try). The combination of a young-at-heart nightlife scene, a solid school system, century-old homes and the mixed-use development at Grandview Yard keeps longtime community members around and draws many fledgling families to the city.

Granville

FOUNDED: 1805
COUNTY: Licking
POPULATION: 5,773

Named for Granville, Massachusetts—the hometown of the settlers who founded the bucolic village more than 200 years ago—this small-town community has retained a quaint New England charm. It's home to Denison University and only predates the liberal arts school by about 25 years. A number of historic inns and charming, stately homes add to the community's character and regularly draw city-dwellers from Columbus, about 35 miles west, for weddings and other special events.

Grove City

FOUNDED: 1852
COUNTY: Franklin
POPULATION: 41,022

Named for the trees that remained after the area was cleared in the 1800s, the once-woody Grove City continues to grow

into a place with big-town hustle and small-town charm. Significant population increases in the past 25 years are largely attributed to its business-friendly atmosphere, which, if the Grove City 2050 Initiative is any indication, will only continue to expand. The initiative's goal to strategically position Grove City as a desirable place to live, work, play and invest is evident at places like the historic Town Center, a darling, walkable expanse of the city that hosts festivals, farmers markets and a Christmas parade. Town Center is also where the Grove City Library, double the size of its last building, recently opened. Adjacent to Town Center is the Beulah Park development, which is transforming a closed racetrack into a walkable, mixed-used neighborhood.

Groveport

FOUNDED: 1846
COUNTY: Franklin
POPULATION: 5,621

Nestled between Grove City on the west and Canal Winchester on the east, Groveport is quiet and quaint; family life is important here, which is part of why the city has the most parkland per capita in Franklin County. In Groveport's Town Hall, a Heritage Museum tells the story of the city's origins as a town along the Ohio and Erie Canal, which stretched from Lake Erie to the Ohio River, as well as its famously humane horseman, John Rarey. The Groveport Madison School District's mascot is based off Cruiser, Rarey's honored English stallion that has become a city-wide



Grove City Library

FRED SQUILLANTE

Fairfield County Fair in Lancaster



symbol of how power, intelligence and discipline can lead to success.

Hilliard

FOUNDED: 1852
COUNTY: Franklin
POPULATION: 35,939

This humble railroad-town-turned-sprawling-suburb now is occupied by myriad businesses, but the transportation industry still serves as an economic engine. Hilliard is where you'll find headquarters for BMW Financial Services and David Letterman's Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing, as well as support offices for Verizon, the commu-

nity's largest employer. A variety of housing options exist in the still-rural parts of town, and urban-style apartments are a growing priority to attract young professionals. Old Hilliard, the city's downtown area, features the Early Television Museum and kitschy mainstay Starliner Diner, a favorite for many in the 614. The ever-evolving community added a third high school to its local school district lineup in 2009, and all three of its high schools were ranked in the top 80 schools in the state by *U.S. News & World Report*. Many of the city's youngsters can be found every summer at the Franklin County Fair,

located off Hilliard's Main Street.

Lancaster

FOUNDED: 1800
COUNTY: Fairfield
POPULATION: 40,280

This city 30 miles outside Columbus planted its roots as early as 1800, when German settlers migrated from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Its rich history includes being home to the longest-running county fair in Ohio and hometown to several famous Americans, like Civil War General William Tecumseh Sherman and his brother, John, a Secretary of the Treasury

and a Secretary of State. One U.S. attorney general and three Ohio governors have also lived here. The city was a popular producer of glass dinnerware in the 1850s; today, Anchor Hocking Glass Co. still employs many city residents.

London

FOUNDED: 1811
COUNTY: Madison
POPULATION: 10,138

To inspire legions of fans during the 2012 summer Olympics, Nike tapped London, Ohio, to star in one of its commercials for a campaign highlighting all the Londons in America. Whether London, Ohio, was named after London, England, remains a mystery, though. When it was established as the county seat for Madison, London had many residents who were immigrants from Great Britain ... but there's also evidence that it may have been named after the London Co. land surveyors. Whatever the story behind its name, more than 200 years since its founding, London has become a rural respite from Columbus, a 25-mile drive away.

Marion

FOUNDED: 1822
COUNTY: Marion
POPULATION: 35,997

Marion is best known as the home of Warren G. Harding, the nation's 29th president. Other notable Marionites are former Miss America Marilyn Meseke, Edward Huber, who invented the revolving hay rake, and Mary Ellen Withrow, the first woman to serve as U.S. Treasurer. Marion's manufacturing



"[The Region] is so diverse, and there are culturally rich neighborhoods in various parts of the [area]. Take the time to evaluate each before making the decision on where you'll settle."

SEAN GRANT

Columbus 2020 chief financial officer
MOVED TO: Pickerington in 2000
FROM: Erie, Pennsylvania

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heritage includes specialized power shovels that were key to building the Panama Canal and two customized crawlers built for NASA that still move rockets to the launch pad. Today, Marion is home to manufacturers such as Andersen Windows, Whirlpool, Nucor Steel, Wilson Bohannon Lock Co. and Wyandot Snacks. A recent community campaign dubs Marion “America’s Workforce Development Capital” because of the educational corridor that includes The Ohio State University Marion, Marion Technical College, Tri-Rivers Career Center and RAMTEC, a premier provider of robotics and advanced manufacturing industry certifications.

Marysville

FOUNDED: 1819
COUNTY: Union
POPULATION: 23,912

Take a scenic drive through Marysville and you’ll see a lot of Hondas; that’s because the auto manufacturer is the area’s largest employer. Honda of America Mfg., Inc., opened its first location just outside of Marysville in 1979 and has since become the main driver of employment. Marysville also is home to the world headquarters of ScottsMiracle-Gro; the multinational seed and lawn care corporation planted its roots here in 1868 when O.M. Scott began selling lawn seed

to local farmers. Many employees from those and other companies live in Marysville and enjoy the historic Uptown District, which is home to restaurants, parks and the iconic Union County Courthouse. Safe neighborhoods and an excellent school system draw families to Marysville, which is fitting considering that the town’s founder named the city after his daughter, Mary.

Mount Gilead

FOUNDED: 1832
COUNTY: Morrow
POPULATION: 3,655

This farm community east of Marion lights up when it’s time for the Morrow County Fair. The late summer event features traditional livestock shows and tractor pulls, as well as national headlining country music acts. The village’s downtown pays homage to the community’s vibrant history and has two public squares, the north of which stars a victory statue erected in 1919 to honor Morrow County citizens for buying more war bonds during World War I than any other county in the nation. Patriotism is still strong here today, as is reverence for the Shawnee tribe that



hunted in this once-forest-covered land before settlers arrived.

Mount Vernon

FOUNDED: 1805
COUNTY: Knox
POPULATION: 16,659

Standing tall in the downtown public square of this small town is a Union soldier stoically facing the south atop a beaming granite column. This monument honors the city’s history in the Civil War and is engraved with the names of the Knox County men and boys who

died for the north. It’s a patriotic symbol of Mount Vernon, which was named after President George Washington’s famous plantation. About 50 miles northeast of Columbus by car, the Mount Vernon of today is still brimming with historic and American pride. Amid its quiet streets and historic homes is Woodward Opera House—the oldest opera theater of its kind in the country—which brings cultural and performing arts to this charming community, and not one, but three college campuses.

New Albany

FOUNDED: 1837
COUNTIES: Franklin and Licking
POPULATION: 10,718

You’ll hear the name Wexner in Columbus a lot (i.e. Wexner Center for the Arts and The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center). The name belongs to Les Wexner, a Columbus son and CEO of L Brands (think: Victoria’s Secret, Bath & Body

Woodward Opera House in Mount Vernon



ERIC ALBRECHT



A greenhouse at ScottsMiracle-Gro

EAMON QUEENEY

Works, Henri Bendel). But one of Wexner's ultimate achievements for Central Ohio isn't one building—it's a whole community. In the 1980s, Wexner began purchasing parcels of the farm town 20 minutes northeast of Columbus. With his eye for architecture and design, he helped create the affluent New Albany of today, flush with Georgian-style homes and white horse fencing. New Albany, recently named "America's Best Suburb" by *Business Insider*, is a close-knit community of families, well-performing schools, more than 2,000 acres of greenspace, a vibrant cultural scene and the largest master planned international business park in Ohio.



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Newark

FOUNDED: 1802
COUNTY: Licking
POPULATION: 49,423

When arriving into the revitalized Newark area, one might not realize its history. Between 100 and 500 AD, the Hopewell people constructed its earthen enclosures—the largest in the world at 3,000 acres—now called the Newark Earthworks, an official prehistoric monument in Ohio. A 40-minute drive east of Columbus, the town square offers unique shopping, loft-style apartments and a local restaurant scene with a hometown feel. In addition to places to work and play, Newark is home to The Ohio State University's largest branch campus.

Pickerington

FOUNDED: 1815
COUNTIES: Fairfield and Franklin
POPULATION: 20,402

This suburb, a 20-minute drive from Columbus, is famous for being home of the Motorcycle Hall of Fame and for being the violet capital of Ohio. This odd coupling is standard in Pickerington, an interesting community that's at once earthy and traditional. Its historic downtown offers resi-

dents a homey set of retail shops, salons, restaurants, professional offices and the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society Museum located in the former Carnegie Library. Speaking of Violet Township, the crime rate in this neighboring community is one of the lowest in the country for its size, meaning residents enjoy its rolling hills, forests and fields in peace.

Powell

FOUNDED: 1801
COUNTY: Delaware
POPULATION: 13,204

Until the late 1980s the population of Powell remained small, but as the city of Columbus developed, so did this suburb. North of Worthington and Dublin and south of Delaware, it received a population push from both sides as residents looked for a home with a small-town feel close to the downtown hum of the capital. Even as it grew generously, Powell remained protective of its historic downtown, which is now a popular visitor draw because of its homespun feel and eclectic collection of shops, dining and folksy seasonal events. Powell residents enjoy eight parks, 24 miles of bike paths, award-winning schools and safety services and the convenience of being close to Colum-

bus Zoo and Aquarium, regularly tapped as one of the best in the country. Housing in this family-friendly city includes impressive homes close to the main public square and snugly tucked away into the scenic highlands of the Scioto and Olen-tangy river valleys.

Reynoldsburg

FOUNDED: 1831
COUNTIES: Franklin, Fairfield and Licking
POPULATION: 37,847

Tomato lover? You have a Reynoldsburg man to thank. After years of trying to develop the plant as a commercial crop—growing tomatoes uniform in color, size and smoothness—Alexander Livingston introduced the world to the first tomato bred for commercial use in 1870. Not surprisingly, this city's agricultural roots are deep, with a three-county reach, but its location just 12 miles east of downtown Columbus means a visit or daily commute is only a quick car or COTA bus ride away. Reynoldsburg schools offer a quality and cost-effective education, with a developing curriculum focused on STEM subjects. During the summer, this friendly community is actively involved in and makes social and recreational use of the city's 275 acres of parks.

Upper Arlington

FOUNDED: 1918
COUNTY: Franklin
POPULATION: 35,337

At just under 10 square miles, Upper Arlington is a primarily residential first-ring suburb of Columbus that enjoys an enviable central location just

"I knew almost nothing about Ohio when I moved to Columbus. I was so surprised and impressed by what I found. With so many unique neighborhoods, it's easy to find a fit."

MACKENZIE COMP
Fahlgren Mortine senior account executive
MOVED TO: Columbus in 2016
FROM: Scottsdale, Arizona

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minutes from downtown, without the big-city feel. Its residents enjoy safe, beautiful neighborhoods, first-rate services and a unique community spirit, but it's the excellent school system's quality education that new residents routinely cite as the reason for their move here. As Central Ohio continues to evolve, Upper Arlington residents take pride in their ability to blend the best of the new with the city's timeless traditions.

Westerville

FOUNDED: 1858
COUNTIES: Delaware and Franklin
POPULATION: 39,737

Westerville's natural beauty, expansive and award-winning parks system, careful planning and outstanding city services are among its residents' favorite community attributes. Uptown Westerville, once a stop

for stagecoaches and the Underground Railroad, is now a popular retail and dining district—known especially for its quality vintage shops—that blends old-generation storefronts with new, courtly brick buildings and tree-lined streets. The city was at the forefront of the Prohibition movement and home to the Anti-Saloon League of America in the

1800s; today, you can imbibe at many of its quality, locally owned restaurants. Westerville also is home to Otterbein University, a private liberal arts college that hosts cultural and academic events for the engaged community throughout the year.

Whitehall

FOUNDED: 1947
COUNTY: Franklin
POPULATION: 18,913

A post-war housing boom in the 1950s brought thousands of apartments and homes to Whitehall, a diverse suburb just east of Columbus. At the time it was the nation's fastest-growing community, and civic leaders have worked hard to promote the opportunity available today in Whitehall for both businesses and residents. In fact, Wasserstrom Co., a leading restaurant sup-

plier, Heartland Bank, one of the region's largest community banks, and Rite Rug Flooring, Central Ohio's oldest flooring company, all picked Whitehall as the location of their new headquarters. Affordable housing options abound, and residents enjoy the 85-acre Whitehall Community Park and take pride in a team of firefighters ranked as one of the top 30 in the world at the Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge World Challenge.

Worthington

FOUNDED: 1803
COUNTY: Franklin
POPULATION: 14,646

Ten miles north of downtown Columbus, Worthington is decidedly family-friendly, with excellent private and public schools, a nationally acclaimed library, churches and Village Green, a park in the center of town that's a popular destination for summer fairs and fun. The walkable downtown is also a year-round destination for Worthington residents to mingle with visitors from the surrounding areas at the shops, popular farmers market and fine dining restaurants located here, like the historic Worthington Inn. The city's New England look and feel are genuine, too. Settlers landed in Worthington after a 600-mile, six-week trek from Connecticut in 1803. The crown jewel of Worthington's beautiful homes and gardens is Rush Creek Village, a neighborhood off the beaten path with homes designed in homage to famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright.



CHRIS RUSSELL

Uptown Westerville



Rush Creek Village
in Worthington

JEFF HINCKLEY

Growing Places

With residential occupancy rates at 93 percent, downtown apartments continue to be a hot commodity.

BY NANCY BYRON

The downtown Columbus growth spurt just won't stop.

More than one-third of all downtown construction projects completed in 2017 were residential, according to the Capital Crossroads & Discovery Special Improvement Districts' annual report. With at least six more major residential projects and 10 mixed-use residential spaces proposed for the area, plus a half-dozen residential build-outs encompassing 1,040 units currently underway, one thing is certain: The housing boom shows no sign of slowing.

Here's a quick look at some of the continually growing options for urban dwelling in the heart of Columbus.

The Citizens Building

Located at the corner of Gay and High streets, the Citizens Building is home to one of downtown's newest, one-of-a-kind apartment communities. As you walk between the three-story carved stone columns flanking the front door, you'll find yourself transported to the Gilded Age, with the coffered ceiling arching high over the former savings and loan lobby. Many of the building's historic features, including several of the original bank vaults, have been restored. On-site amenities—like a chic cocktail bar from the owners of Veritas, a rooftop patio lounge with a grilling

area, a yoga room and 24-hour fitness center—complement the 63 pet-friendly luxury apartments on the upper floors of this Edwards Communities property.

Highpoint on Columbus Commons

Overlooking the popular Columbus Commons greenspace in the heart of downtown, this stylish apartment community features a clubhouse, open terrace swimming pool

and lounge area, billiards room, fitness center and covered parking. Large windows abound, allowing plenty of natural light into each living space, and some floor plans include a private balcony. This pet-friendly community is operated by Oakwood Management.

LC RiverSouth

This recently expanded Lifestyle Communities property, just a block east of the picturesque Scioto

Mile downtown, features skyline views and pet-friendly green-spaces. The townhome apartments along Front and Town streets include private front entries and parking, several outdoor courtyards and a fully-equipped gym. The newest phase, along High and Rich streets, includes an infinity-edge pool, more courtyard space and its own pub, The Goat, which features live music and leagues for volleyball, euchre and cornhole.

LVQ Apartments & LeVeque Tower Residences

The city's first skyscraper is now home to eight luxury condos and 69 apartments, thanks to the grand vision of Kaufman Development. With sweeping views of downtown, on-site dining at The Keep Liquor Bar and a glamorous location adjacent to the Palace Theatre, these exclusive, high-end living spaces generate plenty of interest. Amenities also include secured garage parking, 24-hour fitness center, resident volunteer programs and pet-friendly policies.

Miranova

This 26-floor residential building along the Scioto River features enormous condos with spectacular views of downtown and Bicentennial Park. Constructed in 2000, the tower includes chic on-site dining at Cameron Mitchell's M at Miranova, as well as a gym, heated pool, tennis court, private balconies and arguably the best view of Columbus' annual Red, White & BOOM! fireworks display.

Waterford Tower

Just because it's among downtown's first residen-



KYLE BEECHER

tial towers doesn't mean this 88-unit building is outdated. Far from it. Three high-speed elevators whisk residents to panoramic views of downtown or the hot tub on the sundeck lounge. This meticulously maintained property, opened in 1988, also includes an indoor heated pool with lap lanes, a fitness center, secured underground parking and a party room.

80 on the Commons

This modern, 12-story high rise located at 80 Rich Street, on the southeast corner of Columbus Commons, will include 124 apartments and penthouse units, as well as commercial space and ground-level retail. Scheduled for full completion in 2019, the first residents moved in starting in July 2018. The building features a rooftop terrace, private balconies, oversized windows, a large community space, private garage parking and bicycle storage.

250 High

Situated between Rich and Main streets, near Columbus Commons, this 12-story mixed-use sister complex to 80 on the Commons features 121 apartment homes, including rooftop penthouses. This Kaufman Development property includes floor-to-ceiling windows, on-site dining and a 24-hour fitness center, rooftop terrace and community lounge.



Whetstone Park of
Roses in Clintonville

BARBARA J. PERENIC

Columbus Neighborhoods

The city of Columbus is home to dozens of distinct neighborhoods, each with its own personality. Here are some of the main ones.

BY EMMA FRANKART HENTERLY

Beechwold/Clintonville

This area is beloved for being a little bit crunchy, a little bit rock 'n' roll. Its cars with COEXIST bumper stickers belong to urban homesteaders, artists, young families and professionals, university professors and students. Spend your day here perusing the locally owned shops, cafés and restaurants along High Street before walking

through the 13-acre Whetstone Park of Roses located behind the local library.

Berwick/Eastmoor

These racially and religiously diverse communities on Columbus' east side are full of community pride and affordable housing. Both were built around recreational facilities that, sadly, no longer exist:

Eastmoor, sandwiched between Bexley and Whitehall, was constructed around a polo field in the 1920s and now is recognized by the city of Columbus as a historic neighborhood, while Berwick, southeast of Bexley, was built about 20 years later around a golf course. Such notable Columbus citizens as two-time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin and



former Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman have lived in this area.

Downtown/ Arena District

A nearly decade-strong urban revival has made downtown Columbus the hottest rental market in the country, according to real estate website Zillow. Surrounding its centerpiece of it all—the Ohio Statehouse—are industrial lofts, upscale

apartments and charming bungalows. Downtown's northwest neighbor, the Arena District, hosts NHL brawls and Triple-A baseball games, plus the hottest musical acts touring the states at an indoor-outdoor concert venue.

Franklinton

Following a devastating 1913 flood, this neighborhood west of downtown sat largely in despair and disrepair until about five years ago. Now, an influential young arts and entrepreneurial community has found a lot of opportunity here, as have apartment and condo developers. Franklinton also is home to the top-rated Center of Science and Industry, or COSI (see page 89).

German Village/ Brewery District

Immediately south of downtown is German Village, where settlers put down their roots in the mid-1800s, and the Brewery District, where they took up their mugs. German Village is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The lovingly looked-after brick streets and Italianate architecture have more charm than Schmidt's Sausage Haus' Cream Puffs, and those are pretty famous around here. To the west, the Brewery District is still going strong with

breweries, entertainment and boho loft living.

Hilltop

West of Franklinton and south of Hilliard, this large neighborhood is backed by an active, 90-year-old business association, which works to bring fresh faces and talent to the area. Though the community has struggled with poverty over the years, residents are passionate about drawing new homeowners to the area.

King-Lincoln District/ Olde Towne East

These storied neighborhoods sit side by side east of downtown. Olde Towne East is a visual feast, its streets lined with old-fashioned mansions in various states of remodel. Its Greek Revival and Italianate homes and brownstone-esque condos and houses are left over from when it was the neighborhood du jour for the city's richest in the 19th century. The King-Lincoln District is famous for being the African-American business hub in the 1930s. It has a rich jazz legacy, which is still being written today at Lincoln Theatre, a historic art deco-style stage where musical groups like the Jazz Arts Group of Columbus play throughout the year. Also in this district: the King Arts Complex, a genre-spanning hub of cultural art (see page 72).

Linden/Northland

Running along Cleveland Avenue east of Clintonville and the University District, Linden is divided into North and South by Hudson Street. North Linden is home to a number of authentic ethnic restaurants, especially Somali and Caribbean cuisines, which continue farther north into Northland along Morse Road. There you'll also find a wealth of shopping opportunities, including several furniture warehouse stores, as you head east toward Easton Town Center. Crime has historically been an issue in these neighborhoods, but attention from civic leaders, residents and local organizations are working to change that.

Northwest

Sandwiched between Upper Arlington, Dublin and Worthington, this residential neighborhood features a number of strip malls and tasty Asian eateries. If you're looking for authentic Vietnamese, Japanese and Korean fare, look no further; this includes the international groceries sprinkled throughout the area, which sometimes also serve prepared foods.

Short North Arts District

The Short North is known as an arts district, but in the last 10 years it's become so much more than that. Chic shopping, dining and entertainment dazzle from this sought-after strip of High Street, which has become something of a darling in the *New York Times* Travel section. Head to this neighborhood to be spoiled for choice when it comes to hip boutiques selling clothes for men, women and children, as well as home décor, gifts, stationery and vintage



ROB HARDIN

"If you are seeking a certain lifestyle, the Columbus Region has it—take your time and investigate where you want to be long-term. Columbus is not generic and has a community for everyone."

KENNY MCDONALD

Columbus 2020 president/CEO

MOVED TO: New Albany in 2010

FROM: Charlotte, North Carolina

candy. Of course, the art galleries for which the Short North is named are not to be missed, nor are the numerous locally owned restaurants.

Victorian Village/ Italian Village

The two historical neighborhoods hugging the Short North on the east and west sides—Italian Village and Victorian Village, respectively—are rich with housing options and cool community vibes. Popular for their walkability to the hustle and bustle of the Short North, but respected for their quiet, tree-lined streets and pocket parks, these neighborhoods are popular for young professionals, families and retirees alike. Holes-in-the-wall and hidden gems abound in the dining scenes.

University District

Yell “O-H” in this part of town, any time of day, and you’ll hear back a resounding “I-O!” That’s because this 3-mile stretch of High Street is home to The Ohio State University. (The campus itself is situated between High Street and the Olentangy River.) Packed with students, bars and businesses, it’s the most densely populated area of the city. Buckeye fandom aside, this area is home to an important artistic attraction: the Wexner Center for the Arts (see page 70).

Jackie Mantey contributed to this story.

Local Listings

The Columbus Region has no shortage of real estate agents and other resources to help you find the home of your dreams.

BY EMMA FRANKART HENTERLY

REAL ESTATE AGENCIES

Coldwell Banker King Thompson

Hundreds of real estate agents in nearly 100 offices throughout the Columbus Region make finding a home to rent or buy a breeze, regardless of your budget or required amenities.

coldwellbankerhomes.com

Crawford Hoying

Real estate agents list a variety of homes and apartments; the company also manages more than a dozen apartment complexes in the Region. Development projects focus on infill and mixed-use buildings, including Dublin’s trendy Bridge Park area and a new Moxy by Marriott hotel with office and restaurant space in Columbus’ Short North Arts District, slated for completion in spring 2019.

crawfordhoying.com

Keller Williams

Hundreds of agents in five offices—two in Columbus and one each in Dublin, Westerville and Worthington—serve the Central Ohio area; browse hundreds of single-family, condo, rental and lot listings online. kw.com

HER Realtors

More than 40 offices list thousands of properties located throughout the Columbus Region. Listings include land and lots for those who prefer to build.

herrealtors.com

RE/MAX

More than 35 offices in the Columbus Region list properties including single-family homes, condos, townhouses and lots. remax.com



Courtesy M/I HOMES

FOR MORE INFORMATION

COLUMBUS REALTORS®

Columbus REALTORS® has served the Central Ohio area since 1908. Consumers can search for member Realtors based on location or language spoken, from Afrikaans and American Sign Language to Urdu and Vietnamese. Other useful information provided to consumers includes sales statistics, the latest industry news and local builder resources. columbusrealtors.com



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If You Build It

Central Ohio's housing stock is robust, but for those who prefer a custom build, the area's resources make it a breeze.

BY EMMA FRANKART HENTERLY

BUILDERS

3 Pillar Homes

Building in Lewis Center, Delaware, Powell, Plain City, Dublin and Grove City with a focus on customization, plus 10 established communities. 3pillar.com

Compass Builders

Build an efficient home on your own lot, or choose a move-in-ready option in Powell, Olentangy, Upper Arlington or Jerome Village.

compasshomes.com

M/I Homes

Custom and luxury, move-in-ready options available in 19 communities throughout Central Ohio with options that range from the \$200s to the upper \$400s. mihomes.com

Pulte Homes

More than 100 home designs in 18 communities in the northern half of the Columbus Region, plus Pickerington. Communities include townhomes, 55+

living, single-family homes and more. pulte.com

Homewood Homes

New communities built with families in mind in Delaware, Galena, Grove City, Pataskala, Pickerington, Plain City, Reynoldsburg and Westerville. Also builds custom anywhere in Franklin, Delaware, Fairfield, Licking, Union, Pickaway or Madison counties.

homewood-homes.com

Ryan Homes

Communities in Dublin, Galena, Lewis Center, Delaware, Pataskala, and one coming soon to Gahanna. Homes range from the \$190s to \$420s.

ryanhomes.com

RESOURCES

BIA of Central Ohio

The Building Industry Association of Central Ohio supports and represents homebuilders, developers and remodelers throughout the area. Consumers can search an online data-

base to find trusted member businesses. During its annual Parade of Homes in September, thousands of attendees peruse the latest trends and designs in a member builder's new community.

biahomebuilders.com

Lancaster Home Builders Association

Formerly the Tri-County Home Builders Association, with members in Lancaster, Worthington, Pickerington, Ashville, Carroll, Sugar Grove, Canal Winchester, New Albany, Baltimore and Cambridge. An annual home and garden show in the spring highlights home improvement and landscaping ideas.

lancasterhomebuildersassociation.com

Ohio Home Builders Association

The organization's 4,500 members scattered throughout the Buckeye State give weight to its annual "Best of Ohio" awards. ohiohba.com

Courtesy VIRGINIA NUNES GUTIERREZ



Virginia Nunes Gutierrez

Co-owner/COO, **Bottoms Up Coffee Co-op**; executive director, **Avanza Together**; instructor, **OSU College of Nursing**

My uncle came here over 20 years ago because there were job opportunities, a Latino community and the great cost of living. I lived in the Canary Islands for about six years, and I was coming home every year to visit family.

There is something unique about Columbus; it's a city with a hometown feel. I'm a small business owner, first-generation immigrant, Latina, native Spanish speaker and originally from Venezuela, and I still felt like this was home.

It really has to do with the people. There's a sense of collaboration. I co-own, with my sister, a coworking space and coffee shop with the mission to help reduce infant mortality. We have so many people who want to help.

As told to Jessica Salerno

JOHN LOWE PHOTOGRAPHY



Brady Konya

Co-founder, **Middle West Spirits**

I moved here in winter of 2008. When my husband and I moved out to Columbus, we fell in love with the city's youthful energy—the same optimism I felt in Seattle 15 years ago. The people we met here were smart and welcoming. Columbus won us over with its Midwestern charm and East Coast sensibility.

In the early years, we met a lot of other entrepreneurs who were building companies in Columbus, and so many of them weren't local. But when we each started our projects, the folks here in the city embraced us as their own. You didn't need to be a native in Columbus to feel like a local; it was more about sharing in a mindset that we were all in this together.

As told to Jessica Salerno

Rentals & Condos

Apartment and condominium options abound. A variety of complexes offer solutions for every budget and lifestyle.

BY EMMA FRANKART HENTERLY

CASTO Communities

More than a dozen urban, urban-inspired and suburban apartment communities in downtown, northeast, northwest and west Columbus, plus Galloway, Dublin, Lewis Center, Gahanna and Blacklick.

castocommunities.com

Champion

Nearly 5,000 reasonably priced apartments in Central Ohio, including in Columbus, Dublin, Worthington, Hilliard, Westerville and Sunbury. A new property in Powell is set to open fall 2018.

livewithchampion.com

Crawford Hoying

More than a dozen apartment communities in Columbus, Dublin, Hilliard, Westerville, Reynoldsburg and Grove City.

crawfordhoying.com

Kaufman Development

Several luxury apartment buildings in downtown Columbus, New Albany and near Polaris, plus condos in downtown's LeVeque Tower; a mixed-use project is under development just west of downtown Columbus. livekaufman.com

Lifestyle Communities

Six mid- to higher-end apartment complexes in downtown Columbus, Dublin, Gahanna, Hilliard, New Albany and Sunbury. Most are paired with an iteration of The Goat, a pub featuring chef-inspired food, craft beer and cocktails.

lifestylecommunities.com



Lifestyle Communities

JOSHUA A. BICKEL

TIM JOHNSON



A LeVeque Tower condo

Preferred Living

Nine luxury apartment communities in Columbus and in Upper Arlington; two more are slated for Dublin and Pickerington.

livepreferred.com

Redwood Living

Smartly designed floor plans in Columbus, Dublin, Marysville, Delaware, Grove City, Johnstown, New Albany, Newark, Pataskala, Blacklick, Reynoldsburg, Pickerington and Canal Winchester.

byredwood.com/central-ohio

Treplus Communities

Senior living in Pickerington and Dublin. The newest, Hawthorne Commons, opened in 2017 with private balconies, vaulted ceilings, walk-in closets and more.

trepluscommunities.com

Village Communities

Condo communities in Gahanna, Lewis Center and Powell.

villagecommunities.com

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“There is something for everyone—young and old alike! After just a short time living here, it truly felt like home.”

AMY HARMAN

Fahlgren Mortine account supervisor

MOVED TO: Dublin in 2008

FROM: Chicago

Public Schools

Public school districts are a major factor to consider when choosing a place to live. Here are statistics on some of the biggest and best options in the area, plus details on smaller districts, to help you in your decision.

BY RYLAN LEE

ERIC ALBRECHT



At the heart of Ohio, the metro area of Columbus now is home to more than 2 million residents, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2017 population estimates, and is No. 1 for rate of growth among the Midwest's 10 largest metros.

It's understandable why families might consider living in Central Ohio, where the economy is strong, jobs are growing and the median house price in 2017 was \$181,500, according Columbus

REALTORS®, a nonprofit professional trade association.

One of the first things for families to consider when relocating to a new city is the school system serving any potential neighborhood. There are a variety of public school options throughout the Columbus Region. Our guide offers detailed statistics on some of the most well-known options, as well as information about the area's smaller districts, all listed by county.

Note: Enrollment, four-year graduation rate, per-pupil spending and state test performance index data is from the Ohio Department of Education School Report Cards for the 2016-17 school year, the most recent year available. The state test performance index is a measure of how well a district's students performed on state-mandated standardized tests. To learn more about Ohio's School Report Cards, see "For More Information" on page 50.

Franklin County

Columbus City Schools

The largest school system in Franklin County (and Ohio) is Columbus City Schools, which has more than 50,000 students in more than 100 schools, according to the district's website. Its mission is to ensure that "each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community."

Among the 2,423 full-time teachers, combined tenure averages 14

years' experience, and 70 percent hold a master's degree. The district attendance rate is nearly 90 percent.

Within the district, there are several standout schools, including Columbus Alternative High School, which is ranked No. 49 in the state, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.

Columbus Africentric Early College aims to graduate students with a high school and associate college degree, and minority enrollment is at or near 100 percent. Several schools within the district have language immersion programs, including Ecole Kenwood French Immersion School, Columbus Spanish Immersion Academy and Columbus North International School. There is also a Mandarin program at the Hubbard Mastery School.

The district has several STEM-focused facilities, including Linden STEM Academy, Linden McKinley STEM Academy, South Mifflin STEM Academy and Windsor STEM Academy. STEM, which stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics, promotes a curriculum that seeks to engage students in these four areas, which are tied directly to economic growth. ccsoh.us

Elementary Schools	74
K-8 Schools	3
Middle Schools	17
Middle/High Schools	5
High Schools	15
K-12 Schools	1

Total Enrollment

50,062

Four-year
Graduation Rate

74.1%

Per-pupil Spending

\$10,250

State Test
Performance Index

52.1%

Dublin City Schools

Two Dublin City high schools rank in *U.S. News & World Report's* top 20 high schools in Ohio, with Dublin Jerome at No. 9 and Dublin Coffman at No. 14. The district's enrollment has continued to increase, and the district's Master Plan committee has sought to compensate for the projected future growth with the addition of two ele-

mentary schools, a middle school and a nontraditional high school space, as well as additions to two high schools, over the next 10 years, according to a letter from the superintendent. The district also partners with local businesses to provide a comprehensive education; Power Plus internships, for example, pair local businesses with students with disabilities for post-secondary work training. dublinschools.net

Elementary Schools	12
Middle Schools	4
High Schools	3

Total Enrollment	Per-pupil Spending
15,144	\$10,691
Four-year Graduation Rate	State Test Performance Index
97.5%	82.2%



Dublin Coffman High School vs. Columbus School for Girls

BARBARA J. PERENIC



Griffith Thomas Elementary School in Dublin

Courtesy DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS

Grandview Heights Schools

The Grandview Heights School District is the smallest in Franklin County, yet its high school was ranked the 31st-best high school in Ohio by *U.S. News & World Report*. The district's mission statement is "to maximize and personalize every student's learning." According to a letter from superintendent Dr. Andy Culp on the district's website, nearly 100 percent of students attend college after graduation. Culp also mentions that the district encourages students to become involved in clubs and sports teams at their respective schools.

ghcsd.org

Elementary Schools	1
Intermediate Schools	1
Middle Schools	1
High Schools	1

Total Enrollment	1,060
Four-year Graduation Rate	95.8%
Per-pupil Spending	\$14,122
State Test Performance Index	86.5%

Hilliard City Schools

The Hilliard City Schools district is the eighth-largest in Ohio and has 1,212 teachers, 78.6 percent of whom hold a master's degree or higher. The system also offers before- and after-school care. Hilliard Davidson High School is ranked 39th in the state, according to *U.S. News & World Report*, which also ranks Hilliard Darby High School at No. 53.

Unique programs through the district's McVey Innovative Learning Center bring middle and high school students together for collaborative learning opportunities.

hilliardschools.org

Elementary Schools	14
Sixth Grade Schools	2
Middle Schools	3
High Schools	3

Total Enrollment	15,630
Four-year Graduation Rate	95.3%
Per-pupil Spending	\$10,037
State Test Performance Index	75.5%

New Albany-Plain Local School District

New Albany High School is ranked 20th among Ohio high schools, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. The district's facilities look more like a college campus: the Georgian-style school buildings are clustered on 120 acres, which is surrounded by an 80-acre nature preserve. Students have access to STEM learning and other lab opportunities. The MIT Fabrication Lab opened during the 2014-15 school year; it provides college-level coursework through the College Credit Plus Initiative. The district also offers

the E3 Program—focusing on energy, engineering and environment—where children grades K-12 will “test innovative technologies and learn more about energy concepts and sustainability,” according to the district’s website. napls.us

Early Learning Center	1
Primary School	1
Intermediate School	1
Middle Schools	1
High Schools	1

Total Enrollment

4,678

Four-year Graduation Rate

97.4%

Per-pupil Spending

\$10,062

State Test Performance Index

85.6%

Upper Arlington Schools

This district’s class of 2016 had a graduation rate of 97.5 percent, and 89.9 percent of third-graders who took reading proficiency tests in the 2016-17 school year scored “proficient” or better. The average SAT score

was 1,288 out of 1,600 in 2017; compare that to the national average of about 1070, according to the district’s 2016-17 Quality Profile. Upper Arlington High School is ranked No. 12 in the state and No. 324 in the nation, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. uaschools.org

Elementary Schools	5
Middle Schools	2
High Schools	1

Total Enrollment

5,706

Four-year Graduation Rate

97.5%

Per-pupil Spending

\$12,977

State Test Performance Index

82.9%



Windermere Elementary School in Upper Arlington

BARBARA J. PERENIC

Bexley City Schools

Though the district is the second-smallest in the county, its high school is ranked No. 4 in the state and No. 128 out of approximately 22,000 public high schools in the U.S. that “serve all students well,” according to *U.S. News & World Report*. There are 22 AP courses at Bexley High School, and in 2017, 85 percent of eligible students took AP exams. On the ACT, Bexley students’ scores continue to rise while statewide scores stay flat. bexleyschools.org

Elementary Schools	3
Middle Schools	1
High Schools	1

Total Enrollment

2,333

Four-year Graduation Rate

95%

Per-pupil Spending

\$12,464

State Test Performance Index

84.7%

Metro Schools

Franklin County is also home to three Metro Schools: Metro Early Middle School, Metro Early High School and Metro Institute of Technology. According to the system's website, its vision is "to provide a small and intellectually vibrant learning community designed to serve students ... that prepares

them for a connected world where math, science and technology are vitally important." The Metro schools were established in 2006 by collaboration between The Ohio State University and Battelle Memorial Institute to create a STEM-focused learning environment for students. The Metro Institute of Technology is in its third year. themetroschool.org

Middle Schools	1
High Schools	2

Total Enrollment
677 (MEHS), 165 (MIT)

Four-year Graduation Rate
99.1% (MEHS)

Per-pupil Spending
\$7,577 (MEHS) • \$6,396 (MIT)

State Test Performance Index
77.4% (MEHS) • 74.9% (MIT)

Note: District-level report card information not available; available information is listed above.

Special Education

There are two schools in Franklin County that provide specialized education services to deaf, hard-of-hearing and blind students.

The Ohio School for the Deaf, located near Clintonville, aims to be "the premier school which meets the needs of Ohio's deaf and hard-of-hearing students and their families," according to the school's website. During the last year of high school, students are encouraged to try the Senior Apartment Living experience, where they live with other students for a month, learning to meal plan, shop for groceries and create a budget. ohioschoolforthedeaf.org

The Ohio State School for the Blind has been in operation since 1837, with the Ohio Department of Education taking control of the school in the early 1900s. Also located near Clintonville, the school is "dedicated to the intellectual, social, physical and emotional growth of all students with visual impairments." The school offers programming to meet students' individual needs, including developing life, social and technology skills. ossb.oh.gov

Other Schools

As the most populous county in the Columbus Region, Franklin County has a number of other school districts. They include Canal Winchester Local School District, Gahanna-Jefferson City School District, Groveport Madison Local School District, Hamilton Local School District, Reynoldsburg City School District, South-Western City School District, Westerville City School District, Whitehall City School District and Worthington City School District.



Bexley High School

KYLE ROBERTSON

Fairfield County

Pickerington Local School District

The largest district in Fairfield County includes Ridgeview STEM Junior High, which features similar athletic, musical, theater and club activities as other programs within the district, in addition to a strong STEM program. pickerington.k12.oh.us

Elementary Schools	7
Middle Schools	3
Junior High Schools	2
High Schools	2

Total Enrollment

10,004

Four-year
Graduation Rate

98.1%

Per-pupil Spending

\$9,290

State Test
Performance Index

78.7%

Lancaster City Schools

Lancaster City Schools, the second-largest district in the county, opened three new elementary schools in 2015 and two additional elementary schools in 2016. Two junior high schools will also be opened in 2020 to serve the growing student population. lancaster.k12.oh.us

Elementary Schools	5
Middle Schools	2
High Schools	2

Total Enrollment

6,373

Four-year
Graduation Rate

91.4%

Per-pupil Spending

\$8,047

State Test
Performance Index

73.0%

Other Schools

Fairfield County has many other options for students. In addition to the Pickerington and Lancaster districts, there is the Amanda-Clearcreek Local School District, Berne Union Local School District, Bloom-Carroll Local School District, Fairfield Union Local School District, Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District and Walnut Township Local School District.

Delaware County

Olentangy Local School District

Olentangy High School is rated No. 5 in the state and 228 in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*. In addition to its regular curriculum, the district offers an alternative program designed intentionally for each student based on academic and behavioral needs. olentangy.k12.oh.us

Delaware County is also home to Big Walnut Local School District, Buckeye Valley Local School District and Delaware City School District.

Elementary Schools	15
Middle Schools	5
High Schools	3

Total Enrollment

19,717

Four-year
Graduation Rate

98.3%

Per-pupil Spending

\$9,062

State Test
Performance Index

86.4%



PAUL VERNON

Pickerington High School

Knox County

Mount Vernon City Schools

Mount Vernon City Schools is the largest school system in Knox County; it has a gifted and enrichment program for select students, which features several seminars throughout the school year on topics such as solar energy and wind power. mt-vernon.k12.oh.us

Knox County's other districts are Centerburg Local School District, Danville Local School District, East Knox Local School District and Fredericktown Local School District.

Elementary Schools	6
Middle Schools	1
High Schools	1

Total Enrollment

3,695

Four-year
Graduation Rate

93.1%

Per-pupil Spending

\$8,473

State Test
Performance Index

76.3%

Finding Child Care

Ohio’s child care programs are regulated by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) or the Ohio Department of Education. The two agencies have a quality rating system called **Step Up To Quality**, or **SUTQ**, to help parents find the care options that best meet their children’s needs.

SUTQ evaluates child care programs based on four main criteria: learning and development, staff qualifications and professional development, administrative and leadership practices, and family and community partnerships. For more information on the SUTQ system, visit stepuptoquality.org.

ODJFS licenses three main types of child care settings: Child care centers, Type A homes and Type B homes. Most traditional daycares fall into the child care center category. They often consist of a dedicated building, though centers can be housed in a personal residence in some cases. In a Type A home, the provider cares for seven to 12 children in his or her

own residence, with some restrictions. Type B homes serve one to six children in the provider’s own home; no more than three of the children may be under 2 years old. Unlike the previous two options, Type B homes may be licensed by ODJFS, but a license is not required. The Ohio Department of Education licenses school-based programs for preschool and school-age children. Typically referred to as early care and education programs, they can include care before, during and after regular school hours. ODJFS offers a searchable database to help you find a provider based on location, SUTQ rating, child’s age and more. Find it at jfs.ohio.gov/cdc. Another helpful resource, the **Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association**, provides support to families in the form of information, a searchable database and other resources through its regional resource and referral agencies. occrra.org



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Morrow County

Highland Local Schools

Highland Local Schools is the largest district in Morrow County. Its administration is currently working on strategic plans to renovate many of its existing buildings to provide students with improved learning environments. highlandschools.org Other districts in the county include Cardington-Lincoln Local School District, Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools and Northmor Local School District.

Elementary Schools	1
Middle Schools	1
High Schools	1
Total Enrollment	1,847
Four-year Graduation Rate	91.7%
Per-pupil Spending	\$8,536
State Test Performance Index	72.7%

Marion County

Marion City Schools

Marion City Schools is the largest district in Marion County. The district features a literacy collaborative in partnership with the Literacy Collaborative at The Ohio State University to promote early literacy efforts for students. marioncityschools.org Marion County also serves students through the Elgin Local School District, Pleasant Local School District, Ridgedale Local School District and River Valley Local School District.

Elementary Schools	6
Middle Schools	1
High Schools	1
Total Enrollment	4,204
Four-year Graduation Rate	88.8%
Per-pupil Spending	\$9,312
State Test Performance Index	56%

For more information

The statistics presented in this article were pulled directly from the Ohio Department of Education's **School Report Card** system, which can be found online at reportcard.education.ohio.gov. The system also provides details on individual schools. More information about individual schools also is available on respective district websites.

Ohio's School Report Cards aim to paint a picture of progress and needed areas of improvement when it comes to preparing students for the future. They measure schools and districts in six key areas: achievement, progress, gap closing, graduation rate, K-3 literacy and preparedness for success.

Another resource for parents is the **OSBA School District Directory**, a mobile app from the Ohio School Board Association, which provides enrollment information, district ratings and more. It is available through the Apple and Google Play stores.

Licking County

Granville Exempted Village Schools

Granville Exempted Village Schools consistently receives high marks on its state report card each year, and Granville High School was ranked 37th in the state by *U.S. News & World Report*. Granville's superintendent, Jeff Brown, has pledged to develop "innovative partnerships with parents, community members and local businesses" that are mutually beneficial to aid in the improvement of 21st-century learning, according to the district's website.

granville.k12.oh.us

Elementary Schools	1
Intermediate	1
Middle Schools	1
High Schools	1

Total Enrollment

2,396

Four-year
Graduation Rate

96.5%

Per-pupil Spending

\$11,030

State Test
Performance Index

88.4%

Other Schools

Other districts in Licking County include Heath City School District, Johnstown-Monroe Local School District, Lakewood Local School District, Licking Heights Local School District, Licking Valley Local School District, North Fork Local School District, Northridge Local School District and Southwest Licking Local School District.

Newark City Schools

Newark City Schools is the largest district in Licking county. The district's mission is to be "committed to excellence, one student at a time" and focus on education using a combination of the latest technology with tried-and-true methods, according to its website.

newarkcity.k12.oh.us

Elementary Schools	7
Middle Schools	3
High Schools	1

Total Enrollment

6,247

Four-year
Graduation Rate

84.5%

Per-pupil Spending

\$8,064

State Test
Performance Index

71.2%



Granville
Intermediate School

ADAM CAIRNS

Madison County

London City Schools

Among the largest districts in the county, London City Schools is only slightly smaller than the Jonathan Adler Local School District. The system has a five-point improvement plan that focuses on student achievement and growth, preparing students for individual success, providing access to a variety of academic and extracurricular activities, promoting a positive “user experience” among all stakeholders and demonstrating effective stewardship with district resources.

london.k12.oh.us

Other Schools

Other districts in the county include Jefferson Local Schools, Jonathan Alder Local School District and Madison-Plains Local School District.

Elementary Schools	1
Middle Schools	1
High Schools	1

Total Enrollment

2,025

Four-year
Graduation Rate

92.9%

Per-pupil Spending

\$8,054

State Test
Performance Index

70.8%



JEFF HINCKLEY

Pickaway County

Teays Valley Local Schools

An important part of Teays Valley is the TV Educational Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization that supports the development and implementation of school improvement initiatives, model programs, award grants and scholarships, according to the school's website. tvsd.us

Pickaway County is also home to Circleville City School District, Logan Elm Local School District and Westfall Local School District.

Elementary Schools	4
Middle Schools	2
High Schools	1

Total Enrollment

3,878

Four-year
Graduation Rate

90.7%

Per-pupil Spending

\$8,275

State Test
Performance Index

80.7%



LORRIE CECIL



TOM DODGE

Logan County

Bellefontaine City Schools

The largest district in Logan County has a strong tradition of excellent academic, athletic and arts programs, according to its website. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library sends a free monthly book to participating children through their fifth birthday to support literacy among pre-K students.

bellefontaine.k12.oh.us

Students in Logan County also attend Benjamin Logan Local School District, Indian Lake Local School District and Riverside Local School District.

Elementary Schools	1
Middle Schools	1
Junior High Schools	1
High Schools	1

Total Enrollment

2,362

Four-year
Graduation Rate

93.8%

Per-pupil Spending

\$8,898

State Test
Performance Index

72.5%

Union County

Marysville Exempted Village School District

Marysville Exempted Village Schools is the county's largest district. Its Marysville Early College High School is a STEM-focused school that opened in 2014 through a partnership with Columbus State Community College, Honda, Ohio Hi-Point Career Center and the Union County Chamber of Commerce.

marysville.k12.oh.us

Other districts within Union County include Fairbanks Local School District and North Union Local School District.

Elementary Schools	5
Middle Schools	1
Intermediate Schools	1
High Schools	2

Total Enrollment

4,949

Four-year
Graduation Rate

91.9%

Per-pupil Spending

\$8,281

State Test
Performance Index

79.8%

Private Schools

The Columbus Region has a diverse array of nonpublic education options.

BY RYLAN LEE AND BROOKE PRESTON

The area is home to a large number of private, independent schools, both parochial and secular. This list is not intended to be comprehensive; these are some of the biggest and best-known schools. You can look up information on individual nonpublic schools by searching that category in the Ohio Department of Education's Ohio Educational Directory System, a database in which users maintain their own data, at oeds.ode.state.oh.us. (The OEDS also contains data on public schools and districts, as well as community schools and other educational organizations.) Data are for the 2017-18 school year unless otherwise noted.

Bridgeway Academy

2500 Medary Ave.
Columbus • 614-262-7520
bridgewayohio.org

Grades Served:
Pre-K through 12
Enrollment 2018-19: **180**
Tuition: **\$24,000-\$31,000**
Student-teacher ratio: **3:1**

Founded in 2005 by a speech pathologist and music therapist, Bridgeway Academy is a nonprofit education and therapy center for individuals, ages 3-22, with autism and other developmental disabilities. The school aims to "provide a centered, holistic approach to children's education and therapeutic needs," says Janelle Maur,

Bridgeway's communication manager. The school offers music, occupational, physical and speech therapy centers. The hallmark of its education center is the low student-teacher ratios at every grade level. Additionally, the school's psychology department is able to evaluate children for autism spectrum disorder.

Clintonville Academy

3916 Indianola Ave.
Columbus • 614-267-4799
clintonvilleacademy.org

Grades Served:
Pre-K through 8
Enrollment 2018-19: **108**
Tuition: **\$8,735**
Student-teacher ratio: **20:1**

Clintonville Academy is a private school for early and middle education. With small class sizes, the school seeks to foster "educational growth and development of the whole child—intellect, character, citizenship, cultural appreciation, creativity, social interaction, personal ethics and emotional and physical well-being," according to its website. Community service is a significant part of student experience, with

Columbus Academy



Courtesy, COLUMBUS ACADEMY

students at all grade levels participating in service programs throughout the year. Clintonville Academy also values global education and begins Spanish and French instruction in pre-K, culminating in class trips to France, Mexico or Spain in the seventh or eighth grade.

Columbus Academy

4300 Cherry Bottom Rd.
Gahanna • 614-475-2311
columbusacademy.org

Grades Served:
Pre-K through 12
Enrollment 2018-19: **1,080**
Tuition: **\$11,700-\$27,500**
Student-teacher ratio: **7:1**

This independent, college preparatory school in Gahanna features a challeng-



ADAM CAIRNS



ing academic curriculum, advanced STEM offerings (including computer science and robotics), a strong emphasis on arts and athletics and a focus on character development. “Our students are invited to challenge themselves academically while working for the good of the community and developing sound skills in ethics and character,” says head of school Melissa Soderberg. The school achieves this by emphasizing ethics and morality in classes, teaching good sportsmanship in athletics and encouraging service projects throughout all grades, according to its website. The expansive campus covers 230 acres and includes newly renovated arts spaces designed to invite exploration, creativity and action.

Columbus Montessori Education Center

979 James Rd.
Columbus • 614-231-3790
columbusmontessori.org

Grades Served:
Pre-K through 6
Enrollment 2018-19:
Not available
Tuition: **\$9,400**
Student-teacher ratio: **8:1**

This private, independent school teaches children from six weeks to sixth grade using the Montessori method, which nurtures academic and personal growth through a focus on individuality, mixed-age classrooms, child-led learning and more. The school’s core elementary curriculum also includes art, music,

physical education and Spanish instruction. The 7-acre location features thoughtfully planned indoor classrooms and outdoor learning spaces, with students learning in three age-based part- or full-day settings.

Columbus School for Girls

65 S. Drexel Ave.
Columbus • 614-252-0781
columbusschoolforgirls.org

Grades Served:
Pre-K through 12
Enrollment 2018-19: **557**
Tuition: **\$13,945-\$26,885**
Student-teacher ratio: **8:1**

Founded in 1898 as an alternative to finishing schools of the day, Columbus School for

Girls continues its strong academic traditions and forward-thinking approach. The recently completed Landmark Campaign funded a state-of-the-art athletics complex featuring an eight-lane pool, yoga room, fitness center and a theater. CSG also features top-flight computer labs, a media production studio and a private, 100-acre forest. The school’s focus on STEM areas continues to expand, including technology lessons with 3D printers, coding and robotics. The school also boasts a robust athletics program, which includes sport options at every grade—11 options for students in the Upper and Middle schools and 10 for Lower School students. Together, all of these

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facets support the school's mission of "empowering girls to discover their distinct potential as learners and leaders."

Columbus Torah Academy

181 Noe Bixby Rd.
Columbus • 614-864-0299
torahacademy.org

Grades Served:
Pre-K through 12
Enrollment 2018-19: **216**
Tuition: **\$11,351-\$19,000**
(approx.)
Student-teacher ratio: **11:1**
(lower school), **8:1** (upper school)

Columbus Torah Academy is an Orthodox Jewish academy providing comprehensive college preparatory and Judaic studies educations for Jewish students. Committed to providing an intellectually stimulating and academi-

cally progressive learning environment, the CTA facilities are equipped with state-of-the-art chemistry, biology and computer labs, as well as two libraries, a gymnasium and a chapel. The campus is situated on 42 wooded acres confirmed by the National Wildlife Federation as a certified wildlife habitat site. Students investigate science in the school's 20-acre "land lab."

Mansion Day School

72 Woodland Ave.
Columbus • 614-258-4449
mansiondayschool.org

Grades Served:
Pre-K through 5
Enrollment 2018-19: **69**
Tuition: **\$9,500-\$11,000**
Student-teacher ratio: **10:1**

Located minutes from downtown Columbus, Mansion Day School's mission is to educate children regardless of race or religion. The coeducational school provides a rigorous curriculum, including fine arts and foreign language education throughout the

lower grades. In addition to typical courses, Mansion Day School also offers after-school enrichment classes on topics such as woodworking, chess and robotics.

Marburn Academy

9555 Johnstown Rd.
New Albany
614-433-0822
marburnacademy.org

Grades Served:
1 through 12
Enrollment 2018-19: **265**
Tuition: **\$26,740-\$28,120**
(approx.)
Student-teacher ratio: **8:1**
(grade 1-8), **18:1** (grade 9-12)

Marburn Academy is exclusively devoted to students with learning differences such as dyslexia, ADHD or executive function issues; the curriculum focuses on using assistive technology and multiple teaching modalities to help every student reach his or her potential. The school's recent growth into a new facility expanded its potential enrollment capacity to 350 and grew the capabilities of



Marburn's innovative arts, athletics and tutoring programs, while maintaining its excellent engineering, robotics and technology courses.

Village Academy

284 S. Liberty St.
Powell • 614-841-0050
villageacademy.org

Grades Served:
Pre-K through 12
Enrollment 2018-19: **300**
(approx.)
Tuition: **\$6,800-\$18,645**
Student-teacher ratio: **5:1**

Village Academy is a college prep school boasting a 100 percent college acceptance rate. Using a rigorous, three-pronged Advancement through Mastery approach, students are encouraged to pursue academic excellence, individual accountability, social responsibility and personal passions through foundational and elective courses, as well as a host of extra-curricular and athletic opportunities. A dedicated 12,000-square-foot Lasley Arts Conservatory contains rehearsal areas,



Courtesy MARBURN ACADEMY



The Wellington School

Courtesy THE WELLINGTON SCHOOL

recording studios, an art gallery, a black box theater, a state-of-the-art visual arts studio and more.

The Wellington School

3650 Reed Rd.
Columbus • 614-457-7883
wellington.org

Grades Served:
Pre-K through 12
Enrollment 2018-19: **650**
Tuition: **\$16,200-\$24,250**
Student-teacher ratio: **8:1**

Wellington's philosophy encourages students to dive deep into the independent co-ed school's research-based curriculum. Wellington highly values and fosters student engagement, which is measured three times per year with a tool developed in-house. (Head of school Robert Brisk delivered a TEDxColumbus talk on the topic in 2016.) Co-curricular activities are also important; around 75 percent of students participate in athletics, and 100 percent participate in visual and performing arts. Other noteworthy

programs include youth in government and leadership in business.

Welsh Hills School

2610 Newark-Granville Rd.
Granville • 740-522-2020
welshhills.org

Grades Served:
Pre-K through 11
Enrollment 2018-19: **85**
Tuition: **\$8,625-\$10,000**
Student-teacher ratio:
6:1 to 14:1

Welsh Hills School is the only independent school option in Licking County. The school's STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) curriculum is available for students at all grade levels. Welsh Hills also offers a variety of unique enrichment programs, such as Spanish language education beginning with toddlers and continuing through high school, and the "Erdkinder" Farm program that educates students on the natural environment both in the classroom and through hands-on experience in the school's garden, greenhouse and grounds.

BROOKE LaVALLEY



"The city is thriving with things to do, both creative and intellectual. I've found art classes that rival and even surpass those I've found even living in LA. ... I love the genuine nature of the people [here]. I love that there is so much to do, and it's all just a short drive away."

LISA LOWMAN

Hollister senior vice president of design
MOVED TO: Upper Arlington in 2015
FROM: Los Angeles



"There is continuous collaboration to make Columbus a better place to live, work and play—not for just some or most, but for all. From social impact to leadership development, from job creation to education; the city's commitment to the people gives a true spirit of community."

MALLORY DONALDSON

Columbus 2020 executive assistant
MOVED TO: Columbus in 2009
FROM: Houston, Texas

Courtesy BISHOP WATTERSON HIGH SCHOOL



Catholic Schools

The Diocese of Columbus' Department of Education manages 42 elementary schools with a collective enrollment of 11,000 and 11 high schools with a collective enrollment of 4,500.

Bishop Watterson High School and **St. Francis De Sales High School** are the diocese's largest, while the all-boys **St. Charles Preparatory School** is notable for its rigorous college preparatory curriculum and high top-flight university acceptance rates. education.columbuscatholic.org

Other Catholic Schools

Saint Mary School

Lancaster
(Fairfield County)
Grades K-8
stmarylancaster.com

St. Mary Catholic Elementary School

Marion
(Marion County)
Grades K-8
school.marionstmary.org

St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School

London (Madison County)
Grades K-8
stpatricklondon.org

St. Vincent De Paul School

Mount Vernon
(Knox County)
Grades K-8
saintvdpsschool.org

William V. Fisher Catholic High School

Lancaster
(Fairfield County)
Grades 9-12
fishercatholic.org

Parochial Schools

Calvary Christian School

Bellevue
(Logan County)
Grades K-12
calvarybellevue.org

Christian Star Academy

Mount Vernon
(Knox County)
Grades K-12
csaedu.org

Columbus Adventist Academy

Columbus (Franklin County)
Grades K-8
columbus24.adventist-schoolconnect.org

Columbus Jewish Day School

New Albany
(Franklin County)
Grades K-6
cjds.org

Delaware Christian School

Delaware
(Delaware County)
Grades K-12
dcschool.org

Fairfield Christian Academy

Lancaster
(Fairfield County)
Grades K-12
fairfieldchristianacademy.com

Gahanna Christian Academy

Gahanna (Franklin County)
Grades K-12
gahannachristianacademy.com

Gilead Christian School

Mt. Gilead (Morrow County)
Grades K-12
gileadchristianschool.org

Genoa Christian Academy

Westerville
(Delaware County)
Grades K-12
genoachristianacademy.org

Grace Christian School

Blacklick
(Franklin County)
Grades K-8
gcsblacklick.org

Granville Christian Academy

Granville (Licking County)
Grades K-12
granvilleca.org

Grove City Christian School

Grove City
(Franklin County)
Grades K-12
grovecitychristian.org

Harvest Preparatory School

Canal Winchester
(Franklin County)
Grades K-12
harvestprep.org

Liberty Christian Academy

Pataskala (Licking County)
Grades K-12
libertychristianacademy.org

Licking County Christian Academy

Heath (Licking County)
Grades K-12
lccaeagles.com

Madison Christian School

Groveport
(Franklin County)
Grades K-12
mcseaglesoh.org

New Hope Christian Academy

Circleville
(Pickaway County)
Grades K-12
nhchristianacademy.org

Shekinah Christian School

Plain City
(Madison County)
Grades K-12
shekinahchristian.org

St. John's Lutheran School

Marysville
(Union County)
Grades K-8
sjsmarysville.org

Trinity Lutheran School

Marysville
(Union County)
Grades K-6
trinitymarysville.org

Tree of Life Christian School

Columbus
(Franklin County)
Grades K-12
tolcs.org

Polaris Christian Academy

Columbus
(Delaware County)
Grades K-8
pcalions.com

Worthington Christian Schools

Worthington
(Franklin County)
Grades K-12
worthingtonchristian.com

Making the Choice

Alternative education options abound in Central Ohio.

BY HEATHER LOFY

Choosing a school for your child is a big decision. Fortunately, Columbus boasts many great school systems, including community schools, also known as charter schools. Community schools, which—according to regulatory agency the Ohio Department of Education—provide a public K-12 education thanks to state and federal funds and are nonprofit and nonreligious. The Ohio Department of Education's 2016-17 Community Schools Annual Report, the most recent available, notes that the state has 362 community schools, with 77 of them in Franklin County.

One notable community school in the region is KIPP Columbus, part of the Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP) that has

more than 200 schools across the country.

"Our mission is to serve the kids who need us most," says Hannah Powell, executive director of KIPP Columbus.

KIPP Columbus has made great strides since its inception in 2008; the northeast Columbus school began with 50 students in fifth grade and now has 1,400 students from infancy to 10th grade. By 2020, the school is projected to educate 2,000 students through 12th grade. And, speaking volumes of the school's reputation, 2,500 children currently are on the school's waiting list.

So what makes a school like KIPP Columbus a good place for children to grow?

"We have a variety of programming," Powell says. "We do a lot with

experiential learning, like field lessons and getting off campus."

Also unique to KIPP Columbus is an extended school day, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and an extended school year that lasts into June. And like many area schools, college preparation is certainly not an afterthought—the KIPP Through College program ensures that KIPPsters go to and through college, says Powell.

"Any child who's curious to learn will thrive at the school," she adds.

Worth consideration in the community school realm are site-based schools, which function like most other brick-and-mortar schools; blended programs, which provide both in-person and web-based lessons; and e-schools, which function exclusively through online learning. The Ohio Department of Education reports that during the 2016-17 school year, 70 percent of community school students in Ohio were enrolled in a site-based school. The department also notes that community schools have the same graduation requirements as all other public schools.

Brittany Halpin, associate director for media relations at the Ohio Department of Education, encourages parents to use the "Find a School" tool on the department's website to help see which traditional, public, charter or private schools are in the area. A visit to a school itself can help as well.



Students of
KIPP Columbus

CHRIS RUSSELL

Higher Education

With nearly 60 college and university campuses, Columbus has learning options for virtually every student.

BY RYLAN LEE AND JUSTIN MCINTOSH

NOTE: Tuition data is for undergraduate Ohio residents for the 2017-18 academic year and does not include miscellaneous fees, room or board, unless otherwise noted. Enrollment data is as of the start of the 2017-18 school year, unless otherwise noted.

Public

The Ohio State University

281 W. Lane Ave.
Columbus • 614-292-4664

osu.edu

ENROLLMENT: 66,444

(all campuses), 59,837

(Columbus campus)

TUITION: \$10,591 (including basic fees)

As one of the biggest and most comprehensive colleges in the country, The Ohio State University looms large in both its home city and the state in general. With campuses and research centers located in Columbus, Mansfield, Newark and Marion (as well as several cities outside of Central Ohio), OSU has a physical presence throughout the state. But it's the nearly 1,700-acre Columbus campus where, for 148 years, the university

has been "the stage for academic achievement and a laboratory for innovation," as its website states.

Regularly honored as one of the nation's top-20 public universities, Ohio State also has a top-rated academic medical center and a premier cancer hospital and research center.

Ohio State offers more than 200 undergraduate majors, specialties and tracks; 166 master's degree programs and 120 doctoral degree programs; nine professional degree programs and an estimated 12,000 courses. *U.S. News & World Report*, in fact, ranked five of OSU's graduate programs in the top 10 of their respective fields in the U.S. for 2019. In similar fashion, *The Wall Street Journal* ranked the university 12th in the nation for most sought-after graduates.

Courtesy/DENISON UNIVERSITY



Ohio University

6805 Bobcat Way, Dublin
614-793-5634
12933 Stonecreek Dr.
Pickerington • 740-654-6711
ohio.edu

ENROLLMENT: Dublin: 311

(graduate and doctoral students with Dublin as primary campus)

Pickerington: 97

(undergraduate students with Pickerington Center as primary campus)

TUITION, PER CREDIT HOUR:

Dublin: \$334-\$583

(graduate programs); \$658 (doctorate programs up to eight credit hours)

Pickerington: \$122-\$227

(undergraduate)

Founded in Athens in 1804, Ohio University in the southeast corner of the state has the

distinction of being the oldest public university in Ohio. It reaches the Columbus Region through the Pickerington Center—part of the regional campus in Lancaster—and a new Integrated Education Center in Dublin.

While a limited number of associate and bachelor degrees are available via the Pickerington Center, most students relocate to the Lancaster or main campuses to finish their programs.

The Dublin Center offers master's and doctorate programs in health sciences, osteopathic medicine, public affairs and business; Columbus State Community College also has classrooms in the building.

Private

Ashland University

1900 E. Dublin-Granville Rd., Columbus
614-794-0803

ashland.edu

ENROLLMENT: 527

TUITION, 2018-19: \$20,332

(undergraduate), \$512/credit hour (bachelor's completion program), \$539-\$654/credit hour (master's programs), \$1,000/credit hour (executive doctorate program)

Founded in 1878 as Ashland College, this university boasts a rich tradition in placing emphasis on the importance of each student, as evidenced by its motto, "accent on the individual." The university's Columbus Center offers select bachelor's and master's degree programs, as well as a one-year international MBA, an executive doctorate in leadership studies and a number of administrative licensure programs.

Capital University

1 College and Main
Columbus • 614-236-6101
capital.edu

ENROLLMENT: 3,469
TUITION, 2018-19: \$35,146
(undergraduate), \$475-
\$650/credit hour (graduate
and adult education)

Since 1830, this university has been rooted in the Lutheran tradition; it originally was formed as part of Trinity Lutheran Seminary and was chartered as a university in 1850 before splitting off from the seminary in 1959. Now, the roles are reversed: Trinity Lutheran came under the umbrella of Capital University in January 2017. The private, four-year undergraduate and graduate university is located in the charming, tree-lined suburb of Bexley, just east of downtown Columbus. With more than 60 undergraduate majors and six graduate degrees, noteworthy programs include business, education, law, music and nursing.

Columbus College of Art & Design

60 Cleveland Ave.
Columbus • 614-224-9101
ccad.edu

ENROLLMENT: 1,050
TUITION, 2018-19: \$34,920

Founded in 1879 as the Columbus Art School, the Columbus College of Art & Design is one of the oldest private art and design colleges in the country. Beyond its venerable history, CCAD has long been known as an elite art and design school. In fact, graduates are often picked up by national brands, from locally based Abercrombie & Fitch to Pixar in California. The college

offers 12 bachelor's and two master's degree programs, including fine arts in advertising design and graphic design, animation, cinematic arts, comics and narrative practice, and contemporary crafts.

Denison University

100 W. College St.
Granville • 740-587-0810
denison.edu

ENROLLMENT: 2,250
TUITION, 2018-19: \$50,790

Founded in 1831, Denison University is one of the earliest colleges to be established in the Northwest Territory—the push westward beyond the original 13 colonies—and continues today as one of the nation's leading liberal arts colleges. Located in the charming New England-style village of Granville on 931 acres, Denison offers bachelor of arts, science and fine arts degrees, with courses from 50 academic programs and four pre-professional programs.

Franklin University

201 S. Grant Ave.
Columbus • 614-797-4700
franklin.edu

ENROLLMENT: 5,362
TUITION, PER CREDIT HOUR:
\$509 (undergraduate),
\$659 (graduate), \$719
(doctorate)

Franklin University was founded in 1902 in Columbus and today has grown into one of the largest private universities in the state. Each year, “Franklin provides on-site course options at over 25 Midwest locations and is an innovator in providing personalized online education,” according to its website. Its main campus is located in downtown Columbus, and its 20 other Ohio locations include Delaware, Dublin, Gahanna and Marion. The school's MBA program has broad international reach, according to its website. Franklin offers more than 40 undergraduate and graduate programs through on-site and online

course options, including new applied doctorate offerings.

Kenyon College

106 College-Park St.
Gambier • 740-427-5000
kenyon.edu

ENROLLMENT: 1,661
TUITION, 2018-19: \$53,830

Founded in 1824, Kenyon lays claim to being the oldest private college in Ohio. Originally intended to educate all-male clergymen for frontier America, the college quickly became “a highly regarded seat of classical education whose graduates included statesmen such as U.S. President Rutherford B. Hayes,” according to its website. In 1969, the college welcomed women and expanded its offerings. Today, the school offers 50 majors, minors and concentrations, including strong English and science programs.



Columbus College of
Art & Design

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Methodist Theological School in Ohio

3081 Columbus Pike
Delaware • 740-363-1146
mtso.edu

ENROLLMENT, 2016-17: 132
TUITION, PER CREDIT HOUR, 2018-19: \$751 (master's programs)

Founded in April 1958, the Methodist Theological School in Ohio is a graduate theological school and seminary located on 80 hillside acres in Central Ohio. Major programs include master's degrees in divinity, counseling ministries, practical theology and theological studies, along with certificate programs and a doctorate of ministry. Methodist Theological School also offers a degree specialization in ecology and justice and is the home of the certified organic Seminary Hill Farm.

Mount Carmel College of Nursing

127 S. Davis Ave.
Columbus • 614-234-5800
mccn.edu
ENROLLMENT: 1,069
TUITION, 2018-19: \$13,392-\$23,724

MCCN was founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1903 with a mission of providing a top-notch nursing education in a way that's "caring, respectful and socially responsible," according to its website. It offers a bachelor's of science in nursing, a master's of science and a doctorate of nursing practice, in addition to the online RN-BSN Completion Program and the Second Degree Accelerated Program.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University

800 Martinsburg Rd.
Mt. Vernon • 740-397-9000
mvnu.edu
ENROLLMENT: 2,222
TUITION, PER SEMESTER: \$14,497

Mount Vernon Nazarene University was founded in 1968 and is a co-educational liberal arts univer-



sity with an evangelical Christian foundation and mission, according to its website—though the second-largest population of students identify as non-denominational. Mount Vernon offers five different schools of training, including the School of Arts and Humanities, the Jetter School of Professional Studies and the School of Theology and Philosophy.

Ohio Christian University

1476 Lancaster Pike
Circleville • 877-762-8669
ohiochristian.edu
ENROLLMENT: 4,546
TUITION, PER CREDIT HOUR, 2018-19: \$198-\$423 (undergraduate), \$330-\$525 (adult/graduate program)

Founded in 1948 as the Circleville Bible College to educate the clergy for the Churches of Christ in Christian Union, Ohio Christian University has since expanded its outreach. The school now offers 65 associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees with students

in 49 states and 11 countries. In 2017, the university added a new young adult childhood education degree to its undergraduate offerings and opened the Business Innovation Center, a small business incubator and research center (see page 28).

Ohio Dominican University

1216 Sunbury Rd.
Columbus • 614-251-4500
ohiodominican.edu
ENROLLMENT: 1,724
TUITION, 2018-19: \$15,250 (per semester, undergraduate); \$600 (per credit hour, graduate, most programs); \$538 (per credit hour, graduate, education)

Founded in 1911 as the all-female College of St. Mary of the Springs, ODU has a rich history. The liberal arts school became co-ed in 1964 and changed its name to Ohio Dominican College in 1968. In 2002, the school became a university, and has since been named among *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Regional Universities in the Midwest; it's also



Kenyon College

Courtesy KENYON COLLEGE



Courtesy OHIO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY

been named a military-friendly school by Victory Media for nine years in a row. The university offers 40 undergraduate majors and nine master's programs.

Ohio Wesleyan University

61 S. Sandusky St.
Delaware • 740-368-2000
owu.edu
ENROLLMENT: 1,600
(approx.)
TUITION, 2018-19: \$45,500

Founded in 1842 by Methodist leaders as a secular school, Ohio Wesleyan University is one of the nation's premier liberal arts universities. Ohio Wesleyan has been featured in the book "Colleges That Change Lives," listed on the former President Obama's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction and included in the "best colleges" lists of both *U.S. News & World Report* and the Princeton Review. The university offers nearly 90 undergraduate majors, including, notably, the OWU Connection. This comprehensive program

is designed to help students "think big" (integrate knowledge across disciplines), "go global" (build a diverse and global perspective) and "get real" (link classroom theory with real-world experience).

Otterbein University

1 S. Grove St.
Westerville • 614-890-3000
otterbein.edu
ENROLLMENT: 3,000
(approx.)
TUITION: \$31,424

Founded by the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in 1847, Otterbein was the first institution in the country to include women as faculty members and students. The university also admitted students of color before the Civil War and welcomed Japanese-American students who had been sent to internment camps during World War II. Otterbein's list of distinctions has only grown since, with many rankings as one of the best in the country for veterans, regional universities and community service, to name a few. Located on 140 acres in Westerville, Otterbein offers more than 70 majors and 40 minors, eight graduate programs in five areas of study and a doctorate of nursing practice degree.

Pontifical College Josephinum

7625 N. High St.
Columbus • 614-885-5585
pcj.edu
ENROLLMENT: 145
TUITION: \$21,935 (College of Liberal Arts); \$26,027 (School of Theology, pre-theology program)
The Pontifical College

Josephinum has been preparing priests to serve the Roman Catholic Church since 1888. Since its founding on East Main and 17th streets in Columbus, more than 1,900 Catholic priests have trained there. Today the school has two academic divisions: the College of Liberal Arts and the School of Theology.

Trinity Lutheran Seminary

2199 E. Main St.
Bexley • 614-235-4136
tlsohio.edu
ENROLLMENT: 67
TUITION, PER CREDIT HOUR: \$588

The Trinity Lutheran Seminary's history begins in 1830, when the German Theological Seminary of the Ohio Synod was founded in Canton. The school soon moved to Columbus, and for its first decade had but one professor. Today, the school is part of Capital University, which originally split from the seminary in the 1950s. Major programs include master's degrees of divinity, theological studies, arts in youth and family ministry, sacred theology and a doctorate of ministry. The school also offers a Spanish for ministry program.

Two-Year Programs

Central Ohio Technical College

1179 University Dr.
Newark • 740-366-9494
cotc.edu
ENROLLMENT: 3,491
TUITION, PER CREDIT HOUR: \$179

Founded in 1971 as The Ohio State University's first off-campus, two-year accredited program, Central Ohio Technical College now has four locations; the main campus is in Newark, with additional facilities in Coshocton, Mount Vernon and Reynoldsburg. Major programs include health-care, engineering technology, public services and safety. COTC has grown beyond its initial partnership with Ohio State to include established partnerships with "many public and independent four-year institutions, including dual admission programs, to facilitate the transition to bachelor's degree programs," according to the college's website.

Columbus State Community College

550 E. Spring St.
Columbus • 614-287-5353
csc.edu
ENROLLMENT: 27,312
TUITION, PER CREDIT HOUR: \$143

Columbus State Community College has grown immensely from an initial enrollment of 67 students in 1963 to a bustling, thriving higher education option for about 27,000 students. The main campus sits on more than 80 acres on the edge of downtown Columbus; the Delaware campus opened in 2010. Additionally, Columbus State operates six Regional Learning Centers in Dublin, Grove City, Marysville, Reynoldsburg, Bolton Field and Westerville. Columbus State has degree offerings and career programs in more than 55 areas of business, health and medical, public

service, human and public service, and engineering and skilled trades. Students can complete their first two years of a bachelor's degree at the school through its College of Arts and Science, then complete the degree elsewhere with the Bachelor's Degree Transfer Program.

Marion Technical College

1467 Mt. Vernon Ave.
Marion • 740-389-4636
mtc.edu

ENROLLMENT: 2,500
TUITION, 2018-19: \$170 (per credit hour for up to 12 hours)

Marion Technical College was founded in 1970 as the Marion County Technical Institute. A year later, the first classes began, with 187 students enrolled in four degree programs. Today, 2,500 students attend the state-assisted technical college. Located on a 180-acre campus just east of Marion on State Route 95, Marion Technical College shares five buildings with The Ohio State University at Marion. MTC offers associate's degrees in arts, science, applied business and applied science, as well as technical studies degrees in business, engineering, health, information and public service technologies. The school also offers one-year and short-term certificate programs in information technology fields.



Courtesy MARK A. STEELE/COTC

Central Ohio
Technical College

Career and Technical Centers

COMPILED BY RYLAN LEE

Adult and Community Education (through Columbus City Schools)
2323 Lexington Ave.
Columbus • 614-365-6000
reachhighercolumbus.com
SPECIALTIES: GED/HiSET/TASC, practical nursing, state-tested nursing aide, construction technologies

Career and Technology Education Centers of Licking County
150 Price Rd., Newark
740-364-2333
c-tec.edu
SPECIALTIES: Multicraft maintenance, heavy truck equipment mechanics, structural and pipe welding, general and CNC machining, HVAC, healthcare, IT/computer technology

Delaware Area Career Center
4565 Columbus Pike
Delaware • 740-548-0708
1610 State Rte. 521
Delaware • 740-363-1993
delawareareacc.org
SPECIALTIES: Public safety, fire-service training, law enforcement, digital design, nurse aid training

Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools
4465 S. Hamilton Rd.
Groveport • 614-836-4530
3985 Coonpath Rd. NW
Carroll • 614-836-4530
eastland-fairfield.com
SPECIALTIES: HVAC, welding, dental and medical assisting programs

Knox County Career Center
306 Martinsburg Rd., Mount Vernon • 740-397-5820
knoxcc.org
SPECIALTIES: Healthcare (e.g., massage therapy, nursing), industrial (e.g., auto technician, HVAC-R), services (e.g., cosmetology, public safety) and business (e.g., IT, computer systems and networking)

Ohio Hi-Point Career Center
2280 State Rte. 540, Bellefontaine • 937-599-3010
ohiohipoint.com
SPECIALTIES: Accounting, business, healthcare, marketing, writing and publishing, web and computer programming, ABLE/GED

Pickaway-Ross Career & Technology Center
895 Crouse Chapel Rd.
Chillicothe • 740-642-1200
pickawayross.com
SPECIALTIES: Trade programs, engineering, network system technologies, digital art, early childhood education, sports medicine

Tolles Career & Technical Center
7877 U.S. Hwy. 42 S, Plain City • 614-873-4666
tollestech.com
SPECIALTIES: RAMTEC (robotics and advanced manufacturing industry certifications), firefighting and EMT training, accounting, finance, healthcare, ESOL and GED

Tri-Rivers Career Center & Center of Adult Education
2222 Marion-Mt. Gilead Rd.
Marion • 740-389-4682
tririvers.com
ramtecohio.com
SPECIALTIES: Nursing, industrial maintenance, computer training, RAMTEC, welding, fire-service, EMT

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HEALTHCARE

“

Columbus is a phenomenal place, and I believe it will drive innovation across the Midwest and the country over the next decade and beyond.”

DOUG ULMAN

Pelotonia president/CEO

MOVED TO: Columbus in 2014

FROM: Austin, Texas

Groundbreaking Research

Physicians at Nationwide Children's Hospital lead the country in pediatric genomics.

BY TC BROWN



The genomic research team at Nationwide Children's Hospital includes, clockwise from left rear: Richard Wilson, Peter White, Elaine Mardis, Dr. John A. Barnard and Julie M. Gastier-Foster.

TIM JOHNSON

Every day at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, investigators sift through mountains of information, probing deeply into complex data sequences, seeking answers to an array of puzzling, life-changing

mysteries.

Here is one of the first ventures into pediatric personalized genomic medicine for children's hospitals anywhere in the world. The work, executed by scientific sleuths at the hospital's Institute for Genomic Medicine (IGM), is both critical and cutting-edge. The hospital's lab-to-bedside approach involves genetic researchers who are helping physicians diagnose and track down treatment for perplexing diseases that beset their young patients.

These medical detectives examine, analyze

and compare 3 billion data points in a patient's genome, the genetic blueprint that makes an individual unique. Gaining access to this raw material of life can reveal root causes for many childhood diseases; thus, physicians, scientists and clinical geneticists in the IGM search exhaustively for the invisible-to-the-naked-eye markers that might lead to answers.

"I believe genomics can impact nearly every treatment for kids and their families," says Dr. Richard Wilson, the executive director of the IGM. "You are starting to see patients given new treatment opportunities, with fewer side effects and more effective [care], and that is making a difference."

The hospital opened the IGM in 2016 after bringing on board Wilson and another internationally renowned genomic researcher, Elaine Mardis, as IGM's co-executive director. Like Wilson, Mardis came from Washington University-St. Louis. Both researchers worked on the groundbreaking Human Genome Project, which finished mapping the entire human genome in 2003.

"Genomics is a single word, but it embodies a multitude of different areas of expertise to really make it happen, and that is one thing that attracted us here," Mardis says. "This

"This is ... America's best-kept secret. Get in on it before the whole world finds out."

BROOKE WOJDYNSKI

Verve Creative founder

MOVED TO: Columbus in 2010

FROM: San Diego



Courtesy, BROOKE WOJDYNSKI

is really team science. We sensed all members of the team we needed were basically here, and they were very supportive of bringing genomics into the realm of diagnostic medicine.”

Today, Nationwide Children’s is the leading innovator for genomic pediatric healthcare.

Mapping Human Genes

Genomic research has accelerated since teams of international scientists finished mapping out the entire human genome 15 years ago, but exploration of this medical frontier is still wide open. In the lab, scientists run a process called sequencing—think of it as the reverse engineering of a genome—in which they labor to identify the precise order of the nucleotides within a DNA molecule.

Investigators are searching for any alterations in building blocks of a gene and compare them against the model human genome plotted out in 2003. Finding mutations leads to the discovery of the causes of diseases, which in turn can lead to potential treatments. This is no easy task. It’s like trying to align the

entire text of two encyclopedias.

Dr. Peter White, senior director of the genome informatics group, and his team developed computational technology that they named Churchill, with a nod to White’s British heritage. This relatively new technology can efficiently analyze a person’s genome, seeking disease-causing variants, in less than two hours at a cost of about \$2,000.

This research has come a long way; prior to 2003, it took 20 labs, 15 years and about \$1 billion to sequence the first human genome.

Solving Health Challenges

Because cancer is the “low-hanging fruit of genomics,” Wilson says, the IGM focuses much of its efforts on diagnosing that disease and seeking new treatments. (Researchers also are looking at congenital heart disease, the most common type of birth defect, as well as neonatal care and the causes of preterm births.) Since arriving, Mardis and Wilson have zeroed in on brain cancers, because it is a recurring issue and the

leading cause of cancer deaths among children.

“Oftentimes even that second reoccurrence [of a tumor] is removed by surgery because there is a chance it can be cured,” Mardis says. “So we can compare and contrast the before and after and learn a lot about the mutations by virtue of having those samples to study.”

Dr. Tim Cripe, division chief for Hematology, Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplants, says that in the near future, genomic medicine will be essential as “best practice” medicine. He compares the creation of and results coming out of the IGM as someone turning on a light in a previously dark room.

“Before the IGM, when initial therapies for patients failed, any other therapies we might try were essentially shots in the dark,” Cripe says. “Now, for each of these patients we are able to determine if there is a genetic Achilles heel that we can attack to help treat their cancer.”

This story was excerpted from one that appeared in the 2018 edition of Columbus Monthly Health.



Alexia Winfield

Analyst, **JPMorgan Chase**; founder, **Columbus Book Project**

When I moved here in 2010, I didn’t have a network. But I was determined; I wanted a certain lifestyle, and I wanted to have it here.

I started throwing rooftop parties and started inviting people and encouraging other people to invite their friends as a way to meet people. You have folks who are photographers, videographers, entrepreneurs and self-starters, and there’s something motivating about that. Going to events like Urban Scrawl in Franklinton and understanding the art scene here was super motivating.

I just love the fact that you have different neighborhoods that reflect different characters, because people want flavor. They want to see a reflection of themselves, but they also want to see a different reflection where they can experience different cultures and not feel as though they have to travel far to experience those things.

As told to Jessica Salerno

Directory of Resources

Your guide to the Columbus Region’s medical facilities

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Columbus Springs Hospitals

7625 Hospital Dr.
Dublin • 614-717-1800
2085 Civgate Dr.
Columbus • 614-300-9100
columbussprings.com
Inpatient and outpatient treatment for mental health and addiction disorders

Diley Ridge Medical Center

7911 Diley Rd., Canal Winchester • 614-838-7911
dileyridgemedicalcenter.com
High-level medical center with emergency department, newborn and pediatric care and preventative health; affiliate of Mount

Carmel Health System and Fairfield Medical Center

Fairfield Medical Center
401 N. Ewing St., Lancaster
740-687-8000
fmchealth.org
High-level medical center with emergency and urgent care departments, maternity care, outpatient

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therapy services, surgical services and cancer care

Knox Community Hospital

1330 Coshocton Rd., Mount Vernon • 800-393-9000

kch.org

Full-service hospital

Licking Memorial Behavioral Health at Shepherd Hill

200 Messimer Dr. Newark • 220-564-4873

shepherdhill.net

Inpatient and outpatient mental health and addiction treatment

Licking Memorial Hospital

1320 W. Main St. Newark • 220-564-4000

lmhealth.org

Full-service hospital

Madison Health Hospital

210 N. Main St. London • 740-845-7000

madison-health.com

Full-service hospital

Mary Rutan Hospital

205 E. Palmer Ave. Bellefontaine • 937-592-4015

maryrutan.org

Full-service hospital

Morrow County Hospital

651 W. Marion Rd., Mount Gilead • 419-946-5015

morrowcountyhospital.com

Hospital with emergency department, urgent care, surgical services, sleep lab and rehabilitation services; managed by OhioHealth

Ohio Hospital for Psychiatry

880 Greenlawn Ave. Columbus • 614-449-9664

(Hospital/inpatient)

614-928-9400 (Ohio Clinic/outpatient)

ohiohospitalforpsychiatry.com

Inpatient and outpatient mental health treatment

Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare

2200 W. Broad St. Columbus • 614-752-0333

877-275-6364 (toll-free)

mha.ohio.gov

Inpatient mental health treatment

BERGER HEALTH SYSTEM

bergerhealth.com

Berger Hospital

600 N. Pickaway St. Circleville • 740-474-2126

Full-service hospital

Berger Medical Center

9085 Southern St. at Route 104

Orient • 614-277-4600

Medical center with OB/GYN, internal medicine,

laboratory and radiology services

MEMORIAL HEALTH

memorialohio.com

Memorial Allen Family Medical Center

660 London Ave.

Marysville • 937-644-6115

Medical center with internal medicine and pain management services

Memorial City Gate Medical Center

120 Coleman's Crossing

Bld., Marysville

937-644-6115

Medical center with urgent care, laboratory and imaging; also offering physical and occupational therapy, orthopedics and sports medicine

Memorial Damascus Medical Center

388 Damascus Dr.

Marysville • 937-644-6115

Medical center with urology services

Memorial Hospital

500 London Ave.

Marysville • 937-644-6115

Full-service hospital

Memorial Miracle Life Center

500 London Ave.

Marysville • 937-578-2329

Medical center with labor and delivery services

Memorial Morey Medical Center

112 Morey Dr., Marysville

937-578-4281

Medical center with medication therapy, management and education services

Memorial Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine—Mill Valley

17809 State Rte. 31

Marysville • 937-578-2362

Medical center with reha-

bilitation, speech therapy and pediatric services

Memorial Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine—Plain City

900 Village Blvd.

Plain City • 614-504-7145

Medical center with physical and occupational therapy, sports medicine and lab services

Memorial Walnut Medical Center

773 S. Walnut St.

Marysville • 937-578-4301

Medical center with psychiatry services

Memorial Wound Care

483 Coleman's Crossing

Bld., Marysville

937-578-4325

Medical center with wound care and hyperbaric treatment services

MOUNT CARMEL HEALTH SYSTEM

mountcarmelhealth.com

Mount Carmel East

6001 E. Broad St.

Columbus • 614-234-6000

Full-service hospital

Mount Carmel Lewis Center

7100 Graphics Way, Lewis Center • 740-953-4444

Health campus with emergency department, imaging, rehabilitation, primary care physicians, laboratory, occupational health, women's health and fitness center

Mount Carmel Grove City

5300 N. Meadows Dr.

Grove City • 614-663-5300

Health campus with emergency department, primary care physicians, women's health services and outpatient physical therapy and cardiac rehabilitation services; full-service hospital opening in late 2018



Nationwide
Children's
Hospital

Mount Carmel New Albany

7333 Smith's Mill Rd.
New Albany • 614-775-6600
Specialty hospital focused on inpatient and outpatient care, with orthopedic, neurologic and musculoskeletal services

Mount Carmel St. Ann's

500 S. Cleveland Ave.
Columbus • 380-898-4000
Full-service hospital

Mount Carmel West

793 W. State St.
Columbus • 614-234-5000
Full-service teaching hospital with Level II Trauma Center

Mount Carmel Hilliard

4674 Britton Parkway
Hilliard • 614-210-4500
Health campus with heart care, imaging, occupational health, rehab services, primary care physicians and women's health

NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S

nationwidechildrens.org

Nationwide Children's Child Development and Autism Centers

187 W. Shrock Rd.
Westerville • 614-355-7500
Behavioral health center for autism spectrum disorders

Nationwide Children's Hospital

700 Children's Dr.
Columbus • 614-722-2000
Comprehensive, full-service pediatric hospital

OHIOHEALTH

ohiohealth.com

OhioHealth Doctors Hospital

5100 W. Broad St.
Columbus • 614-544-1000
Full-service hospital

OhioHealth Dublin Methodist Hospital

7500 Hospital Dr.
Dublin • 614-544-8000
Full-service hospital

OhioHealth Eastside Health Center

4850 E. Main St.
Columbus • 614-575-6310
Medical center with Mothers' Milk Bank, plus rehabilitation, lab and imaging services

OhioHealth Emergency Care - Hilliard

3880 Fishinger Blvd.
Hilliard • 614-788-9310
24/7 freestanding emergency department

OhioHealth Emergency Care - Obetz

4335 Alum Creek Dr.
Obetz • 614-788-9330
24/7 freestanding emergency department

OhioHealth Emergency Care - Powell

4141 N. Hampton Dr.
Powell • 614-764-0200
24/7 freestanding emergency department

OhioHealth Emergency Care - Reynoldsburg

6960 E. Main St.
Reynoldsburg • 614-788-9320
24/7 freestanding emergency department

OhioHealth Gahanna Health Center

765 Hamilton Rd.
Columbus • 614-566-0500
Medical center with imaging, heart and vascular, rehabilitation and lab services

OhioHealth Grove City Health Center

2030 Stringtown Rd.
Grove City • 614-544-0044
Medical center with urgent care, imaging, rehabilitation and lab services

ADAM CAIRNS



Simulation lab at
OhioHealth
Doctors Hospital

OhioHealth Hilliard Health Center

4343 All Seasons Dr.
Hilliard • 614-544-1142
Medical center with urgent care, imaging, mammography, rehabilitation and lab services

OhioHealth Grady Memorial Hospital

561 W. Central Ave.
Delaware • 740-615-1000
Full-service hospital

OhioHealth Grant Medical Center

111 S. Grant Ave.
Columbus • 614-566-9000
High-level medical center with emergency department, Level I Trauma Center, surgical services, Bone & Joint Center, behavioral health services, brain and spine care, cancer care, limb reconstruction, maternity services, palliative care and rehabilitation services

OhioHealth Grove City Methodist Hospital

1325 Stringtown Rd.
Grove City • 614-788-1000
Surgical center with 24/7 emergency department

OhioHealth Lewis Center Health Center

7853 Pacer Dr.
Delaware • 614-788-9000
Medical center with emergency care for all

ages (in partnership with Nationwide Children's Hospital) and imaging, rehabilitation and lab services

OhioHealth Marion General Hospital

1000 McKinley Park Dr.
Marion • 740-383-8400
Full-service hospital

OhioHealth Marion Medical Campus

1050 Delaware Ave.
Marion • 740-383-8000
Outpatient medical center with Anticoagulation Clinic, imaging, physical and occupational therapy, laboratory services, surgical services, heart and vascular care and women's health services

OhioHealth Neurological Rehabilitation

3363 Tremont Rd.
Upper Arlington • 614-788-9242
Neurologic rehabilitation services for reducing pain, increasing function and improving mobility

OhioHealth Pickerington Medical Campus

1010-1030 Refugee Rd.
Pickerington • 614-788-4000
Outpatient medical center with emergency department, primary care, imaging, fitness

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classes, women's health services, rehabilitation and occupational therapy

OhioHealth Rehabilitation Hospital

1087 Dennison Ave.
Columbus • 614-484-9600
Rehabilitation services for neurology orthopedics, stroke and general rehabilitation

OhioHealth Riverside Methodist Hospital

3535 Olentangy River Rd.
Columbus • 614-566-5000
Full-service hospital

OhioHealth Westerville Medical Campus

300 Polaris Pkwy.
Westerville • 614-533-3000
Outpatient medical center with emergency department, primary care, physical therapy, surgical services, imaging and women's health services

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY WEXNER MEDICAL CENTER

wexnermedical.osu.edu

Brain and Spine Hospital

300 W. 10th Ave.
Columbus • 614-366-7744
Specialty hospital focusing on neurological care

Dodd Rehabilitation Hospital

480 Medical Center Dr.
Columbus • 614-293-8000
Specialty hospital with inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation care for stroke, brain and spinal cord

Ear and Eye Institute

915 Olentangy River Rd.
Columbus • 614-293-9431
Specialty medical facility with dermatology, ENT, hand and upper extremity care, ophthalmology, plastic surgery services, Cough Clinic and kidney stone program

OSU Harding Hospital

1670 Upham Dr., Columbus
614-293-9600
Inpatient and outpatient care and treatment for mental health



Surgery at the Wexner Medical Center

Jameson Crane Sports Medicine Institute

2835 Fred Taylor Dr.
Columbus • 614-293-3600
Specialty medical facility focusing on sports medicine

Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center—Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

460 W. 10th Ave.
Columbus • 800-293-5066
cancer.osu.edu
Specialty hospital and research facility focusing on cancer care

Ohio State Outpatient Care Upper Arlington

1800 Zollinger Rd.
Columbus • 614-293-2920
Outpatient services including arthritis and rheumatology, behavioral health, cardiac rehabilitation, women's health and dentistry, plus a Walk-in Care Clinic

Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital

452 W. 10th Ave.
Columbus
614-293-7677
Specialty hospital focusing on cardiac care, with Central Ohio's only adult heart-transplantation program

Talbot Hall

1441 Phale D. Hale Dr.
Columbus • 614-257-3760
Comprehensive drug and alcohol addiction recovery services

University Hospital

410 W. 10th Ave.
Columbus • 614-293-8000
Full-service hospital with Level I Trauma Center, Level III neonatal ICU

University Hospital East

181 Taylor Ave.
Columbus • 614-257-3000
Full-service teaching hospital

SELECT SPECIALTY HOSPITALS

Select Specialty Hospitals of Columbus

Columbus: 1087 Dennison Ave., Columbus
614-484-9600

Columbus East: 181 Taylor Ave., 6th Floor, Columbus
614-685-1703

Columbus South: 1430 S. High St., Columbus
614-456-0300

Columbus/Mount Carmel: 793 W. State St., 5th Floor
Columbus • 614-234-0950

Southeast Ohio: 2000 Tamarack Rd., 2nd Floor
Newark • 220-564-2600
selectspecialtyhospitals.com

Long-term acute care

Finding a Provider

A good place to start your medical provider search is the annual Top Doctors list, compiled by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd. and published in the August issue of *Columbus Monthly* magazine. There you'll find hundreds of Central Ohio doctors, organized by specialty, that have been identified as leaders in their fields. A similar list of dental care providers is published in the magazine's March issue. Both lists, as well as a similar list of top chiropractors and the latest local medical news, health trends and more, can be found in *Columbus Monthly Health*, the annual supplement that looks at all aspects of healthcare in Central Ohio. These resources also are online at columbusmonthly.com/specialsections.

You also can check the State Medical Board of Ohio at med.ohio.gov to look up licenses of and any disciplinary actions taken against specific medical professionals. The board licenses and regulates physicians and physician assistants, massage therapists, genetic counselors, radiology and anesthesiology assistants, cosmetic therapists and acupuncturists.

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CULTURE

“

Columbus is a vibrant, bustling, booming city, and I love it. ... There are more opportunities and experiences to have here in Columbus than there are in most other places.”

JESS HELLMICH

Dueling Axes chief marketing officer

MOVED TO: Lewis Center in 2011

FROM: San Diego

ROB HARDIN



Edwaard Liang

Artistic director,
BalletMet

This is going on my fifth year in Columbus. After briefly getting acclimated, I really love my quality of life here. What I've learned coming from New York City and Chicago is that when everyone says Columbus is a very easy city to live in, they're right. It's so accommodating and easy and friendly, with access to all different types of foods and culture. I can get to the airport in about 20 minutes, and what Columbus residents consider traffic is nothing compared to other cities with traffic.

My partner and I love to cook. When the weather is nicer, we have a raised garden bed and we grow some herbs and vegetables that we use to cook. We live in German Village, and there's always something to do.

As told to Jessica Salerno

Arts in the Columbus Region

From stage to screen and everything in between, our arts scene is top-notch. Visit columbusmakesart.com for artist stories and the latest exhibition news.

BY PETER TONGUETTE

Museums and Galleries

COLUMBUS MUSEUM OF ART: Masterpieces from every era can be appreciated here. Over the course of its 140-year existence, the museum has built its permanent collection to include works by the likes of Edward Hopper and Pablo Picasso. In 2015, the museum signaled a fresh commitment to the cutting-edge and contemporary with its new Margaret M. Walter Wing. Upcoming exhibits include an overview of works as-

sociated with the Harlem Renaissance ([Oct. 19-Jan. 20, 2019](#)) and a survey of Dutch art presented in collaboration with the Dordrechts Museum of The Netherlands ([Jan. 31-June 2, 2019](#)).

WEXNER CENTER FOR THE ARTS: Named for the father of its major patron, Columbus native Les Wexner, the Wexner Center for the Arts brings engaging and provocative exhibitions to The Ohio

State University's campus all year long. This season, under the direction of new senior curator of exhibitions Michael Goodson, the center will present an exhibit showcasing the muses of artist Mickalene Thomas ([Sept. 15-Dec. 30](#)) and what promises to be a boundary-pushing retrospective of "Pink Flamingos" filmmaker John Waters ([Feb. 2-April 21, 2019](#)).

RIFFE GALLERY: Nestled on the first floor of the Vern Riffe Center for



DORAL CHENOWETH III

The Wexner Center for the Arts

Government & the Arts, the Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery presents Ohio-related exhibits throughout the year. Soon to be showcased at the space are exhibits spotlighting members of the Ohio Plein Air Society (July 26-Oct. 13) and pieces created by educators in Ohio (Nov. 1-Jan. 5, 2019).

PIZZUTI COLLECTION:

The adventuresome art acquired by Ron and Ann Pizzuti is displayed in the Short North Arts District's Pizzuti Collection. Making full use of an imposing, 18,000-square-foot, renovated commercial building, the gallery offers modern art in every shape and size. Recent exhibits include a comparison of works by artists Glen Baldrige and Alex Dodge and a show revolving around the human form called *Go Figure*.

SHORT NORTH ARTS DISTRICT: Roughly a dozen small and specialized galleries give the Short North Arts District its name, including **Hammond Harkins Galleries** (which represents the work of the late Aminah Robinson, a 2004 MacArthur Foundation "genius grant" recipient and Columbus native), **Lindsay Gallery** (which offers "outsider art" made by artists with no formal training), **Sherrie Gallerie** (which focuses on works in glass, ceramics and other materials) and **Brandt-Roberts Galleries** (which represents a range of area artists, including Mark Gingerich and Cody Heichel). For those whose artistic tastes range far and wide, Gallery Hop—held the first Saturday of each month—offers extended viewing hours.

DAVID HEASLEY



Columbus Children's Theatre

Theater

CATCO: Central Ohio has no shortage of theater troupes, but a company associated with Actors' Equity is a much more uncommon entity: According to CATCO, it is the only such troupe in Columbus. Performing at the Riffe Center, Lincoln Theatre and the Columbus Performing Arts Center, the company presents both time-tested works and world and local premieres. Upcoming shows include Hugh Whitmore's "Breaking the Code" (Oct. 24-Nov. 11), a co-production with Evolution Theatre Co.; "Life Sucks" (March 20-April 7, 2019), an off-kilter adaptation of Chekhov's "Uncle Vanya;" and Stephen Sondheim's musical "Pacific Overtures" (May 29-June 16, 2019). The group will team with its junior division, CATCO is Kids, for the holiday program "The Christmas Schooner" (Nov. 28-Dec. 16).

SHADOWBOX LIVE: The country's largest resident theater company has gone through several venue changes in its nearly 30-year history, but seems to have found its home in the Brewery District. One constant has been the troupe's accent on edgy

fare, including its iconic sketch comedy and rock 'n' roll shows, as well as the annual "Holiday Hoopla," an irreverent homage to the season every November and December.

SHORT NORTH STAGE:

The Short North is recognized as a visual arts hot spot, but the Short North Stage—performing in the Garden Theater—aims to make it a theater district, too. In its seven-year existence, the company has performed a wide variety of plays and musicals, including parts 1 and 2 of Tony Kushner's "Angels in America," a series of works by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright August Wilson and Stephen Sondheim's "Sunday in the Park with George." On tap for the 2018-19 season is a typically diverse lineup, including "La Cage aux Folies" (Nov. 1-25), "Pippin" (March 21-April 14, 2019) and "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" (June 6-23, 2019).

ACTORS' THEATRE OF COLUMBUS:

Since 1982, Actors' Theatre of Columbus has proven that Shakespeare in the Park is not just for New Yorkers. The company performs plays by the Bard—as well

CAPA

As the owner or manager of Columbus' leading performing arts venues—including the Davidson Theatre, Ohio Theatre, Lincoln Theatre, Palace Theatre and Southern Theatre—the Columbus Association of the Performing Arts (CAPA) has long been a fixture in the area arts scene.

Together, the theaters play host to an array of visiting music and dance talent, including performances from local arts organizations and touring acts like "Whose Live Anyway?" (Oct. 30) and Jim Gaffigan (Nov. 2-3), as well as Broadway in Columbus, which is bringing the hit musical "Hamilton" and the 20th anniversary tour of "Rent" to the Ohio Theatre stage (Jan. 29-Feb. 17, 2019, and March 19-24, 2019, respectively).

Annual offerings include film classics and cult favorites in the Summer Movie Series (June 15-Aug. 5, Ohio Theatre) and Festival Latino (Aug. 11-12, Genoa Park). The organization has added to its plate in recent years, assuming responsibility for the operations of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra and Opera Columbus. When you take in an opera in the Southern, a toe-tapping act in the Palace or the CSO in the Ohio, remember that the event was made possible, in whole or in part, by the team at CAPA.

Peter Tonguetta

The King Arts Complex

In 2017, the King Arts Complex marked 30 years of presenting arts programming focusing on African-American life and culture. Visual arts are represented in the Elijah Pierce Gallery, named for the late Columbus folk artist. Musical offerings include the 20th edition of the annual Heritage Concert Series, with six dates set from July 12 through Aug. 16. Presentations by dance and theater groups are also featured throughout the year.

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as other playwrights—on the Amphitheatre Stage in German Village's Schiller Park. Offerings in the 2018 season include Ludwig Tieck's "Puss in Boots" (through Aug. 5) and William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" (Aug. 9-Sept. 2).

AVAILABLE LIGHT

THEATRE: This company makes art approachable by offering "pay what you want" prices for a majority of its performances; while the troupe puts a value of more than \$30 per seat for its productions, \$5, \$10 and \$20 are all acceptable options. Regardless of the dollar amount, the theater presents productions not encountered elsewhere in Columbus. The 2018-

19 season will open with Kate Benson's "[PORTO]" (Sept. 13-19) and also feature Brandon Jacobs-Jenkins' "Appropriate" (Jan. 10-26, 2019) and Matt Slaybaugh's "Demagogues!" (May 9-25, 2019).

RED HERRING PRO-

DUCTIONS: Red Herring Productions offers cutting-edge theater—including the recent "Dream: A Re-Imaging of A Midsummer Night's Dream" and the upcoming "Equus" (Aug. 9-26)—at the Franklinton Playhouse, a former warehouse now used for a variety of arts-related activities.

COLUMBUS CHILDREN'S

THEATRE: Currently performing in the Park Street Theatre and Lincoln

Theatre, the Columbus Children's Theatre traces its roots to the Columbus Junior Theatre of the Arts, which operated under that name from 1963 to 1998. No matter what name it goes by, though, the company is consistent in its mission, offering productions sure to appeal to budding theatergoers. Highlights of the 2018-19 season include "Mary Poppins Jr." (Sept. 13-30), "Tuck Everlasting" (March 7-24, 2019) and "Peter Pan" (May 23-June 2, 2019). It's a draw for rising stars, too—Bexley native Josh Radnor, of *How I Met Your Mother* fame, graced the stage in his youth, as did Broadway's Jessica Grové.

GALLERY PLAYERS:

Dramas and comedies centering on Jewish life are brought to the boards by the Gallery Players, which is based at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus. Shows from the 2018-19 season—the company's 70th—include a pair of musicals: "Funny Girl" (December) and "Newsies" (March 2019).

NORTHLAND PERFORMING ARTS

CENTER: You can throw a party and host a wedding at the Northland Performing Arts Center—or you can catch (or perform in) a show. The space, a converted store in Northland Mall, offers options for shows of all sizes, from an 800-seat black box theater to a 50-seat ensemble room.

MADLAB THEATRE

AND GALLERY: It may be situated in a modest building on North Third Street in downtown Columbus, but MadLab Theatre and Gallery thinks



Opera Columbus

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big, offering productions of all-new plays. Coming soon is the play “Lost in Time” (Aug. 9-25) by Tony Pasqualini.

MORE TROUPES: Central Ohio is also home to a vibrant array of community theater groups, including **Arena Fair Theatre** in Delaware, **Curtain Players** in Galena, **Chillicothe Civic Theatre**, **Fairfield Foot-lighters**, **Garret Players** in Lancaster, **Lancaster Players**, **Licking County Players** in Newark, **Mad River Theater Works** in Zanesfield, **Morrow Little Theatre** in Cardington, **Mount Vernon Players**, **Pickerington Community Theatre**, **Roundtown Players** in Circleville and **Silver Scene Players** in Marysville.

Dance

BALLETMET: Under the direction of sixth-season artistic director (and former New York City Ballet dancer) Edwaard Liang, BalletMet—a stalwart of the performing arts scene since its establishment in 1978—has taken twists and turns beyond the realm of traditional ballet. In recent years, the 33-dancer troupe, which performs in the Ohio Theatre and Davidson Theatre inside the Riffe Center, has tackled works by contemporary choreographers including Ma Cong, Andrea Schermoly and Gustavo Ramirez Sansano. For

balletomanes who prefer pointe shoes and tutus, however, the company still offers tried-and-true productions, including “The Nutcracker” (throughout December each year), “Don Quixote” (March 1-3, 2019) and “Cinderella” (April 12-14, 2019).

COLUMBUS DANCE THEATRE: Over the course of more than 20 seasons, the Columbus Dance Theatre has carved out its own niche in the dance scene. Led by artistic director Tim Veach (who contributes a majority of the choreography), the 15-member company

focuses on incorporating storytelling and live music into its performances in the Lincoln Theatre, Otterbein University’s Fritsche Theatre and its own Fisher Theatre in downtown Columbus. The 2018-19 season will include an annual holiday presentation, Hans Christian Andersen’s “Matchgirl” (Dec. 14-15), plus several new works, including a presentation of pieces by female choreographers in “Women Leading” (Feb. 22-23, 2019) and Veach’s dance-based interpretation of Thornton Wilder’s play “Our Town” (May 3-4, 2019), the latter with an all-new score performed by the Carpe Diem String Quartet.



Drexel Theatre

TIM JOHNSON



ProMusica
Chamber Orchestra

RICK BUCHANAN

Harlem Renaissance

In 2018, Columbus' artists and arts organizations are paying tribute to the Harlem Renaissance's centennial. Throughout the city, African-American works will be front and center, from new murals in the Short North Arts District in August to *Four Corners*, a diverse collection of dance pieces from Lawrence Lemon that took place in May.

A number of exhibitions throughout the city pay tribute to the era, too. Award-winning author and Columbus native Wil Haygood serves as guest curator for *I, Too, Sing America: The Harlem Renaissance at 100* at the Columbus Museum of Art (Oct. 19–Jan. 20, 2019), which includes paintings and photographs from the likes of Elizabeth Catlett, Jacob Lawrence, James Van Der Zee and more, as well as media from the period that showcases the impact of the movement. And at the Ohio History Center, *Poindexter Village: A Portrait in Stories* (through Sept. 2) examines the city's first housing project through the eyes of community members who remember it.

Harlem Renaissance events and exhibitions continue to be announced; visit cbusharlem100.org for the latest details.

—Emma Frankart Henterly

Music

COLUMBUS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:

In 2015, Bulgarian-born Rossen Milanov stepped onto the podium as the new music director of the Columbus Symphony, which was established in 1951 and performs in the Ohio Theatre and Southern Theatre. This season, the maestro will preside over a wide array of programs, including tributes to Walt Disney's "Fantasia" (Sept. 21-22) and the legacy of legendary composer Leonard Bernstein (Oct. 12-13). Other season offerings include two festivals paying homage to composers from Russia (Jan. 4-5 and 11-12, 2019) and an all-Beethoven program spotlighting concertmaster Joanna Frankel (the first female violinist to hold the position in the sym-

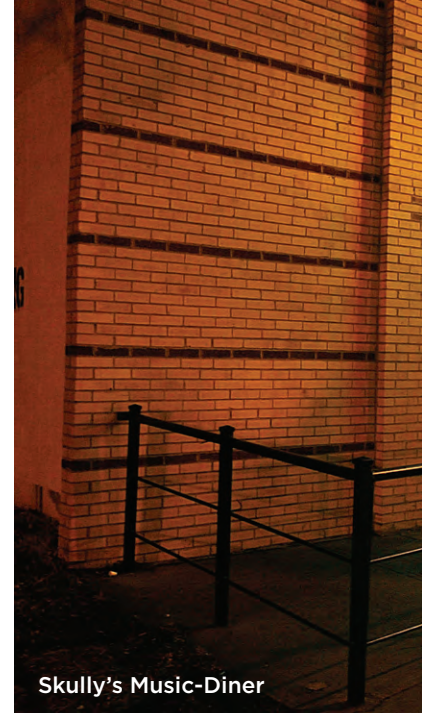
phony's history). Annual offerings are casual and often family-friendly: In June and July, Picnic With the Pops at the Columbus Commons features the symphony in collaboration with pop acts under the direction of first-year pops conductor Stuart Chafetz. In December, Holiday Pops finds room for Santa and Mrs. Claus among trumpeters and violinists.

COLUMBUS JAZZ ORCHESTRA:

Overseen by music director and trumpeter Byron Stripling, the 16-member Columbus Jazz Orchestra (part of the Jazz Arts Group of Columbus) brings boisterous beats and rousing rhythms to multiple venues, including the Southern Theatre, Lincoln Theatre and even the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, where the group performs summertime JazZoo concerts. The 2018-19 season will launch with the orchestra teaming with the singer and tap dancer Maurice Hines (Oct. 18-21) and continue with programs honoring the love songs of Nat King Cole (Feb. 14-17, 2019) and the soulful sounds of the blues (March 14-17, 2019).

PROMUSICA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA:

A steady stream of impressive guest artists regularly team with the ProMusica Chamber Orchestra, led by music director David Danzmayr. This season, the orchestra will partner with pianist Gabriela Montero (Nov. 10-11), violinist Alexandra Soumm (Dec. 8-9) and trumpeter Tine Thing Helseth (Jan. 26-27, 2019), as well as Opera Columbus in "The Flood," an original



Skully's Music-Diner

opera (Feb. 8-10, 2019). Although the Southern Theatre is the setting of most ProMusica concerts, the orchestra has been known to bring its music to surprising spots: Smaller ensembles of musicians perform at Worthington United Methodist Church, and outdoor concerts at the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens (Aug. 9, 11 and 12) have become a tradition.

OPERA COLUMBUS: To some, opera may evoke elaborate costumes and stuffy sopranos, but Opera Columbus general and artistic director Peggy Kriha Dye seeks to change minds about the art form. Since Dye joined the organization in 2011, the company has gone big and bold, offering a James Bond version of "The Abduction of the Seraglio" and a punk-rock-influenced adaptation of "Orphée et Eurydice." The 2018-19 season includes Puccini's "Madama Butterfly," staged by an all-female group of behind-the-scenes artists (Sept. 28-30); the original opera "The Flood,"



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featuring the ProMusica Chamber Orchestra ([Feb. 8-10, 2019](#)) and a sure-to-be-scintillating partnership with the Jazz Arts Group, “Opera Swings Jazz” ([April 12-14, 2019](#)).

COLUMBUS GAY MEN’S CHORUS: This ensemble cares about more than just good singing: The vocal group, which celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2015, also has a social mission “to foster increased recognition, understanding and acceptance of gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender persons.” In doing so, the chorus offers lively concerts throughout the year, including those spotlighting pop music, like an upcoming tribute to Prince ([March 8-10, 2019](#)), and those featuring the sacred-song ensemble Illuminati ([May 5, 2019](#)).

CONTEMPORARY TUNES: National and regional musical talent in a variety of genres regularly streams through the city’s large venues. The Arena District’s **Express Live** plays host to Lindsey Stirling in August, while the **Value**

City Arena at the Jerome Schottenstein Center will offer a constellation of stars (in addition to big-league college hoops) including Radiohead ([July 23](#)) and Elton John ([Nov. 2](#)). On tap at the **Newport Music Hall**, known as the country’s longest continually running rock club, are artists including Kim Walker-Smith ([Aug. 3](#)) and Thunderstruck ([Sept. 7](#)).

For those who prefer more intimate settings, Central Ohio has plenty to choose from, including **The Basement**, a venue geared to upwardly mobile rockers; **Notes**, the underground performing adjunct to the restaurant Copious; **Natalie’s Coal-Fired Pizza and Live Music**, which has won fans both for its pies and its booking of Americana acts; **Skully’s Music-Diner**, aiming to please the stomach and the ears; **Woodlands Tavern** and **Rumba Café**, both featuring good beers accompanied by musical talent; and **Six String Concerts**, which presents guitarists in a variety of venues, including the Columbus Performing Arts Center.

Film

GATEWAY FILM CENTER:

A stone’s throw from the campus of The Ohio State University, the Gateway Film Center is as hip as its neighborhood. Showing both offbeat and mainstream new releases, the center sets itself apart with its special series. The theater regularly presents screenings of classic films using 35mm or 70mm prints, including, in the summer of 2018, three by Stanley Kubrick—whose “2001: A Space Odyssey” recently celebrated its 50th anniversary.

WEXNER CENTER FOR THE ARTS:

Numerous visiting filmmakers have graced the film/video space at the Wexner Center for the Arts, including Jim Jarmusch, Philip Kaufman and Terry Zwigoff. In between appearances by cinematic legends, the center regularly screens significant new releases and classics. Upcoming series include *Unorthodox* ([Oct. 25-28](#)), featuring documentaries new and old, and *Cinema Revival* ([Feb. 21-25, 2019](#)), showcasing films saved from the dustbin of history through restoration. Annual events include the

ever-popular Wex Drive-In, in which the plaza is transformed into an outdoor theater where patrons enjoy movies on their lawn chairs and blankets; the 2018 edition includes Tim Burton’s “Batman” ([July 19](#)) and Luc Besson’s “The Fifth Element” ([Aug. 16](#)).

DREXEL THEATRE: A fixture in Bexley since first turning on film projectors in 1937, the Drexel Theatre recently spruced up its appearance: Its lobby and marquee were included in a renovation. The revitalized art deco ambience is impressive, but audiences frequent the venue for the most notable offerings in art-house and foreign cinema.

UNIPLEXES: Who knew that single-screen theaters could provide so many avenues for entertainment? **Studio 35 Cinema & Drafthouse** in Clintonville and its sister, **Grandview Theater & Drafthouse**, may each show only one film at a time, but they supplement the on-screen happenings with off-screen libations: Both serve an assortment of beers and cocktails, often pairing them with movies.

Arts Collectives

INDIE ARTS SPACES: Creators of every kind can find work spaces in Columbus-area arts collectives. Artists and organizations can rent studios or administrative space at **400 West Rich**; **Blockfort** and **Skylab** allow artists to create and display their work; **Columbus Idea Foundry** makes available space and tools for entrepreneurs; **Wild**

Goose Creative furnishes space for a wide span of endeavors, from exhibit openings to concerts. Wild Goose Creative also hosts regular programs, including the *#WildArtColumbus Instagram Art Show*, and 400 West Rich participates in monthly Franklin Fridays with gallery exhibitions, open studios and more.

Otterbein University
Department of
Theatre & Dance



JOAN MARCUS

Collegiate

GALLERIES: In visual arts, The Ohio State University's **Urban Arts Space**, located in downtown's RiverSouth neighborhood, provides programs and displays exhibits, including a show commemorating the 50th anniversary of the OSU Department of Design (Oct. 5-Nov. 10). Also in downtown Columbus, the Columbus College of Arts & Design's **Beeler Gallery** is certain to become even more cutting-edge under the guidance of first-year director of exhibitions Jo-ey Tang, former curator at the Palais de Tokyo in Paris. Additionally, **Denison Museum** and Kenyon College's **Gund Gallery** present exhibits throughout the year; Ohio Wesleyan University's **Ross Art Museum** recently showcased the art of former

faculty member Marty Kalb and Columbus artist Michael Kellner; and Capital University's **Schumacher Gallery** presents local and traveling exhibits, with recent highlights including a survey of prints produced by Associated American Artists.

ON STAGE: BalletMet and Columbus Dance Theatre are not the only groups in city who know how to spin, leap and pirouette. **OSU's Department of Dance** also presents programs featuring student dancers and dance-makers; it celebrates its 50th anniversary this year with performances, an interactive archival exhibit and more on Nov. 8-11 and 15-17.

Theater departments at

area schools put students on stages. **OSU's Department of Theatre** closed its 2017-18 season with "Four People;" **Otterbein University's Department of Theatre & Dance** will offer Shakespeare's "Macbeth" (Oct. 18-20 and 26-27), Noel Coward's "Hay Fever" (Feb. 14-17 and 21-23, 2019) and Jerome Robbins' "West Side Story" (March 28-31 and April 4-6, 2019); and **Denison University's Department of Theatre** recently presented its Fringe Festival, a grouping of forward-looking theater works inspired by a festival of the same name in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Finally, music is made by faculty members, student ensembles and musicians outside academia during recitals and concerts at **OSU's School of Music** and **Otterbein University's Department of Music**.

The Ohio State University
Urban Arts Space



MEGHAN RALSTON



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Centered on the Arts

The Region is dotted with arts centers that host workshops, events and exhibits throughout the year. Whether you're after an evening of classical music or a lesson on great painters, Central Ohio arts centers can provide that experience.

BY JACKIE MANTEY

The Arts Castle

With its golden stone façade and tipped turret tower, there's something magical about The Arts Castle in Delaware. The building sits atop a sloping hill, its yard dotted with steel horse sculptures by James T. Mason, and offers exhibits and a variety of year-round workshops in painting, drawing, ceramics, glass, jewelry, photography and fiber arts, as well as summer camps, wellness classes and performing arts programs. [190 W. Winter St. Delaware • 740-369-2787 artscastle.org](http://190.WinterSt.Delaware.org)

Cultural Arts Center

In 2018, the Cultural Arts Center in downtown Columbus marks its 40th anniversary with a slew of exhibits befitting a big birthday. The CAC also offers a variety of classes for adults throughout the year, including fiber arts, ceramics, painting, stone carving and more. If you're more art connoisseur than art creator, check out its artist talks and in-depth programming led by professional artists from the city and beyond. [139 W. Main St., Columbus 614-645-7047 culturalartscenteronline.org](http://139.W.MainSt.,Columbus614-645-7047culturalartscenteronline.org)

Dublin Arts Center

This historic, French eclectic-styled river-front estate in Dublin has hosted the likes of Audrey Hepburn and Perry Como. The space's formal living room, sun porch and kitchen have become the Dublin Arts Center gallery, featuring a year-long series of exhibitions by local, regional and international artists. The center also helps visitors find award-winning public art like "Feather Point," a 20-foot-tall stainless steel sculpture by Olga Ziemaska installed last year in Thaddeus Kosciuszko Park. [7125 Riverside Dr. Dublin • 614-889-7444 dublinarts.org](http://7125.RiversideDr.Dublin.614-889-7444dublinarts.org)

Jeanne B. McCoy Community Center for the Arts

The McCoy Community Center provides arts education programming for the area's K-12 students and features regular performances and classes by resident arts groups, which include the New Albany Symphony Orchestra, New Albany Ballet Co. and more. The popular *Marquee Series* presents live performances by a variety of musical acts. [100 E. Dublin-Granville Rd. New Albany • 614-245-4701 mccoycenter.org](http://100.E.Dublin-GranvilleRd.NewAlbany.614-245-4701mccoycenter.org)

Licking County Arts Gallery

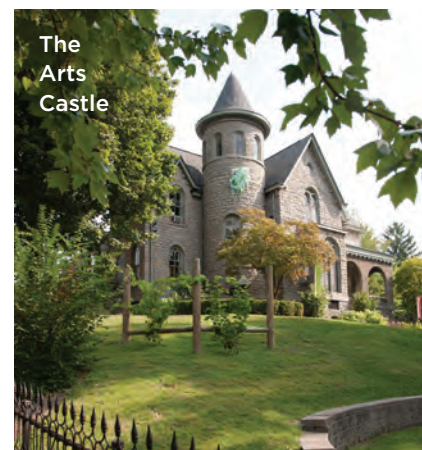
This nonprofit showcases the work of local member artists in rotating gallery exhibits, which open during *Final Friday* showcases each month. Classes and workshops are offered sporadically throughout the year based on member artists' availability. [50 S. Second St., Newark 740-349-8031 lickingcountyarts.net](http://50.S.SecondSt.,Newark740-349-8031lickingcountyarts.net)

Pickaway Creative Arts Center

A service of the Pickaway County YMCA, the Creative Arts Center offers youth classes and workshops in dance, theater and general arts. For grown-ups, there's Canvases, Spirits & Spread, a monthly event that pairs bring-your-own-alcoholic-beverages with projects like canvas painting and mosaic glass stepping stones. [165 E. Main St., Circleville 740-477-6099; ymca columbus.org/pickaway/creative-arts-center](http://165.E.MainSt.,Circleville740-477-6099;ymcacolumbus.org/pickaway/creative-arts-center)

Peggy R. McConnell Arts Center

This facility was built in 1915 and houses galleries, screening space, classrooms, a digital imaging studio and a dance studio. Its starring role in the community, though, is as a 213-seat theater, where visitors can see a host of performers ranging from Scottish folk musicians touring the U.S. to local chamber orchestras. Its gallery shows are free and include the annual *Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition*, featuring works from Central Ohio students. [777 Evening St. Worthington 614-431-0329 mconnellarts.org](http://777.EveningSt.Worthington614-431-0329mcconnellarts.org)



TIM JOHNSON

Sports

There is no offseason in Columbus. With men's and women's teams in major and minor leagues, you'll find sports you can cheer for year-round in the center of the Buckeye State.

BY SAM KAYUHA

COLUMBUS CLIPPERS



Manager: Chris Tremie
Colors: Navy, light blue, gray, white
2016 record: 71-71
Website: milb.com/columbus

Columbus' oldest professional team, the Clippers, was founded in 1977 as the Triple-A affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Two years later, its affiliation switched to the New York Yankees, allowing for some of that franchise's legendary players to cycle through Columbus. In 2009, the Cleveland Indians became the team's Major League affiliate, a year after the Clippers moved into its current home of Huntington Park—named "Ballpark of the Year" by baseballparks.com the year it opened and a centerpiece of downtown ever since. Roster turnover is high, with players being called up to the majors and sent down to the Double-A affiliate Akron Ducks, but the team has maintained consistent success in recent years. The Clippers won back-to-back Governors' Cups in 2010 and 2011 and made the playoffs in three of the last four seasons.



JONATHAN QUILTER



Courtesy COLUMBUS CREW SC

COLUMBUS COMETS



Quarterback: Amanda Herbst
Coach: Hank Patterson
Colors: Black, blue, white
2017 record: 4-4
Website: columbuscomets.org

The city's professional women's football team plays in the Women's Football Alliance, the largest of the country's three professional football leagues for women. Originally known as the Columbus Flames when it was founded in 2003, the team played in the now-defunct National Women's Football Association until 2008, when it came to the new league. The Comets had its best season in 2010, going 11-1—the sole loss came in the WFA Championship, when the team fell to the Lone Star Mustangs, 16-12.

COLUMBUS EAGLES



Captain: Mary Seiffert
Coach: Daniel Seiffert
Colors: Gray, gold
2017 record: 3-4-1
Website: columbuseaglesfc.com

Columbus' professional women's soccer team is set to compete in the Women's Professional Soccer League for the fifth season in 2018. Last season was the best in the team's history, ending with a third-place finish in the Valley Division and club records in points, goals scored and goals allowed.

OHIO MACHINE



Captains: Kyle Harrison and Scott Rodgers
Head Coach/GM: Bear Davis
Colors: White, Carolina blue, gray
2017 record: 9-5
Website: theohiomachine.com

The Machine joined Major League Lacrosse in 2012, playing home games first at Selby Field at Ohio Wesleyan University and at Ohio Dominican's Panther Stadium before moving into its own stadium, Fortress Obetz, at the former site of the Columbus Motor Speedway, opened for the Machine's 2017 season. Though it finished first in the league in 2016, the Machine fell to the Denver Outlaws 19-18 in the championship. The team got its revenge last year, beating the Outlaws 17-12 to secure its first championship.

COLUMBUS CREW SC



Captain: Wil Trapp
Coach: Gregg Berhalter
Colors: Black, gold
2017 record: 16-12-6
Website: columbuscrewsc.com

Columbus' professional soccer team was one of the 10 original clubs in Major League Soccer. The team's home turf opened as the first soccer-specific stadium in the U.S. in 1999; it was renamed from Crew Stadium to Mapfre Stadium in 2015. The team has enjoyed on-and-off success over its history, winning the MLS Cup in 2008 and finishing second in 2015. But late in 2017, owner Anthony Precourt began exploring a move to Austin, Texas, throwing the team's Ohio future in doubt. Local leaders, business owners and soccer fans have been rallying to keep the team in Columbus; their efforts are marked with the hashtag #savethecrew.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS



Captain: Nick Foligno
Coach: John Tortorella
Colors: Red, white, blue
2017-18 record: 45-30-7
Website: nhl.com/bluejackets

The Blue Jackets hit the ice in 2000 and have played in Nationwide Area ever since. After the first generation of stars departed, the rebuilt Jackets won their first two playoff games in 2014, though the Pittsburgh Penguins ultimately won the series. In 2016-17, the Jackets set franchise records in both single-game goals (in a 10-0 defeat of the Montreal Canadiens) and consecutive wins (16, the second-longest streak in league history), though it was bested once again by the Penguins. The team had a hot start to the 2017-18 season and made a strong—but ultimately heartbreaking—run for the Stanley Cup, winning two playoff games against the Washington Capitals before ultimately falling behind 6-3 in the sixth game.

OSU Fandom in Central Ohio

Sports at The Ohio State University, currently overseen by athletic director Gene Smith, reign supreme with fans in Central Ohio. There's a reason for that: The Buckeyes pride themselves on having top-notch NCAA Division I athletic programs in the Big Ten Conference. On the women's side, the university boasts 19 teams, while men have 18 options.

The legendary football program claims eight national championship titles and coaching greats such as Woody Hayes, John Cooper, Jim Tressel and current coach Urban Meyer. Through the team's ups and downs (though there tend to be more of the former), fans stay faithful thanks to the program's storied history. During March Madness, OSU men's and women's basketball is top of mind for Buckeye fans. The men have made 31 NCAA tournament appearances and 11 Final Four appearances; they've earned one national championship title. The women do well for themselves, too, snagging 23 NCAA tournament appearances, including three in the Elite Eight and one in the Final Four.

—Steph Greigor

Sports Calendar

A few of the city's biggest sporting draws throughout the year. For even more events, visit columbusports.org.



ADAM CAIRNS

Pelotonia

Aug. 3-5
 throughout Central Ohio

Thousands of cyclists take to the streets on pre-designated, multicity routes to raise money for cancer research. pelotonia.org

Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon and 1/2 Marathon

Oct. 21
 throughout Columbus

The state's biggest marathon (and the city's

largest half marathon) is regularly ranked as a top running event in the country; participants raise money to support kids receiving services from Nationwide Children's Hospital.

columbusmarathon.com

The Arnold Sports Festival

March 1-3, 2019
 Greater Columbus Convention Center and Ohio Expo Center

Hailed as the largest multisport event in the world, the Arnold includes thousands of athletes competing in more than 70 events, plus a fitness expo, kids' expo and more. arnoldsportsfestival.com

OhioHealth Capital City Half Marathon

April 27, 2019
 throughout Columbus

Thousands pound the pavement from German Village, through downtown and the Short North, to the University District in this half marathon, quarter marathon and 5K. capitalcityhalfmarathon.com

The Memorial Tournament

May 27-June 2, 2019
 Muirfield Village Golf Club

This Dublin golf course—designed by golf legend and Central Ohio native Jack Nicklaus—has hosted the PGA Tour event annually for more than 40 years. thememorialtournament.com

Style Central

Often referred to as the Fashion Capital of the Midwest, Central Ohio is No. 1 among large U.S. metros for concentration of apparel headquarters and No. 3 in the country for concentration of fashion designers. That's made possible thanks to brands and talent that call Columbus home.

Abercrombie & Fitch, DSW, Express and Lane Bryant are headquartered in the city, as is L Brands, which encapsulates Henri Bendel, Victoria's Secret, Pink and Bath & Body Works. These Columbus brands have impacted every corner of the city, from New Albany's development to Columbus residents participating in hours of retail market research.

Couple those headquarters with the Columbus College of Art & Design, which year after year churns out new talent—which often finds its way into entry-level jobs at those companies—and you have a city that continues to be a force of nature in the fashion industry.

Julie Bhusal Sharma

Courtesy VERNACULAR



Vernacular
in Worthington

Shop the Region

No matter what you need, Central Ohio has a place to get it.

BY HEATHER LOFY

Whether you're looking for the one-stop convenience of a mall or craving boutiques with local flair, there's no shortage of shopping in Columbus and its surrounding areas.

Easton Town Center, a destination shopping experience located just 15 minutes northeast of downtown, has been a Columbus staple for nearly 20 years. The complex features both an indoor and outdoor mall with signature stores like Nordstrom, Crate & Barrel and the newly opened Shinola and Filson. Stores native to Ohio include *Homage* for Ohio-pride apparel and *Celebrate Local*, carrying gourmet food, drinks, art and jewelry created in-state. You'll find luxury brands like Tiffany and Henri Bendel here, as well

as trendy stores like Zara and H&M. Want to catch a flick to rest your feet? No problem. There's an AMC movie theater with dine-in screenings.

Right outside of Easton's main area is Easton Gateway, housing Beauty Brands, REI and Dick's Sporting Goods, among others. Don't miss the vintage and industrial home décor at local store *Elm & Iron*, which has another location in Clintonville. If you're hungry, check out local food options like the popular *Hot Chicken Takeover* and *Fusian*. There's still more Easton to see: *Easton Market*, west of the main mall area, is home to bargain stores like Nordstrom Rack, T.J. Maxx and DSW.

Polaris Fashion Place, off I-71 between Worthington and Westerville, is another Columbus shopping

mall with an abundance of offerings. Polaris' indoor area features department stores Macy's, Saks Fifth Avenue, Von Maur, JCPenney and Sears. Abercrombie & Fitch chose Polaris for its redesigned store concept, and you can shop for the entire family in the two-story H&M. Other draws include Lululemon, LUSH Cosmetics and *Simply Vague*, another shop local to Columbus with Ohio-created items.

Stroll to the Polaris Lifestyle Center, the outdoor section of the complex, for Barnes & Noble, Destination Maternity and Charming Charlie. And Godfry's is the spot for men's and women's fine clothing—suits, sportswear accessories and more. The store originated on Lane Avenue in Upper Arlington and then made a home at Worthington Mall before

Homage store
at Easton

FRED SQUILLANTE

Tanger Outlets
Columbus

moving to Polaris in 2008.

A stone's throw away from Polaris is Swedish staple **IKEA**. Plan to spend the afternoon, as the 354,000-square-foot store has more than 10,000 items and an in-store restaurant. It's a good thing there are 1,200 parking spaces.

Mall shopping isn't all Columbus has to offer, however; you don't even have to leave the city's center for a treasure trove of shops. Take a tour of High Street, beginning on the south end in **German Village**. The charming neighborhood has brick streets, gorgeous homes and fun shopping. Helen Winnemore's has been around since the 1930s and showcases handcrafted art, jewelry and décor. Owner Sarah Kellenbarger Harpham visited the shop as a little girl and then became the owner more than two decades ago. Vernacular has more home décor, accessories and apparel (and additional locations around the city).

Stop in The Golden Hobby Shop for a unique

experience—the nonprofit consignment shop carries items handmade by local senior citizens. The building also has character, as it formerly housed the Third Street School. Stump on Thurman Avenue is the place for all things to satisfy a green thumb, with curated plants for your home. Want an adventure? Visit the Book Loft; the German Village staple has 32 rooms of books. Just don't get lost ... or do, and spend a few hours perusing the stacks.

Continue up High Street through downtown and over the I-670 cap to reach the **Short North Arts District**, full of boutiques and the art galleries for which it's named. Two mainstay shops include Rowe and Ladybird; both carry clothing for the fashion-conscious woman. Men, don't worry—recently launched is Kiln, an offshoot of Rowe with men's clothing. Need a new suit? Stop in Pursuit for a custom-made ensemble, versatile enough for work or formal events. Tigertree has a fun mix

of men's and women's clothing and accessories, and its neighbors include another Homage location and clothing store Artisan De Luxe. If you're in the market for vintage finds, Flower Child Vintage is set up with a museum-like feel so shoppers can truly browse at their leisure.

Gift shops abound in the Short North. Global Gifts has fair-trade and handmade items like clothing, yoga accessories, jewelry, glassware and pottery. Happy Go Lucky Home has everything from candles to wall art, and Happy Go Lucky Her is the sister store next door with women's clothing and accessories.

Make your way even farther north on High Street, past The Ohio State University campus, and you'll enter **Clintonville**. The Columbus neighborhood has plenty of shops, including a wide selection of vintage and antique stores on its south end. For furniture, Boomerang Room Vintage, Eclectiques Antique Mall, Vintage Toast and Down Memory

Beyond the Outerbelt

There's no need to drive far for a great deal. **Tanger Outlets Columbus** in Delaware County, just 15 minutes north of Polaris, opened in June 2016 and is home to outlet store favorites like J.Crew, Michael Kors, Coach and The North Face. Other amenities include stroller rental, nursing rooms for mothers, complimentary Wi-Fi and mobile device charging stations. If you are in the mood for a road trip, head south on I-71 past Grove City to **Tanger Outlets Jeffersonville**. The only other Tanger outlet location in Ohio, Jeffersonville's mall has shops the other campus does not, including Ohio's only West Elm Outlet.

Lane all have home décor, accessories and additional finds. Rag-O-Rama is a consignment store with men's and women's fashions.

Wholly Craft is a great stop for handmade goods, craft supplies, baby gifts and more. Owner Olivera Bratic has expanded the store since its inception in 2005, from 40 vendors to more than 400. Another shop, Moxie's Gifts, Candy and Party Room, also has craft supplies, plus kitchen gadgets and old-school candy offerings sure to stir up some nostalgia. For those in the market for sporting goods, Clintonville Outfitters has gear and equipment, and even a consignment section with backpacks, sleeping bags and other outdoor essentials.

Situated just west of downtown, **Grandview Heights** has plenty of residential streets surrounding its main shopping area, Grandview Avenue. Thread is a favorite, featuring women's designer clothing and accessories. Across the street is The Smithery, where you can find modern jewelry. The store also has jewelry workshops, including those for making



Easton during the holidays

your own wedding bands. Vernacular has another location here, and Vernacular Home has a larger home décor inventory than the other Vernacular shops.

There are more can't-miss stops off of Grandview Avenue as well: Consignment shoppers have several spots to choose from, including One More Time Etc., Second Chance Consignment Boutique and Alternative Resale Shop. Fleurish Home lives in Marble Cliff (a small village right outside of Grandview) and has home décor, as does Relish House on King Avenue. Glenn Avenue Soap Co. and Earth Elements both carry natural skincare items.

North and northwest of Grandview, and a little more suburban, **Upper Arlington** and **Dublin** each have their own shopping districts. Upper Arlington has three main pockets, each with a slew of offerings. Kingsdale Shopping Center, once home to a Macy's, now has a Giant Eagle Market District (with an impressive wine and craft beer selection), Outdoor Source for sporting goods and Jeffrey Thomas, a men's and women's

clothing store with leather jackets, suits and more. Nearby Argo & Lehne Jewelers has vintage, bridal and custom jewelry.

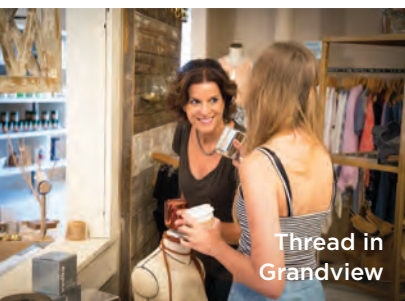
Visit The Shops on Lane Avenue for Mutts & Co., Pier 1 Imports, Talbots, Chico's and White House Black Market. Across the street is locally owned Cheesecake Boutique, offering modern fashion for the ladies. Lastly, the Mallway at Old Arlington is home to more local spots. Leál has designer women's clothing, and Bohindi showcases personalized jewelry, essential oils and meditation beads. Find a hostess gift or a witty card at Fresh Crafts Gallery, which carries all American-made goods. Independent bookstore Cover to Cover recently relocated to the Mallway area after spending many years in Clintonville.

Dublin has a changing landscape with the addition of the new Bridge Park area, but the intersection of Bridge and High streets, known as BriHi Square, is a popular shopping area of Historic Dublin. Thread has another location here, and Boho 72 Boutique offers unique clothing from

around the world. Thalia & Dahlia has home goods, as does mother-and-daughter-owned Chelsea Borough Home. Named after the London neighborhood, Chelsea Borough has a fun mix of furniture, wall art and other decorations. And if you need to celebrate your Irish roots, Dublin is (appropriately) home to Ha'penny Bridge Imports of Ireland.

On the other side of I-71, **Old Worthington** has a similar charm and panoply of quaint, locally owned shops. Head to Worthington Jewelers for fine jewelry, or go trendy at Vernacular or Birch. Design and customize your own leather bag at Branch Line Leather, or pick up a funky lamp or frame at Fritzzy Jacobs. A few miles north is the Shops at Worthington Place. There you'll find women's apparel in a wide range of sizes at ModeAlise; luggage, briefcases and other leather goods at Urban Baggerie; and gift ideas for all ages and occasions at lilylimes.

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Thread in Grandview



Short North
Gallery Hop

Hop 'Til You Drop

Looking to shop beyond the mall? Check out local shopping hops to experience local merchants, food, entertainment and more.

BY HEATHER LOFY

Westerville 4th Fridays

When: Fourth Fridays, April–September, 6–9 p.m.

Where: Uptown Westerville

Info: visitwesterville.org/4th-friday-information

What began more than a decade ago as a way to introduce Westerville to itself is now a mainstay in the suburb's spring and summer months. Stores stay open late, and you'll find music, artists and roughly 130 street vendors lining State Street. Various merchants will have their own entertainment in-store, too, and monthly themes are reinforced with corresponding performers and activities.

Short North Gallery Hop

When: First Saturdays, year-round, 4–10 p.m.

Where: Short North Arts District

Info: shortnorth.org/arts-galleries/gallery-hop

Shops, restaurants and art galleries stay open late for Gallery Hop, one of the longest-running and most recognizable shopping hops in Central Ohio. Art galleries often plan openings around Gallery Hop, and the artists occasionally come in for a meet-and-greet. Along with brick-and-mortar stores, the streets are lined with vendors, and you'll see street performers thanks to a partnership

with the Greater Columbus Arts Council.

Grandview Hop

When: Last Saturdays, June–September, 5–9 p.m.

Where: Grandview Avenue between First and Fifth avenues

Info: grandviewhop.com

More than 50 businesses participate in the Grandview Hop, and another 60 to 70 pop-up vendors line the streets. There's also a charity component—although the hop itself is free, there's a beer garden where each month's proceeds benefit a different charity. Relaxed open-container laws just for the hop allow visitors to browse with their beers.

Illuminating Shopping

When: Typically the Thursday after Thanksgiving, 6–9 p.m.

Where: Old Worthington

Info: experience.worthington.com/illuminatingshopping

Each year, Worthington transforms its historic district with sidewalks full of luminaries for a shopping event to kick off the holiday season. Stores stay open late and offer activities, horse-drawn carriages make their way down the street, and there's often

music. Around 25 businesses participate. Because Illuminating Shopping is an evening event, the city offers a daytime component too: the Old Worthington Holiday Open House, which takes place from noon to 5 p.m. on the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

Moonlight Market

When: Second Saturdays, April–October, 6–10 p.m.

Where: Downtown Columbus

Info: moonlightmarket.columbus.com

Moonlight Market was born to fill a retail void after City Center Mall closed. Pop-up vendors line the street in ever-growing numbers; the 100 vendors present in 2018 are more than triple the number at the event's inception. If you're in the mood for a Sunday stroll, check out Moonlight Market's sister: The Sunlight Market, also running from April to October, gets people downtown from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Check sunlightmarket.com for dates, as the event isn't on a recurring schedule.)

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Moonlight Market

MEGHAN RALSTON



Founded in 1876, this market is anything but dated. Just about everything you need to cook dinner is available at this collection of stalls between the Short North Arts District and the Arena District in Columbus. Shop vendors like Mini-Super (produce), The Fish Guys, Park Street Poultry & Game, Penny's Meats, Two Brothers Butcher Shoppe, Black Radish Creamery, Omega Artisan Baking, North Market Spices and Green Olive Co. (flavored olive oils and vinegars). You can pick up cookware, flowers, wine and craft beers to complete the meal, too.

Not a home chef? Not a problem. More than a dozen prepared food vendors serve up dishes from all over the globe—you can grab sushi, vegetarian fare, deli sandwiches, barbecue, or Mexican, Indian, Vietnamese, Nepali, Polish or Italian cuisine. For dessert, hit up Destination Donuts, Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams, Coco Cat Bakery and Chocolates or Pistacia Vera. Bon appétit!

—Emma Frankart Henterly

Columbus' Best Restaurants

Our food scene is off the charts. Each year, *Columbus Monthly* ranks the top 10 restaurants in the area; here's the list for 2017.

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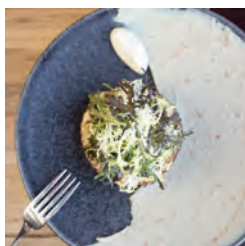


1

Veritas

11 W. Gay St.
Columbus
614-745-3864

Formerly Veritas Tavern in Delaware, this spot sports a new name and location. What hasn't changed is its chef-driven small plates and stellar cocktails. The menu isn't Veritas' only selling point; its knowledgeable and friendly staff make it an easy choice for the top spot in this list. veritasrestaurant.com



2

Wolf's Ridge Brewing

215 N. Fourth St.
Columbus
614-429-3936

Moving up a spot from 2016, Wolf's Ridge defies the assumption that a brewery can't have great grub. Artfully arranged dishes look as good as they taste and are designed to complement the first-class beers served here. Don't miss the chef's tasting menu and beer pairings. wolfsridgebrewing.com



3

The Guild House

624 N. High St.
Columbus
614-280-9780

After three years, this is no longer Cameron Mitchell's newest contribution to the dining scene, but it remains his best. Inside you'll find rustic yet refined décor and a brunch menu that's more than worth getting up early for, though dinner offerings are no less delicious. theguildhousecolumbus.com

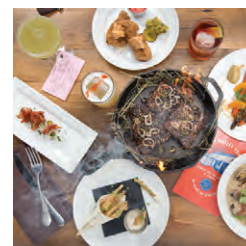


4

G. Michael's Bistro & Bar

595 S. Third St.
Columbus
614-464-0575

Who knew that you could achieve white-tablecloth dining that doesn't feel stuffy? Anyone who's eaten at G. Michael's does. The low country-leaning menu features quality seasonal ingredients, and don't miss the hidden-gem patio or unbeatable happy hour. gmichaelsbistroandbar.com



5

Watershed Kitchen & Bar

1145 Chesapeake Ave., Columbus
614-357-1936

It's the rare rookie that makes the top 10 list in its first year. The local distiller's restaurant has a whimsical cocktail menu that is sophisticated and thoughtful. The food is equal in taste and variety, with sharable plates that you'll want all to yourself. watersheddistillery.com

Columbus Food Adventures Tour

Food Tours

What better way to familiarize yourself with a city than by eating and drinking your way through it? Three companies offer a plethora of options to

explore Columbus' food scene based on neighborhood, cuisine style and more.

Columbus Food Adventures provides location-

based tours in various neighborhoods, including the restaurant-heavy Short North Arts District and quaint German Village. If you'd rather focus on a specific style of dining, sign up for a themed tour, like the dessert or brunch option. Feeling adventurous? Sign up for the Alt.Eats Tour, which focuses on the city's best ethnic eateries. **columbusfoodadventures.com**

Founded by the folks behind Columbus Food Adventures, **Columbus Brew Adventures** gets even more niche with its craft brewery tours. Most are location-based tours, which take place in walkable neighborhoods

(including, of course, the Brewery District, southwest of downtown). The popular Pitchers and Pizza Tour sells out quickly, so be prepared to book weeks or months in advance. **columbusbrewadventures.com**

Finally, **A La Carte Food Tours** offers themed clinics in addition to its tours, which typically aren't recurring events like those of the previous two companies. Recent offerings include a dairy farm tour and an Italian bread clinic; private, design-your-own tours also are available. **alacartecolumbus.com**

*Emma Frankart
Henterly*



6

The Refectory

1092 Bethel Rd.
Upper Arlington
614-451-9774

In a world where fast-casual establishments are a dime a dozen, The Refectory proves that fine dining isn't dead. Its seasonal menu of European-inspired dishes is complemented by a wine cellar of more than 600 bottles and a staff that undergoes months of training before they fly solo. **refectory.com**



7

La Tavola

1664 W. First Ave.
Grandview Heights
614-914-5455

A mashup of traditional and contemporary, this Italian eatery manages to be at once fine dining and mom-and-pop. The owners—a married couple who also function as the head chef and baker—make from scratch everything from the bread to the desserts daily. **latavolagrandview.com**



8

Rockmill Tavern

503 S. Front St.
Columbus
614-732-4364

This establishment brings the farmhouse ambience of Lancaster's Rockmill Brewery to the city. There are brunch and breakfast menus, plus a tight but well-planned dinner menu, but Rockmill shines in its multicourse beer pairing events: six courses and six pours. **rockmilltavern.com**

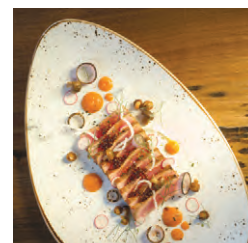


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Basi Italia

811 Highland St.
Columbus
614-294-7383

Boasting arguably one of the best patios in the city, Basi's menu is built on consistency and freshness. Seasonal ingredients star on the simple Mediterranean menu, and you'll find intimate, cozy environs inside and out year-round—the patio gets zipped up in cooler weather. **basi-italia.com**



10

Gallerie Bar & Bistro

401 N. High St.
Columbus
614-484-5287

Growing from a French bistro menu to one that offers an imaginative, Ohio-inspired motif, Gallerie is one of the city's biggest supporters of local products and purveyors. And while the small plates and mains are worth the visit, be sure to save room for a show-stopping dessert. **galleriebarandbistro.com**

World Tour in 18 Bites

Where to find the most authentic cuisines from across the globe, right here in Central Ohio.

BY BETHIA WOOLF

As Columbus' population has diversified in recent years, its restaurant scene has followed trend. Entire sections of town have become vibrant, multicultural neighborhoods dotted with colorful immigrant restaurants and bustling ethnic markets.

What's perhaps more astonishing is that these areas represent but a fraction of the cultural cuisine found throughout the city. Veterans, such as **Indochine Café** (Vietnamese/Laotian, Whitehall) and **Bangkok Grocery & Restaurant** (Thai, south Columbus), remain strong even as newcomers debut weekly, making Central Ohio more spoiled for culinary choice than ever.

African

Perhaps no category has seen as much growth in recent years as African cuisine, and within it no country is better represented than Somalia. At least 17 distinct Somali restaurants are available, but none

have received as much regional and national attention as **Hoyo's Kitchen** (northeast Columbus). Recently listed among *Eater's* list of the Midwest's 38 essential restaurants, Hoyo's sets itself apart with friendly service, cut-above culinary technique and superior sourcing. Standout dishes include chicken suqaar, goat with rice and the delectable sambusas.

Ethiopian has also seen a significant uptick in representation, primarily on the east side and in Whitehall, with several sharing a Hamilton Road strip with a wide array of Ethiopian markets and bakeries. **Lalibela** is there, and is arguably the best of the bunch.

Standing apart from the crowd on Cleveland Avenue, **Addis Restaurant** (north Columbus) serves the intriguing hybrid cuisine of ethnic Somalis who have lived in Ethiopia. The end result is clearly Ethiopian with a delicious spin. Try the kitfo and the zillzill tibs, and if you're looking for an experience, schedule a



Kinilaw with Boba Fete cocktail
at Bonifacio in Grandview

JODI MILLER

traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony.

A few miles north, **Intercontinental Restaurant** has made a name as the only Nigerian restaurant in Ohio and has developed a devoted following for its pungent egusi stew. Nearby **Wycliff's Kitchen** brings Kenya to Central Ohio and is known for its savory karanga ngombe—a crowd-pleasing Kenyan beef stew—as well as its exceptional nyama choma—grilled goat (weekends only).

Latin and South American

Caribbean restaurants seem to come and go, but **Ena's Caribbean Kitchen** in Linden has outlasted them all. Known for its spicy jerk chicken and hearty oxtail stew, Ena's is also one of the only

restaurants in town to offer the savory, meat-filled pastries known as Jamaican Patties.

Estilo Brazil (northeast Columbus) is the city's first foray outside of the steakhouse genre of Brazilian cuisine; there you'll find hearty rice-and-bean bowls topped with a rotating array of South American proteins. The picanha—grilled and sliced sirloin cap—is a favorite, as is the calabresa sausage.

Continuing with South American, **Los Galapagos** (west Columbus), livens up its quirky neighborhood setting with such South American specialties as bandeja paisa—a hearty, rustic Colombian platter composed of fried pork belly, sausage, fried egg, rice, beans, plantains and more. The recently debuted **Andes Bar & Grill** (downtown) is off to a promising start with



Derek tibs at
Lalibela



The chicken arepa
at El Arepazo

TESSA BERG

its ambitious pan-South American menu. Early favorites include the craveably crunchy chicken and potato empanadas.

Venezuelan cuisine has long been a part of the fabric of the city thanks to **Arepazo**. Originally opened as a small, downtown lunch spot, the popularity of owners Carlos and Carolina Gutierrez's signature arepas has evolved their humble venture to include two additional locations (Gahanna and Brewery District) with more broadly Latino-inspired fare and full bars.

Asian

Among the cuisines of the continent, none have grown in local representation more than Nepali/Himalayan. Three years ago there were no establishments to speak



Momos at Momo Ghar

Top center and right, TIM JOHNSON

of; now, **Himalayan Grill** (Gahanna), **Namaste** (northeast Columbus) and **Everest Cuisine** (Worthington) all provide a full Himalayan sit-down dining experience.

Overshadowing them all in reception, if not seat count, is **Momo Ghar**—a humble dumpling stand in Saraga International Grocery that has expanded into a stall at the North Market. Its most popular dish is jhol momo—handmade chicken curry dumplings in a spicy tomato sauce—and they have not only captured the minds and stomachs of Columbus, but also garnered national accolades from both *Eater* and the Food Network's *Diners, Drive-ins and Dives*.

Filipino cuisine has also come on strong, with both **Bonifacio** (Fifth by Northwest neighborhood)

and **Kuya Ian's Bistro** (Westerville) debuting over the last couple of years. Bonifacio projects a more upscale approach to the genre, offering not only favorites such as adobo chicken, but also a full bar menu with a wide selection of craft beers and a bespoke cocktail list that makes extensive use of Southeast Asian ingredients. Kuya Ian's contrasts this with its humbler setting and casual, diner-like operations, but nonetheless cranks out delicious renditions of island standards, such as crispy pork lechon.

Bethia Woolf is the founder of Columbus Food Adventures, which offers an Alt. Eats tour of ethnic cuisines. This story was excerpted from one that appeared in the 2018 edition of Columbus Monthly City Guide.

TIFFANIE HUTTON



Jen Keagy

Community health
director, **Delaware
General Health District**

I came here from Girard, near Youngstown, in 2002, where I grew up and went to college. When I graduated, I got hired in Marysville.

I left from 2004 to 2007 for a fellowship with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and a field assignment in Cleveland. I knew at that point I definitely wanted to come back to Central Ohio; it felt like a happy medium between Atlanta, which is a huge city, and Cleveland, which at the time wasn't very big.

I lived in Worthington for a few years and now I live near Polaris; I'm moving to Delaware in the fall, to be closer to work. I think downtown Delaware is charming. Our office is downtown, so it's nice to be able to walk to the restaurants that are opening. It's kind of up-and-coming; there's a lot of development happening up here.

*As told to Emma Frankart
Henterly*

Area Attractions

There's plenty to see and do in the Columbus Region. We've rounded up local favorites among residents and visitors alike.

BY EMMA FRANKART HENTERLY

Amusement, Games and Wildlife

CHERRY VALLEY LODGE: Enjoy the on-site arboretum and botanical garden, miles of walking and biking trails and more at this pet-friendly hotel. New ownership began work on a \$13 million renovation to the entire property, which is scheduled for completion in late 2018 or early 2019. 2299 Cherry Valley Rd., Newark, 740-788-1200. cherryvalleylodge.com

COLUMBUS ZOO AND AQUARIUM: The enormous Heart of Africa exhibit, where visitors can ride camels or feed giraffes, is wildly popular, but the entire zoo is worth exploring. See what "Jungle" Jack Hanna's so proud of. 4850 Powell Rd., Powell, 614-645-3400. colszoo.org

ELDORADO GAMING SCIOTO DOWNS: This "racino" features 2,200 video slot machine-style games, an outdoor track with live harness racing May through September, several restaurants and a variety of live entertainment options. 6000 S. High St., Columbus, 614-295-4700. sciotodowns.com



Columbus Zoo and Aquarium

ADAM CAIRNS

HOLLYWOOD CASINO COLUMBUS: Come for the 2,200 slots and dozens of table games, but stay to explore the five restaurants and take in free live entertainment, often by national acts. 200 Georgesville Rd., Columbus, 614-308-3333. hollywoodcolumbus.com

MAD RIVER MOUNTAIN: Ski, snowboard or snow tube the trails before enjoying live entertainment in the evenings at this resort. Summer obstacle course races keep the fun going year-round. 1000 Snow Valley Rd., Zanesfield, 800-231-7669. skimadriver.com

THE WILDS: Ever wanted to see a rhino, ostrich or cheetah up close? Here's your chance. Head to the drive-through safari park and conservation center to get a good look at a variety of exotic animals. 14000 International Rd., Cumberland, 740-638-5030. thewilds.org.

ZOOMBEZI BAY: Water slides, lazy and action rivers, a wave pool and Central Ohio's only water coaster are the perfect recipe for fun in the sun at this waterpark located adjacent to the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. Rent a cabana for the day or stay late for Summer Nights, featuring Dive-In Movies at the wave pool on select Fridays throughout the summer. 4850 Powell Rd., Powell, 614-724-3600. zoombezibay.columbuszoo.org

Entertainment Districts

ARENA DISTRICT: Stretching from Front Street to Neil Avenue between Spring and Vine streets, the Arena District is so named for Nationwide Arena, which sits smack in the middle. If you're not up for catching a National Hockey League game there, three nearby concert venues host acts of all sizes and the Columbus Clippers play at Huntington Park. Those looking to bar-hop have plenty of options, including the Big Bang Dueling Piano Bar, where two lively entertainers take requests from the audience and battle it out on the ivories.

BREWERY DISTRICT: Just west of German Village is the Brewery District. Its name is a nod to the pre-Prohibition breweries that once were abundant in the area; today, you'll find no shortage of friendly neighborhood bars and locally owned eateries. One of note is Rockmill Tavern, where Chef Andrew Smith serves up elevated American bar fare that pairs beautifully with the house-label beers.

SHORT NORTH ARTS DISTRICT: With the highest concentration of bars, clubs and restaurants in the city—more than 90—this stretch of High Street from King Avenue to Nationwide Boulevard is a destination unlike any other in the city. Dance the night away at LGBT clubs like Axis and Union Café, or enjoy a local, regional or national act on-stage at Skully's Music-Diner. Sample flights at North High Brewing, enjoy craft cocktails at Denmark on High or settle in for a game (or three) at Kingmakers Board Game Parlour. There's also the dozen-plus independent galleries for which the district is named. They stay open late for Gallery Hop, when restaurants offer specials and street performers entertain the masses that gather to enjoy the revelry.



Short North Arts District



Eldorado Gaming Scioto Downs

JONATHAN QUILTER

Historical Sites and Museums

COLUMBUS MUSEUM OF ART: Noteworthy permanent and traveling exhibitions—plus a remarkable children's area—make CMA an icon in the city. See more on page 70. 480 E. Broad St., Columbus, 614-221-6801. columbusmuseum.org

COSI: This top-rated science museum has mind-expanding exhibitions, including a stellar planetarium. Its new, one-of-a-kind partnership with the American Museum of Natural History brings two new spaces to the center: The Dinosaur Gallery has loaned fossil specimens and interactive features, and the Exhibition Gallery hosts rotating curated exhibitions from AMNH. 333 W. Broad St., Columbus, 614-228-2674. cosi.org

NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM: The first national memorial honoring veterans across all branches of service and all eras of conflict, the National Veterans Memorial and Museum is slated to open in Franklinton in 2018. More than the standard war memorial or military museum, the NVMM exists to tell the stories of the men and women who have served our country. The concept was guided in part by a team of veterans led by the late former astronaut and Senator John Glenn. 300 W. Broad St., Columbus. nationalvmm.org

OHIO HISTORY CENTER AND OHIO VILLAGE: Reach way back into Ohio history—like dinosaur-age way back—to discover our roots. This enormous building is home to the Ohio History Connection and adjacent to Ohio Village, where visitors learn about life in the 19th century through historic interpreters. 800 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, 800-686-6124. ohiohistory.org

Courtesy COSI



COSI

Scioto Mile



OHIO STATEHOUSE: Tours of the Statehouse are free and offered daily. Ticketed seasonal tours—including the Halloween-appropriate Haunted Statehouse tours—are worth the price, too. A lower-level museum is a treasure trove of interactive exhibits that unlock the story of Ohio's legislature and of the building itself. 1 Capitol Sq., Columbus, 614-752-9777. ohiostatehouse.org

THE WORKS: Branded as the Ohio Center for History, Art & Technology, this Smithsonian affiliate features art galleries, a glassblowing studio, history exhibits and interactive science labs. 555 S. First St., Newark, 740-349-9277. attheworks.org

Parks, Gardens and Farms

CENTRAL OHIO METRO PARKS: This network of 19 natural areas, parks and preserves offers a variety of educational opportunities, naturalist-led events and hikes, camps and more. (See page 93 for examples of activities to do in the park year-round.) metroparks.net

COLUMBUS COMMONS: City-dwellers and suburbanites alike flock to this urban oasis for free concerts, festivals, the seasonal Food Truck Food Court and outdoor fitness classes. Seasonal food stands, a merry-go-round and an outdoor reading room with free Wi-Fi offer activities for families in warmer weather. Downtown Columbus, bordered by State, Third, Rich and High streets. columbuscommons.org

DAWES ARBORETUM: With nearly 2,000 acres, 12 miles of trails and thousands upon thousands of living plants, everyone will find something to enjoy here. Areas like the Japanese garden, Dawes Lake and Glacier Ridge offer themed collections. 7770 Jacksontown Rd. SE, Newark, 740-323-2355. dawesarb.org

FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY AND BOTANICAL GARDENS: Explore desert, mountain and tropical plant habitats in biomes bursting with color and life. In summer, watch butterflies hatch and fly away, and in winter, marvel at exotic, fragrant orchids. A permanent collection of Dale Chihuly glass pieces adds another element of beauty to the gardens' blooms. 1777 E. Broad St., Columbus, 614-715-8000. fpconservatory.org

SCIOTO MILE: This riverfront greenspace has been called the "jewel of the city." Splash in the fountain or grab a bite at Milestone 229. Enjoy the swings that line the walk north and admire the artful metalwork fountains. Seasonal programming ranges from concerts in Bicentennial Park's amphitheater to holiday light displays, and a number of annual festivals now call the Mile home. Downtown Columbus, along the Scioto River. sciotoile.com

TOPIARY PARK: Step into a life-size recreation of George Seurat's "A Sunday Afternoon on the Isle of La Grande Jatte," sculpted entirely from hedges. Self-guided, virtual and docent-led tours offer plenty of options for exploration. 480 E. Town St., Columbus, 614-645-0197. topiarypark.org

County and State Fairs

Knox County Fair July 22-28

601 Fairgrounds Rd.
Mount Vernon
knoxcountyfair.org

Union County Fair July 22-28

845 N. Main St., Marysville
ohiounioncountyfair.com

Ohio State Fair July 25-Aug. 5

717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus
ohiostatefair.com

Morrow County Fair Aug. 27-Sept. 3

195 S. Main St., Mount
Gilead
morrowcountyfair.org

Delaware County Fair Sept. 15-22

236 Pennsylvania Ave.,
Delaware
delawarecountyfair.com

Fairfield County Fair Oct. 7-13

157 E. Fair Ave., Lancaster
fairfieldcountyfair.org

Pickaway County Fair Summer 2019 (Date TBD)

415 Lancaster Pike,
Circleville
pickaway.com/event/pickaway-county-fair

Marion County Fair Summer 2019 (Date TBD)

220 E. Fairground St.,
Marion
veteransmemorialcoliseum.org

Madison County Fair Summer 2019 (Date TBD)

205 Elm St., London
madisoncountyfairroh.com

Logan County Fair Summer 2019 (Date TBD)

100 N. Homer Ave., Logan
logancountyfair.org

Franklin County Fair Summer 2019 (Date TBD)

4100 Columbia St., Hilliard
fcfair.org



Comfest

Annual Events

Visit experiencecolumbus.com for even more to see and do.

BY CHELSEA CASTLE AND EMMA FRANKART HENTERLY

AUG. 3-5

Dublin Irish Festival

Celebrate Celtic and Gaelic culture through food, dance, music, games and commerce in Central Ohio's own Dublin at the largest three-day Irish festival in the world.

dublinirishfestival.org

AUG. 11-12

Festival Latino

Experience Latin American culture through music, dance, visual arts and food at Genoa Park in downtown Columbus.

festivallatino.net

AUG. 17-18

Columbus Food Truck Festival

Come hungry to the Scioto Mile for this event, which last year featured more than 50 of the city's best food trucks, plus live music and merchant stalls.

columbusfoodtruckfest.com

AUG. 29-31

Millersport Sweet Corn Festival

There's no sweeter way to enjoy the last days of summer than this celebration of locally grown corn. But don't cut yourself short; enjoy rides, music, parades, contests, a 5K, a tractor pull and more.

sweetcornfest.com

AUG. 25-SEPT. 9

BIA Parade of Homes

Get inspired on this walking tour of newly built

homes in the upscale Eversole Run in the center of Union County's Jerome Village, near Plain City.

biaparade.com

AUG. 31-SEPT. 4

Greek Festival

Greek food, vendors, performers, cooking demos and more can be found at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral and surrounding streets. Opa!

columbusgreekfestival.com



Festival Latino

EAMON QUEENEY

SEPT. 7-9

Columbus Oktoberfest

Shop the Art & Craft Marktplatz and Merchant Market, chow down on kraut, brats and schnitzel and enjoy steins of beer at Columbus' version of the European classic. The Kinderplatz area has fun activities for the whole family.

columbusoktoberfest.com

SEPT. 6-8

Marion Popcorn Festival

After beer, food trucks and sweet corn, let this event be the cherry on top of your food adventures. There are more rides to be had and popcorn to be enjoyed, but this festival—which draws crowds of 250,000 annually—is known for its free entertainment, parade and title of the largest popcorn festival in the world.

popcornfestival.com

SEPT. 23-24

Marysville Covered Bridge Bluegrass Festival

Escape to the past with this festival, now in its 10th year. The Pottersburg Bridge in North Lewisburg serves as a stage for 11 bluegrass acts, a breakfast and picnic dinner, games, wagon rides, classes, an antique and vintage market, tours and more.

coveredbridgefestival.com

OCT. 5-7

Columbus Italian Festival

Just east of the Short North, Italian Village plays host to some of the best Italian food and entertainment around during this festival. A bocce ball competition, kids' activities, Italian karaoke, language lessons and samples of Italian spirits provide entertainment for all.

columbusitalianfestival.com

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OCT. 17-20

Circleville Pumpkin Show

Fall doesn't get any bigger—literally—than this fest, known for its delicious pumpkin treats, the largest pumpkin pie (14 feet!) and a competition for the largest pumpkin (last year's topped 1,700 pounds).

pumpkinshow.com

OCT. 27-28

HighBall Halloween

Join 30,000 revelers dressed to the nines in creative costumes at this Short North block party with live entertainment, a costume competition, a fashion show and more.

highballhalloween.com

NOV. 16-JAN. 6, 2019

Wildlights at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium

Check out stunning holiday light displays, enjoy a petting zoo and visit the animals during the zoo's special evening hours.

columbuszoo.org



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Asian Festival

DEC. 7-24

"The Nutcracker"

BalletMet dancers perform as Clara, the Sugar Plum Fairy and the rest in this Columbus holiday tradition.

balletmet.org

DEC. 31

First Night Columbus

Families, head to COSI for live music, entertainment, inflatables, science presentations and more to ring in the new year.

firstnightcolumbus.com

MAY 25-26, 2019

Asian Festival

More than 100,000 visitors flock to Franklin Park for the festival's Dragonboat

race, as well as festival classics like authentic Asian games and food, martial arts demonstrations, cultural performances and more.

asian-festival.org

JUNE 7-9, 2019

Columbus Arts Festival

Both sides of the Scioto riverfront become a riot of color and texture as hundreds of artists set up shop in the largest art gallery the city has to offer.

columbusartsfestival.org

JUNE 14-16, 2019

Columbus Pride Festival

Each year, Stonewall Columbus puts on one of the largest LGBTQ+ Pride events in the Midwest. Come for the massive Saturday parade; stay for musical performances, comedy acts, food and more.

columbuspride.org

JUNE 14-16, 2019

Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival

Cocktail and wine tastings, carnival rides and a Family Fun Zone join the area's best blues and jazz musicians for more than 90 hours of live music.

creeksidebluesandjazz.com

JUNE 28-30, 2019

Comfest

Enjoy art, crafts, music and community in Goodale Park during this "party with a purpose" that celebrates local performers, artists, community organizations and volunteers.

comfest.com

JUNE 20-22, 2019

London Strawberry Festival

Families head to historic downtown London for a parade, car and motorcycle shows, games and food. Every vendor at the event features, of course, something strawberry.

londonstrawberryfestival.com

JULY 3, 2019

Red, White & BOOM!

Downtown's patriotic block party features a parade, children's play area, four music stages and plenty of food vendors. Stick around for the 10 p.m. fireworks show—it's the largest in the state.

redwhiteandboom.org

JULY 4, 2019

Doo Dah Parade

This parade has celebrated the First Amendment and freedom of expression for more than 35 years and is accompanied by a block party in the Short North.

doodahparade.com

JULY 19-21, 2019

Jazz & Rib Fest

Flanking both banks of the Scioto River is this annual homage to "hot ribs and cool jazz." More than 20 pit masters from around the country compete for "Best Ribs" bragging rights, while dozens of jazz musicians and ensembles serenade the crowds from three stages.

hotribscooljazz.org



Stonewall Columbus Pride Festival



Highbanks Metro Park

EAMON QUEENEY

For Every Season

Turn to a Metro Park during any one of Ohio's four distinctive seasons; find a full listing of Metro Parks and their activities at metroparks.net.

BY JACKIE MANTEY

Whether it's 100 degrees or -1, there's something to do at Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks. Activities like fishing, hiking, kayaking, mountain biking, geocaching, sledging and more offer options for all ages. And let's not forget: baby bison are waiting to be discovered!

SPRING

Salamanders and wood frogs are just as excited for spring as we are. These amphibians prep their summer bods during the spring in vernal pools. Wood frogs, for example, nearly freeze solid in the winter. Watch them thaw while the salamanders

squiggle to life during a tour of vernal pools at **Glacier Ridge** in Plain City or **Highbanks** in Lewis Center.

After you've scoped out new life, honor the old at burial mounds associated with the Adena and Hopewell Native American cultures at Highbanks. There's also a mound at **Blacklick Woods** in Reynoldsburg; its Blacklick Circle was just discovered in 2017.

As the weather warms up, while away an afternoon in the sun watching the flowers grow at **Inniswood**. This 123-acre garden tucked into a Westerville nature preserve features blooms from more than 2,000 species of plants—like roses, herbs and conifer trees—that come alive in the spring.

SUMMER

Battelle Darby Creek in Galloway is home to seven female and one male bison. The lucky fella was introduced to the herd late in August 2017, and, thanks to the birds and the bees and one very strong stork, the park saw the arrival of little baby bison in late spring 2018.

Battelle Darby Creek also is one of six Metro Parks waterways that offer canoe and kayak access points throughout the year. Bring your boat of choice—and a fishing rod or two—and hit the water there or at Highbanks, **Scioto Audubon** in downtown Columbus, **Prairie Oaks** in West Jefferson, **Walnut Woods** in Groveport or **Scioto Grove** in Grove City (the only park that offers overnight camping).

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Guided night hikes throughout the summer abound at multiple parks, but there's only one place for mountain biking:

Chestnut Ridge's 9-mile mountain bike course in Carroll. Expert riders will enjoy the More Cowbell trail, while newbies should try Dirt School.

FALL

In total, Metro Parks offers 19 natural-area parks throughout Central Ohio; that's more than 27,500 acres of land with 230-plus miles of trails. Those trails are where you want to be in the fall as the foliage changes and the wildlife comes out to play or, more likely, get a move on.

At **Prairie Oaks**, watch migrating waterfowl from a bridge that connects the Darby Bend Lakes, or spot the majesty of a buck deer along Darby Creek Greenway Trail. Watch a sunset at **Pickerington Ponds** in Canal Winchester. Walk among the sublime goldenrods of Walnut Woods. Whatever you do, don't forget your camera to capture it all.

At **Slate Run** in Canal Winchester, the family can visit a historic farm, then see a trail of Ohio's favorite trees (hickory, sugar maple and more) put on their finest fall show. Looking for a scenic drive? Head to **Blendon Woods** in northeast Columbus for its annual Fall Driving Tour beginning in October. You can also say goodbye

ADAM CAIRNS



Olentangy Trail

to migrating birds surrounded by a landscape of leaves, wetlands, the downtown Columbus skyline and a free rock-climbing wall at Scioto Audubon.

WINTER

Winter may seem like time to hibernate at home, but when it snows, the parks are just getting warmed up.

You can cross-country ski or snowshoe at any park except Inniswood, round the icy pond rinks at Battelle Darby Creek or Blendon Woods or coast the sledding hills at Blendon Woods, Walnut Woods, Blacklick Woods, Battelle Darby Creek, Highbanks, Westerville's **Sharon Woods**, Scioto Audubon and Scioto Grove.

Many parks participate in the Winter Hike series, like the one at **Three Creeks** in Groveport, featuring 1-, 3- or 5.6-mile hikes along the frozen creekside. It's a brisk walk followed, of course, by hot

food and drink.

The parks also offer plenty of chances for indoor activities. The Blacklick Woods, Blendon Woods and Scioto Audubon nature centers, for example, host kids' programming, where the little ones

can learn about animals that thrive on snow days. And at Scioto Grove, bring the whole family to celebrate Groundhog Day.

Whether he sees his shadow or not, it doesn't matter at the Metro Parks. Every season's a stunner.

Greenway Trails

There's no shortage of multiuse trails in Central Ohio. For more information, visit centralohiogreenways.com.

Alum Creek: 22 miles, paved, from Westerville to Three Creeks

Blacklick Creek: 19 miles, paved, from Blacklick Woods to Three Creeks

Camp Chase: 12.5 miles, paved, from Madison County through Columbus; part of the Ohio to Erie Trail and U.S. Bicycle Route 50

Darby Creek: 8 miles, gravel, from Prairie Oaks to Battelle Darby Creek

Heritage: 6.1 miles, paved, from Old Hilliard to Plain City

I-670: 8 miles, paved, along I-670 from Fort Hayes to Alum Creek

Olentangy: 14 miles, paved, from Worthington to downtown Columbus

Scioto: 9 miles, paved, along the Scioto River from Grandview to the Brewery District

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RESOURCES



Decades of philanthropy have enabled so many world-class cultural amenities, which truly positively impact the quality of life in the city.”

DOUG ULMAN

Pelotonia president/CEO

MOVED TO: Columbus in 2014

FROM: Austin, Texas

Save the Date

Charitable events in Columbus and beyond

BY EMMA FRANKART HENTERLY

Looking for the chance to don your formal attire and enjoy the social elegance the Capital City has to offer? Or maybe you prefer to lace up your running shoes and hit the pavement in support of a good cause. Whatever your style, Central Ohio is host to numerous philanthropic events that let community members give back in fun and funky ways. Here are

a few favorites, organized by type of event.

Game On

When it comes to sports and fitness, a few key events come to mind. **Pelotonia**, the bike ride to find a cure for cancer, celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2018, while the **Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & 1/2 Marathon** has been around much longer—39 years, in fact.

If you prefer to break out of the mainstream, why not gather some friends for the **Dana G. "Buck" Rinehart and Jungle Jack's Conservation Cup**? The 18-hole scramble at the Safari Golf Course in Powell features some fun surprises, like an appearance by Jungle Jack Hanna and an array of friendly zoo animals. And for those who prefer the beach, there's the **Bump, Set, Science** volleyball tournament benefiting COSI at Woodland's Backyard in Grandview. Each team is guaranteed to play three games, with prizes awarded to the champs.

In Style

When it comes to seeing and being seen, there's nothing like **Fashion Week Columbus**. The week-long lineup of fashion shows and events showcases local and emerging designers, all while raising money to provide scholarships to

fashion design students.

Show off your own fashion in a very specific way at **Les Chapeaux dans le Jardin**, also known as "Hat Day," at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. The garden party is billed as a premier social event in the city, and its cause—the Conservatory's pre-K and K-12 education and outreach programs—is worth supporting.

Eat (and Drink) Up

Most philanthropic events have a dinner or heavy hors d'oeuvres component, but a few go beyond what's expected.

Wine aficionados won't want to miss **Romancing the Grape**, Easterseals Central and Southeast Ohio's largest fundraiser. Guests can sample more than 100 varieties of wines, plus cheeses and light bites from local restaurants, in Ohio Stadium's exclusive Huntington Club.

Hungry? Head to Franklin Park Conservatory for **Taste of Dine Originals** to chow down on food and drink from more than 40 local restaurants, wineries, breweries and distilleries. It's so delicious, you might forget it's for a good cause—the behavioral and mental health services for children and families at The Buckeye Ranch.

Or you can satisfy your sweet tooth at **Night of Chocolate**, which features more than 10,000 pieces of the confection at Hollywood Casino Columbus to benefit Cancer Support Community Central Ohio.

A version of this story originally appeared in the 2018 edition of Columbus Monthly City Guide.



Nationwide Children's Hospital
Columbus Marathon

EMMA HOWELLS



Event Calendar

August 3-5, 2018

Pelotonia

pelotonia.org

August 25, 2018

Bump, Set, Science

cosi.org

Sept. 21, 2018

Night of Chocolate

cancersupportohio.org

Sept. 24, 2018

Dana G. "Buck" Rinehart and Jungle Jack's Conservation Cup

columbuszoo.org

Oct. 13-20, 2018

Fashion Week Columbus

fashionweekcolumbus.org

Oct. 21, 2018

Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & 1/2 Marathon

columbusmarathon.com

Spring 2019

Romancing the Grape

romancingthegrape.org

Les Chapeaux dans le Jardin

fpconservatory.org

Taste of Dine Originals

dineoriginalscolumbus.com

A Perfect Match

Overwhelmed by a plethora of local volunteer options and don't know where to start? Fear not; these organizations will help to find volunteer opportunity that works best for you. —Emma Frankart Henterly

Besa

Besa specializes in direct-impact projects, meaning volunteers interact directly with the people benefiting from their service. It's named for an Albanian term, representing the idea people can overcome their differences and come together to make a difference in their communities. The group has coordinated 700 community service projects across more than 50 partner agencies; popular projects include serving meals at shelters, baking cookies at the Ronald McDonald House and providing manpower at food pantries. givebesa.org

Columbus Gives Back

Emphasizing service with a social twist, Columbus Gives Back specializes in evening and weekend opportunities—perfect for busy professionals. The social twist? Groups go out to grab a bite or drink after volunteer activities. The organization also hosts monthly happy hours, where attendees can bring items to donate to the month's featured nonprofit. Partners include LifeCare Alliance, the YWCA, Habitat for Humanity ReStore, the Ronald McDonald House, Star House, community resource centers and more. columbusgivesback.org

HandsOn Central Ohio

This organization boasts one of the largest volunteer networks in the nation. For more than 50 years, it has partnered with nonprofit, school, faith-based and community organizations; opportunities range from working with the homeless to board memberships. In 2016, the organization linked nearly 17,000 volunteers with nearly 800 service projects; the group also partners with businesses to coordinate grants, sponsorships, managed projects and more. volunteercentralohio.org



Courtesy BESa

The Roundup

One of the most tedious aspects of moving to a new area is finding information on day-to-day services and resources. We've compiled some of the most common resources in the area to simplify the process for you.

Safety

EMERGENCIES

911

NON-EMERGENCY

City Divisions of Police

Columbus	614-645-4545
Delaware	740-203-1111
Dublin	614-889-1112
Gahanna	614-342-4240
Grove City	614-277-1710
Hilliard	614-876-7321
Lancaster	740-687-6680
Marion	740-387-2525
Marysville	937-645-7300
Newark	740-670-7200
Pickerington	614-575-6911
Reynoldsburg	614-866-6622
Upper Arlington	614-459-2800
Westerville	614-882-7444
Whitehall	614-237-6333

Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association
buckeyesheriffs.org

Ohio State Highway Patrol
statepatrol.ohio.gov

Resident Services

Golden Buckeye Senior Discount Card

866-301-6446
aging.ohio.gov/goldenbuckeye

Office of Ohio Consumers' Counsel

877-742-5622
pickocc.org

Ohio Association of Free Clinics

614-914-6458
ohiofreeclinics.org

Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles

844-644-6268
bmv.ohio.gov

Ohio Civil Rights Commission

30 E. Broad St., Fifth Floor, Columbus
614-466-2785
crc.ohio.gov

Ohio Department of Health

614-466-3543
odh.ohio.gov

Ohio Department of Insurance

614-644-2658
insurance.ohio.gov

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

jfs.ohio.gov

Ohio Department of Public Safety

publicsafety.ohio.gov

Ohio Department of Taxation

tax.ohio.gov

Ohio Housing Finance Agency

888-362-6432 or 614-466-7970
ohiohome.org

Ohio Voter Registration

614-466-2655
myohiovote.com

Severe Weather Resources

weathersafety.ohio.gov

The Supreme Court of Ohio and the Ohio Judicial System

614-387-9000
supremecourt.ohio.gov



DORAL CHENOWETH III

Utilities

AEP Ohio

A unit of American Electric Power
800-672-2231

aepohio.com

Columbia Gas of Ohio

800-344-4077

columbiagasohio.com

Department of Public Utilities (PUCO)

800-686-7826 or
614-466-3292

puco.ohio.gov

AT&T

Internet, television (DIRECTV and U-verse)
and phone service provider
800-288-2020

att.com/local/ohio

Spectrum

Internet, cable and phone service provider
888-660-8825

bundleinternet.com

WOW!

Internet, cable and phone service provider
800-343-2076

wowway.com

JOJO PHOTOGRAPHY



“The people here are nicer. I remember being at a gas station and the person next to me said, ‘hi.’ I wasn’t used to that. I also noticed how green it was in the spring and summer. The green is much more vibrant here than in Southern California.”

JESS HELLMICH

Dueling Axes chief marketing officer
MOVED TO: Lewis Center in 2011
FROM: San Diego

ROB HARDIN



“I arrived just in time for the spring and summer festival season, and I was impressed with the quantity, quality and diversity of the city’s cultural events. It will be years before I’ve had the opportunity to experience it all!”

DR. MELANIE CORN

Columbus College of Art & Design president
MOVED TO: Columbus in 2016
FROM: Oakland, California

STUDIO POLARIS



“As you live here, you learn to love Columbus, because Columbus is very friendly to people who come from outside the area. So you forget you’re not actually from here. You can adjust that much, because of the people here. Which is very unique. Which doesn’t exist anywhere I’ve lived so far.”

AKIKO MIYAMOTO

RE/MAX 24/7 real estate agent
MOVED TO: Columbus in 2010
FROM: Tokyo, by way of LA, Boston, New York and North Carolina

JODI MILLER



Bethia Woolf

Owner, **Columbus Food Adventures**

I moved here in June 2006 from Massachusetts, but I'm originally from London, England. I enjoy trying new restaurants, and my business requires that I keep up on what's new in Central Ohio's burgeoning food scene.

Our food exploration takes us to just about every neighborhood in the city, and we particularly enjoy searching for new restaurants serving immigrant cuisines. Doing this has been a real eye-opener—it really underscores the city's diversity, and we're constantly amazed by the ever-expanding variety of international culinary experiences available. I can go from Filipino to Senegalese to Ecuadorian cuisines without ever being more than 20 minutes away from home.

As told to Jessica Salerno

Libraries

Columbus' library system serves the city and surrounding suburbs with 23 branches. Partner libraries in the suburbs and rural cities (see listings on next page) extend the reach even further.

Columbus Metropolitan Library System

96 S. Grant Ave., Columbus (main branch)
614-645-2275 • columbuslibrary.org

LOCAL BRANCHES

- 115 Franklin St., Canal Winchester
- 1422 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus
- 1061 W. Town St., Columbus
- 511 S. Hague Ave., Columbus
- 5590 Karl Rd., Columbus
- 2223 Cleveland Ave., Columbus
- 3434 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus
- 2740 Lockbourne Rd., Columbus
- 1600 E. Long St., Columbus
- 4093 Cleveland Ave., Columbus
- 1423 N. High St., Columbus
- 1113 Parsons Ave. Columbus
- 850 N. Nelson Rd., Columbus
- 3540 S. High St., Columbus
- 3909 N. High St., Columbus
- 4445 E. Broad St., Columbus
- 6765 Dublin Center Dr., Dublin
- 310 Granville St., Gahanna
- 3980 S. Hamilton Rd., Groveport
- 4772 Cemetery Rd., Hilliard
- 200 Market St., New Albany
- 1402 Brice Rd., Reynoldsburg

BARBARA J. PERENIC

Columbus Metropolitan Library Main Branch



PARTNER BRANCHES

Alexandria Public Library

10 Maple Dr., Alexandria
740-924-3561

alexandrialibrary.org

Bexley Public Library

2411 E. Main St., Bexley
614-231-2793

bexleylibrary.org

Delaware County District Library

Main: 84 E. Winter St., Delaware
740-362-3861

Orange Branch: 7171 Gooding Blvd.
Delaware • 740-549-2665

Ostrander Branch: 75 N. Fourth St.
Ostrander • 740-666-1410

Powell Branch: 460 S. Liberty Rd., Powell
614-888-9160

delawarelibrary.org

Fairfield County District Library

Main: 219 N. Broad St., Lancaster
740-653-2745

Baltimore: 205 E. Market St., Baltimore
740-862-8505

Bremen: 200 School St., Bremen
740-569-7246

Johns: 116 E. High St., Amanda
740-969-2785

Northwest: 2855 Helena Dr. NW, Carroll
740-756-4391

fcdlibrary.org

Grandview Heights Public Library

1685 W. First Ave., Columbus • 614-486-2951

ghpl.org

Granville Public Library

217 E. Broadway, Granville • 740-587-0196

granvillelibrary.org

London Public Library

20 E. First St., London • 740-852-9543

mylondonlibrary.org

Marysville Public Library

Main: 231 S. Plum St., Marysville
937-642-1876

Raymond Branch: 21698 Main St.
Raymond • 937-246-4795

marysvillelib.org

Pataskala Public Library

101 S. Vine St., Pataskala
740-927-9986

pataskalalibrary.org

Pickaway County District Library

Main: 1160 N. Court St., Circleville
740-477-1644

Floyd E. Younkin Branch: 51 Long St.
Ashville • 740-983-8856

pickawaylib.org

Pickerington Public Library

Main: 201 Opportunity Way, Pickerington
614-837-4104

Sycamore Plaza: 7861 Refugee Rd.
Pickerington • 614-837-4383

pickeringtonlibrary.org

Plain City Public Library

305 W. Main St., Plain City
During renovation: 249 W. Main St.
Plain City • 740-490-8614

plaincitylib.org

Southwest Public Libraries

3959 Broadway, Grove City
614-875-6716

swpl.org

Upper Arlington Public Library

Main: 2800 Tremont Rd.
Upper Arlington • 614-486-9621

Lane Road: 1945 Lane Rd.
Upper Arlington • 614-459-0273

Miller Park: 1901 Arlington Ave.
Upper Arlington • 614-488-5710

ualibrary.org

Wagnalls Memorial Library

150 E. Columbus St., Lithopolis
614-837-4765

wagnallslibrary.org

Worthington Libraries

Old Worthington: 820 High St., Worthington

Northwest: 2280 Hard Rd., Columbus

Worthington Park: 1389 Worthington
Centre Dr., Worthington
614-807-2626

worthingtonlibraries.org

MEGAN LEIGH BARNARD



Doug
Ulman

President, **Pelotonia**

We moved in December of 2014 to Bexley, and we love how accessible everything is—getting to downtown, the airport, Franklin Park, COSI, the Columbus Museum of Art—the city has so much to offer.

For us, the driving factor has really been the quality of life we have here. It's a level of civic and community engagement that we see all around us, and I think the emphasis on service and being a part of the community is phenomenal and sets Columbus apart from a lot of places.

We are constantly discovering impressive new things about the city. Things like we have the largest children's research hospital in the country, the largest Race for the Cure and cancer bike ride events in the country, or that we have the largest Ronald McDonald House. We had great expectations when we moved here that we would love it, and those expectations have been exceeded.

As told to Jessica Salerno

Courtesy CELESTE MALVAR-STEWART



Celeste Malvar-Stewart

Designer,
Malvar Stewart

We came here in July 2012 and were enchanted by the city. It has this unique culture of collaboration.

We live in German Village, and I love that it's so quaint and beautiful, but we can look out of our kitchen window and see downtown. Moving here from NYC, that was a big deal; we wanted to be near downtown but still have a home where we get to walk our dogs and know our neighbors.

I had no idea that I would be able to create fashion here. We have the third-highest concentration of fashion designers in the nation. I've met a lot of people in the industry, and it's fun to be around that type of crowd.

As told to Jessica Salerno

KYLE ROBERTSON



Gyms and Fitness Centers

Central Ohio is home to hundreds of locally owned gyms, fitness centers and specialty fitness studios. Listed below are "big box" centers that are well-represented, with multiple locations in the area.

Planet Fitness

- Canal Winchester
- Columbus
- Delaware
- Gahanna
- Hilliard
- Newark
- Marion
- Pickerington
- Whitehall
- Worthington

planetfitness.com

Crunch Fitness

- Hilliard
- Reynoldsburg

crunch.com

Life Time Fitness

- Columbus
- Dublin
- Pickerington
- Upper Arlington

lifetimefitness.com

Anytime Fitness

- Bellefontaine
- Delaware
- Grove City
- London
- Marion
- Marysville
- Mount Vernon
- Westerville

anytimefitness.com

LA Fitness

- Columbus
- Grove City
- Hilliard
- Powell

lafitness.com

YMCA

- Bellefontaine
- Canal Winchester
- Circleville
- Columbus
- Delaware
- Gahanna
- Grove City
- Hilliard
- Powell
- Reynoldsburg (coming soon)
- Urbancrest

ymcacolumbus.org

- Galion

galioncenterymca.org

- Lancaster

ymcalancaster.org

- Marion

marionymca.org

- Marysville

unioncountyyymca.org

- Newark
- Pataskala

lcfymca.org

Houses of Worship

The Columbus Region is religiously diverse, and houses of worship dedicated to virtually every faith are well-represented throughout the area.

The three religions most represented in the Columbus Metropolitan Statistical Area are Christian: the Catholic Church, the United Methodist Church and non-denominational Evangelical Protestant.*

Among non-Christian religions, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Judaism all have strong followings and local congregations.

Newer religions with

universal messages—including the Bahá'í Faith, the Center for Spiritual Living and Unitarian



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Universalism—also have local centers of worship.

You can find more statistical information on area religious representation at thearda.com.

Equality Ohio, an advocacy and education group focusing on LGBTQ equality, offers a searchable database of welcoming faith communities. Their database includes congregations from a range of religions, including Roman Catholic, Quaker, Methodist, United Church of Christ and more. Find it at equalityohio.org/find-your-faith.

*Data from the 2010 “U.S. Religion Census: Religious Congregations & Membership Study,” which is collected by the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies and distributed by the Association of Religion Data Archives. The ASARB census collects data for the Columbus Metropolitan Statistical Area, which includes Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Morrow, Pickaway and Union counties, as well as two other counties (Hocking and Perry) not in the Columbus Region. Visit thearda.com for more information.

Supermarkets

Locally owned and international/ethnic grocers abound in addition to these large chains found throughout the Columbus Region.

Fresh Thyme
Farmer's Market
freshthyme.com

Giant Eagle
gianteagle.com

Kroger
kroger.com

Meijer
meijer.com

Save-A-Lot
save-a-lot.com

Whole Foods
wholefoodsmarket.com



Courtesy RYAN BUZZANCA



Ryan Buzzanca

Head of engineering,
Bold Penguin

I moved here with my family in December 2016 from Erie, Pennsylvania. The city had its limits with respect to how much I could grow professionally. Columbus has that hometown feel, plus room to expand my skills. I could grow a team here. The cost of living is relatively low, and the software engineers are skilled. I wasn't seeing an innovative startup scene in Erie; I saw ample opportunity here. There are huge data centers being built out, lots of big businesses transforming themselves, entrepreneurs with tons of ideas and an expanding tech community.

For me, it wasn't just about getting a job and coding away; it's having the freedom to pick the tech stack to solve problems holistically. It's about having the ecosystem of like-minded individuals around you. Central Ohio has that, and in some ways I feel that we can be our own version of Silicon Valley.

*As told to Emma Frankart
Henterly*



TIM JOHNSON

“I think this is a jewel that is just beginning to be discovered. ... I think people are realizing what’s happening here.”

MARK KVAMME, Drive Capital co-founder/managing partner

MOVED TO: Columbus in 2011

FROM: Silicon Valley



Courtesy ACACIA DUNCAN

“It’s easier to get where you want to be than in other cities of our size. And I’m not just talking about geography.”

ACACIA DUNCAN, Articulation, Inc.

senior director/communication coach

MOVED TO: Grandview Heights in 2003

FROM: Lansing, Michigan, by way of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio

“The longer [my wife and I have] been here, the more exciting it’s been.”

DR. MICHAEL DRAKE, The Ohio State University president

MOVED TO: Columbus in 2014

FROM: Irvine, California



TIM JOHNSON

Banks and Credit Unions

Bank of America

bankofamerica.com

CFBank

cfbankonline.com

Chase Bank

chase.com

Columbus First Bank

columbusfirstbank.com

Credit Union of Ohio

cuofohio.org

Fifth Third Bank

53.com

First Commonwealth Bank

fcbanking.com

First Financial Bank

bankatfirst.com

First Merchants Bank

firstmerchants.com

Heartland Bank

heartlandbank.com

Huntington Bank

huntington.com

Kemba Financial Credit Union

kemba.org

KeyBank

key.com

Park National Bank

parknationalbank.com

PNC Bank

pnc.com

Telhio Credit Union

telhio.org

U.S. Bank

usbank.com

WesBanco Bank

wesbanco.com

“

Columbus' LGBT spirit and arts culture are both top-notch, and improving every year.”

ALEX FROMMEYER

Beam Dental CEO

MOVED TO: Columbus in 2014

FROM: Louisville, Kentucky

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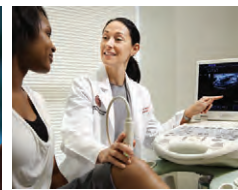
Columbus is an exciting place to live and feels like something coming to life right now. I'm very lucky to be here for that.”

NOAH VAN SCIVER

Cartoonist

MOVED TO: Columbus in 2016

FROM: Denver, Colorado



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