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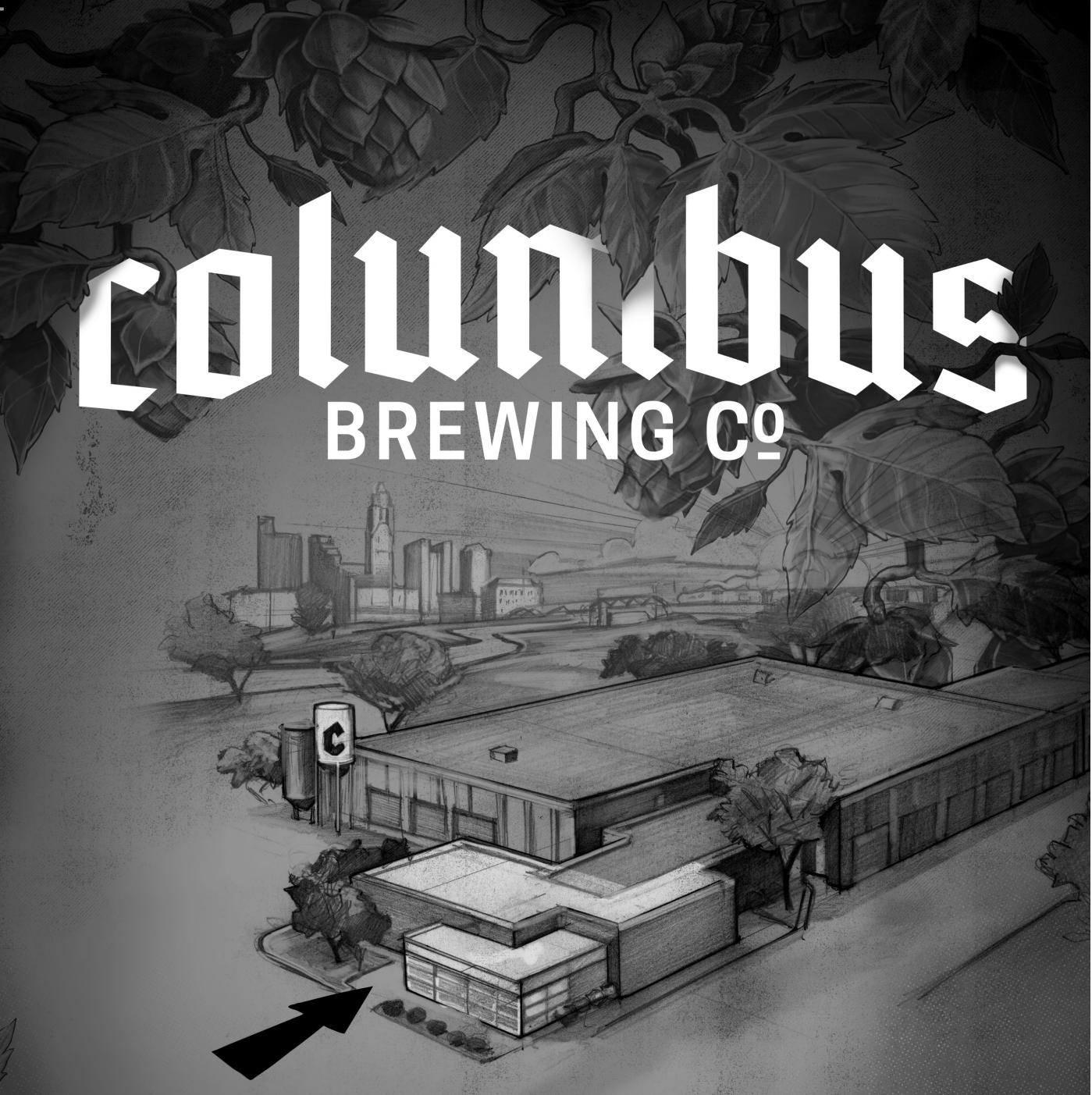
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Welcome to ComFest!

Regardless of your reasons for making it part of your weekend, your presence here makes you part of an ongoing experiment in self-government and cultural preservation.

Now in its 48th year, ComFest (originally Community Festival) defies easy categorizing. From its 1972 University-area origin—organized by hippie businesspeople and merchants, political activists, musicians, and several alternative social services—to its present-day status as a Columbus institution, ComFest has stressed street-level democracy that puts power in the hands of the many rather than the few.

The cultural and political upheavals of 50 years ago spread as small groups of citizens took on issues not being addressed by the existing social structure. They forged solutions in their own communities and took encouragement from their awareness of similar actions in cities both here and abroad.

In Columbus, these groups included a food co-op, tenants union, free medical clinic, the city's first rape crisis center, an alternative newspaper, environmental groups, draft resistance, and a phone service to help community residents connect with resources sensitive to their needs.

Early festivals were a smorgasbord of culture and politics. Bead and leather workers sold their goods. The National Lawyers Guild explained its work to combat police violence. The anarchic Yippies had a card table that offered brownies in both regular and “adult” forms. And the bands played on.

Poet and playwright Is Said peddled silk-screened T-shirts and small collections of his politically conscious poetry. (Here's a shout-out to him. Ill health is causing him to miss having a booth at ComFest for the first time since it began.)

The concept of “Think Globally, Act Locally” has gained greater relevance over the past several decades. It recognizes how awareness and understanding of the Big Picture is a precondition for addressing solutions in our own communities.

This year ComFest slogan, “Local Action, Global Impact” adds a twist on the saying to emphasize how political action by small groups in their own communities can have a tremendous ripple effect. Social media allows information to go viral and sweep the world. The explosive spread of Black Lives Matter and #MeToo



Community organization Fan the Flames at an early ComFest

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offers relevant U.S. examples.

Conversely, the nature of specific problems demands that we look at how our actions, or lack of them, affect everyone else in the world, in both our contributions to problems and devising of solutions. The looming effects of global climate change don't allow for anything but cooperative effort by all nations.

It's hard to overstate the value of seeing things as a whole. Researchers have found, for example, that the most skilled mechanics are those who understand a machine as a single entity rather than as a series of disparate parts.

ComFest's Statement of Principles (p.9) affirms that our lives depend on each other. Successive generations have sustained and reinforced this vision. We believe that, although no individual can save the world, shared effort by many can save parts of it.

Although grounded in ideals, ComFest's work emphasizes true change in the real world. Unlike the White House, Congress and the Ohio Statehouse (where, despite admitted lack of expertise, professed champions of life and morality persist in finding ways to climb into women's vaginas), ComFest is a fact-based community that employs facts to reshape the facts of institutional racism and sexism, voter suppression, resurgent fascism, economic and political structures that favor the wealthy, and the actions of an

extremist cabal in the U.S. government that is engaged in a frontal attack on the very concept of truth.

The bald lies of the current administration and its minions bring to mind what George Orwell wrote in 1984: "The party told you to reject the evidence of your eyes and ears. It was their final, most essential command."

It is necessary and exhausting work to confront these realities. And celebration is an essential element of supporting each other. We need to share our successes and encourage continued effort.

Sure, a celebration includes music and beer, but it's about more than that. So ComFest bundles health, political, and environmental education with food, music, children's activities, comedy, libations, and the products of local independent businesspeople to illustrate how each of these pieces contributes to building and sustaining a community.

At least as important as your being in Goodale Park this weekend is what you can take with you when you leave: an openness

to alternatives to entrenched social and political structures, a spirit of inclusiveness that transcends differences, a commitment to being informed about issues, and a recognition that celebration is one component of the larger work that it takes to control your own body, community, and future.

—Steve Abbott



Poet Is Said at ComFest 2018

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- No bottles or cans/NO BYOB. No glass of any kind.
- Please follow all federal, state, county, city, Ohio Dept. of Commerce Division of Liquor Control laws.
- No weapons of any kind are allowed at the event.
- No unauthorized motor vehicles or parking in the park.
- Walk bikes inside the park.
- No roller skates/blades/skateboards/Segways or scooters except medical mobility devices.
- No vending, distribution of arts, crafts, literature or petitioning except at an authorized booth space.
- Animals must be leashed and owners must clean up after them. For your pets' sake—leave them at home.
- No fires, grills, fireworks, torches or sparklers.
- No tents/shade shelters except event-authorized uses.
- No swimming in the pond.
- No drones.
- No unauthorized sound amplification.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

COMFEST CLOSING TIMES:

Friday at 11 PM, Saturday at 10 PM, and Sunday at 8 PM.

The Barricade at Swan & Park Street will close at 10 PM Friday/9 PM Saturday. No re-entry will be allowed

1. Look for Safety volunteers in ComFest T-shirts with SAFETY on the back for help and information. If something doesn't seem right - notify Safety.
2. Base station for Safety is at the north end of the Shelterhouse in the center of the park.
3. Program Guides are available at perimeter barricades, Information Station and bars.
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Restoring Our Planet Reclaiming Our Hope

"Do you ever wonder if Libby Gregory came back as Greta Thunberg?"

That fanciful question from long-time ComFest artist Paul Volker linking young Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg to ComFest co-founder Libby Gregory makes perfect sense. Until her untimely death in 1991, Libby was a fierce advocate for the planet. She would have loved Greta as much as Greta loves our only home, Earth.

Last fall, when the UN warned that the climate crisis will be irreversible by 2030 unless major changes are made now to stop use of fossil fuels, 15-year-old Greta started a one-person, three-week sit-down in front of the Swedish Parliament. Her "School Strike for Climate," amplified by online videos, spread around the globe. Within six months her impassioned voice had forced a dramatic shift in public policy debates throughout Europe.

Paul's question also spotlights an unexpected dynamic this year. In a time of unprecedented global political crisis, with the fate of the planet literally in the balance, there are two groups facing the coming struggle with hope rather than hopelessness. These are activists from two widely separated eras: Libby's and Greta's. The hope carried by Generation Z kids and their activist Boomer grand-elders may come from different life experiences, but in both cases their analysis is more leftist and markedly more action-oriented than the age cohorts in between.

Greta's peers, now in their teens and early 20s, have hope because they have no other choice but to believe it's possible to stop a slide into extinction. Libby's peers, activists now in their 60s and 70s, have hope because they recognize that this new youth uprising is, finally, the real thing, poised to make transformative change in worldwide politics and culture.

The hope being collectively nurtured among the youngest activists is contagious. But they're not relying on solely on hope. They have a strategy and are building a fast-growing and effective movement.

Groups like Extinction Rebellion and Sunrise Movement aim to convey the sense of urgency the crisis requires and make governments move qualitatively faster to reduce carbon emissions. To accomplish this, they're mobilizing mass civil disobedience and direct

action, developing an international network of committed individuals.

Fridays For Future, one of the student organizations calling for a global strike for climate action in September, says there are now weekly school strikes happening in 168 countries, with over 1,800 local strikes on one day, May 24.

Yet there are massive corporate investments standing in the way of change. Simply making changes in individual lifestyles won't be enough, and neither will electoral changes.

Restoring our planet will require radical restructuring of economic and social relations. Accomplishing that peacefully is unimaginable outside the context of mass nonviolent civil disobedience.

This can only happen when enough people who would rather be minding their own business decide they have to step outside the comfort of denialism or nihilism and instead take the future into their own hands.

In Europe, climate activists are doing that literally, supergluing their hands to the doors of government buildings and chaining their bodies to the gates. And it's working. Not only are governments moving to formally declare climate change an emergency, but a landmark decision in a recent UK jury trial accepted the necessity defense in a property damage case, agreeing that civil disobedience is a proportionate response to the threats posed by the climate crisis.

Reclaiming our hope means deepening understanding in our community about political developments in other countries, because so many of the world-shaping changes are happening first outside the US. Seeking out reliable sources for world news is imperative for anyone who seeks to avoid despair.

For example, not knowing how fast global public opinion on the environment is changing leads to a dim view of prospects to save the planet. Yet the technology exists to meet the 2030 deadline; all that's missing is the political will to deploy it.

And if making that policy shift means blocking the doors of government, that's what we'll do -- for our children and our children's children's children.

– Mimi Morris

ComFest 365

Community Festival is a non-profit organization run by volunteers who work year-round through committees and general meetings to produce the festival each June. We welcome new members and new ideas. We make decisions based on a consensus model grounded in our core principles and code of regulations. You can learn more by visiting us on the web at comfest.com and our Community Festival Facebook page.

Community Festival looks easier than it really is. More than three dozen organizers work on it all year when nobody's looking. Each autumn, festival organizers host a planning retreat to work on improving the festival and strengthening community relations.

In early March each year, Community Festival sponsors a logo contest that attracts creative individuals who share their artistic talents hoping their winning design will grace volunteer T-shirts, beer mugs and the Program Guide cover. The contest brings people together and helps celebrate the local arts community.

In early May, the annual membership meeting attracts organizers, volunteers and community organization representatives. We gather for a meal, conversation, a bit of business, and conclude with the most rewarding thing we get to do each year: distribute grants to support

worthy innovative programs of local community organizations (see page 31).

Involvement in community projects and other city events is how ComFesters promote the spirit of the organization throughout the year. In March 2018, ComFest co-sponsored an event with The Ohio State

University Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum. A guided tour of "Tales From la Vida" explored the exhibit which featured LatinX comics graphically illustrating autobiographical short stories within the language, culture and history that inform LatinX identity and life. Donations at the event raised funds and awareness for Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services

and Community Refugee & Immigration Services. We hope to have more of these ComFest 365 events in the future.

Today's organizers are the beneficiaries of over 46 years of planning and momentum, but there is always room for new volunteers ready to take the next step, from working at the festival to joining a committee and making ComFest something you do rather than simply attend. Maybe this is your year to step up and put your talents to work in helping to produce the city's best annual festival. Why not surprise yourself?

— ComFest Program Staff

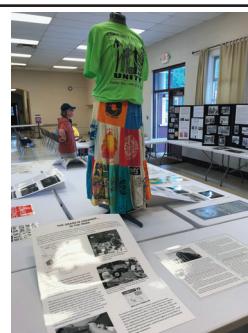


J.M. Hunter explaining his Latinx Comics at Tales From la Vida

Visit the ComFest Museum

Stop by the Shelterhouse to visit the ComFest Museum and discover a rich history in the Columbus community. There will be displays of memorabilia and film footage from

prior festivals. A colorful display of prior years' festival T-shirts adorns two walls. Docents will be on hand to answer questions and embellish the history with their own experiences.



COMMUNITY FESTIVAL STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES



The Community Festival is guided by its Principles.
The Principles are statements of what the members believe
is basically important. They are:

We think that people ought to work for the collective good of all people rather than for personal gain.
We support cooperation and collective activity rather than competition and individual profit.

The basic necessities of life are a right and not a privilege.
People have the collective right to control the conditions of their lives.

People should strive to conduct their lives in harmony with the environment.

We recognize that there are primary attitudes that divide and oppress people.
These attitudes are usually shown by prejudice against people on the basis of age, class, ability,
income, race, sex and sexual preference/orientation.

We seek to eliminate these attitudes.

The Statement of Principles is more important than any other writings of the Community Festival.

MEETING SCHEDULE

2019

Tuesday, July 9, 7:30 PM – Follow-Up Meeting
Sunday, July 21, 1 PM – Follow-Up Meeting
August - No Meetings
Thursday, September 12, 7:30 PM
Sunday, September 22, 1 PM
Tuesday, October 15, 7:30 PM
Sunday, October 27, 1 PM
Thursday, November 7, 7:30 PM
Sunday, November 17, 1 PM
Thursday, December 5, 7:30 PM

2020

Sunday, January 12, 1 PM
Sunday, February 16, 1 PM
Thursday, March 5, 7:30 PM
Thursday, March 12, 7:30 PM – *Logo Contest*
Sunday, March 22, 1 PM
Thursday, April 2, 7:30 PM
Sunday, April 19, 1 PM
Thursday, May 7, 7 PM – *Membership Meeting*
Thursday, May 14, 7:30 PM
Thursday, June 4, 7:30 PM
Sunday, June 14, 1 PM
Wednesday, June 24, 7:30 PM

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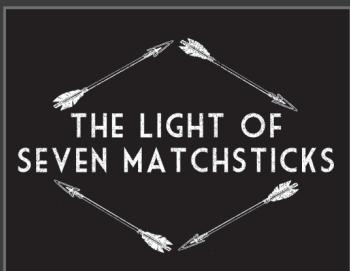
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HONORED COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

Connie Hammond

If eighty percent of what is important in life is showing up, then there probably aren't many Columbus residents with a richer life than Connie Hammond. Since the early 2000s Connie has dutifully published the weekly "Central Ohio Peace Network" online newsletter for her hundreds of subscribers. The newsletter is a comprehensive calendar of social justice-related community events, actions, trainings, state and local government hearings, performance arts, and more. Browsing through the list of events for any given week shows just how active the activist community is in Columbus, and how diverse its interests are. In many ways, the newsletter's breadth and depth reflects the tireless spirit and dedication of its organizer.

Connie Hammond has been active in peace and justice issues in Columbus since the '80s when she began protesting the spread of nuclear weapons and the wars in Central America and later, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. She was drawn to these issues by her mentor Jo Ellen Locke, who led the Peace and Justice Study group at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. As her commitment to social justice deepened, so did the span of her work.

"Connie has been a tireless advocate for important peace and justice issues in Central Ohio since I met her in the 1980's," says long-time Comfest Organizer Michael Gruber. "She makes extra efforts to participate in many of the events and protests she posts in the Peace Network Newsletter."

Connie sees clear connections between the various causes to which she has dedicated her life: discretionary wars, environmental neglect, apartheid states abroad, and a fraying social safety net at home.

To Connie, all these issues deserve our time and attention. She gave them hers—all while juggling a career with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and raising her daughter Amy, who was always supportive and inspired by her mom's advocacy. At age 8, Amy walked with her mom on the Ohio Women's Peace Walk from Athens to Columbus, staying in churches and talking about abolishing nuclear weapons. She continued to join her mom's anti-nuclear advocacy over the years.

In addition to managing the newsletter, Connie continues to dedicate her time in retirement to advocating for these causes through the Progressive Peace Coalition, Jewish Voice for Peace, Move to Amend, Single Payer Action Network, and most recently as a founding board member of Central Ohio Workers' Center.

Farrell Brody of Jewish Voice for Peace describes her as "THE activist's activist," and that her "incredible work for years is

known to almost every social just activist in Columbus. She will labor for those causes without ever asking for rewards, and always with enthusiasm and intelligence."

If there is anything Connie would like us to recognize, it's that there is so much diverse activism happening in the city today, all of it is important, and everyone's voice is welcome and needed. She is encouraged by how much larger the advocacy community has grown since she started 40 years ago and sees it as a sign of a healthy and engaged community.

You can join her and the rest of the community by signing up for the Columbus Peace Network newsletter by visiting www.columbuspeacenetwork.org/

— Graham Bowman



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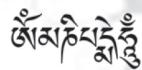
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Dinosaurs Also Thought They Had More Time

This year's beer mug slogan has its origins in Brussels, Belgium. At a rally supporting EarthStrike week, a worldwide environmental civil disobedience action, a young woman held up a sign "I'm Sure Dinosaurs Thought They Had Time, Too."

This poster was seen around the world. The phrase captured the essence of the argument that climate change is not about small change but about humans continuing to exist on planet Earth.

EarthStrike was led by the Extinction Rebellion. Based in England, the group used daily acts of civil disobedience in April to disrupt London. Protestors glued themselves to buses and the London Stock exchange as well as other acts of civil disobedience, with more than 1,000 arrests.

The movement is led by young people who believe scientists who say that if real change is not implemented by 2030, the Earth will have passed the point of no return. Seeing inaction at all levels of government, the Extinction Rebellion has taken it upon themselves to push for action by taking direct actions to spur governments to move.

Greta Thornberg, a 16-year-old Swedish leader of the new environmental movement, put it this way: "We can't save the world by playing by the rules. Because the rules have to be changed. Everything needs to change. And it has to start today. So everyone out there, it is now time for civil disobedience. It is time to rebel."

ComFest started out of the rebellion in the 1960s and 70s. when young people dared to question a senseless war in Vietnam. Young people also questioned why there was no equality for people of

color, for women and the LGBTQ community.

Fifty years later we are still fighting many of these battles. On climate change, we don't have 50 years.

Worldwide, students have heeded the call for a Global Strike for Climate Change, a walkout every Friday to protest climate change. On May 24, students in 131 countries in more 1800 cities, almost two million young people walked out of schools around the world to demand that governments take climate change seriously.



Photo by Michael Gruber

In Scotland, five Extinction Rebellion activists chained themselves to the fence outside of Parliament. Keys to the locks were sent to each party in Parliament, asking each of them to come out and start a discussion. The MPs came out to talk and free the protestors.

Even though Scotland declared a climate emergency in April after a student walkout,

activists thought the 2045 date for zero carbon emissions was not aggressive enough.

Global Strike for Climate Change 3 is scheduled for September. The leaders of the strike are calling for adults to join them.

We all need to join the students. We need to join the movement for ourselves and for our children and grandchildren. It is time for all of us to say: If the government doesn't stop polluters, we'll stop the government.

Pick up a sign. Get out into the streets. Disrupt the status quo until world governments join together to take action immediately to combat climate change.

— Michael Weber

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HONORED COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

Peoples Justice Project

In the summer of 2016, as police shootings were being scrutinized across the country, a young African American man, Henry Green, was shot and killed by two Columbus police officers patrolling in an unmarked vehicle in Linden.

Three months later, 13-year-old Tyre King was shot and killed by Columbus police in Olde Town East as he ran from officers following an alleged robbery.

After both incidents, demonstrators with the People's Justice Project (PJP) protested the shootings. Organizers demanded answers from elected officials and alerted the broader community to the crisis of police shootings right here in Columbus.

PJP activists took their concerns and a list of demands for police reform to Columbus City Hall, where 150 protesters called for independent investigations of the recent shootings and accountability for the officers involved.

People's Justice Project organizers also called for an end to the city's "Summer Community Safety Initiative," an aggressive policing program that PJP viewed as disproportionately targeting African American residents and neighborhoods.

A week later, People's Justice Project brought its concerns inside Columbus City Council chambers, with over 100 protesters taking over the weekly Council meeting.

For its advocacy to reform the criminal justice system and its important efforts on behalf of victims of police violence and their families, ComFest is proud to recognize People's Justice Project as its 2019 Honored Community Organization.

Founded in 2015, People's Justice Project is a non-profit grassroots organization of working people and communities of color united across Columbus.

PJP works to confront police violence, end mass incarceration, and promote safety and health in our communities.

PJP representatives met several times with City Council members and presented their demands. City officials later announced minor changes to the summer safety initiative.

"We're tired of being told to wait and just be quiet," People's Justice Project organizer Tammy Fournier-Alsaada told the *Columbus Dispatch*. "We're tired of

our young people in our community being killed by police."

PJP has also called for public health initiatives to combat gun violence and improve minority recruitment in the Columbus Police and Fire Departments. African Americans make up 30 percent of the population in Columbus and only 10 percent of CPD officers.

PJP's efforts have been effective. In 2017, city officials announced a program to deploy social workers into neighborhoods victimized by crime and gun violence. The initiative is intended to help residents recover from violence in their neighborhoods and strengthen resilience.

More recently, Mayor Andrew Ginther appointed Tammy Fournier-Alsaada to a commission charged with evaluating Columbus Division of Police policies and recommending changes. The commission is also charged with addressing tensions between CPD and minority communities.

ComFest stands with and salutes PJP. In a national political climate where past policing reforms are under attack, People's Justice Project is needed more than ever.



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— Marty Stutz

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The ComFest Info & Merch Booths and Information Station are where you come to volunteer, grab a Program Guide, and get useful information about ComFest.

We can answer most of your questions and point you in the right direction. The Info & Merch locations are where you also find cool ComFest souvenirs. The main location is inside the park near Park & Russell Streets, one west of the Live Arts Stage, and one in Peace Village. Beer chips can also be purchased at the main location. Information Station is also near Park & Russell.

When You Volunteer Shifts are usually only 4 hours. Each hour earns one volunteer chip redeemable for food, beverages or ComFest merchandise. You get a cool ComFest T-shirt with this year's logo and slogan. Wear your T-shirt proudly, but only while working your shift. Please turn the shirt inside out when not on duty.

You will enjoy ComFest more if you drink responsibly.



Community Organization Volunteers

Check with your group about volunteering with Safety or Clean-up/Recycling. In order to be reimbursed their deposit fee, organizations must provide six four-hour shifts.

Volunteering next year. ComFest will also need you in 2020. Sign up early at comfest.com, or reach out to us any time on Community Festival Facebook page, Instagram, or Twitter. While you're there, follow us.

Need help finding your favorite Street Fair vendor, stage, or community organization?

Check out any of the five ComFest Information kiosks around the park. Several kiosks are located near the main ComFest Info & Merch Booth. and Information Station. Another is near the Dr. Goodale statue and there is also one at the Info & Merch booth just west of the Live Arts Stage.

Lost & Found is also located at Information Station inside the park entrance at Park and Russell. If you find something or have lost something, come see us. Unclaimed items will be kept a short time after ComFest. E-mail LOST@ComFest.com. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity or disposed of properly. Keep an eye on your stuff and tag it with a name and number where you can be reached.

— Jared Keron

FIELD GUIDE TO COMFESTERS

Bike Corral	Yellow Haze.....	Mellow Yellow Quite Bikely
Cleanup/Recycling	Kiwi.....	Keeping Things Clean & Green
ComFest Merch & Info	Heather Red.....	Use Volunteer Chips for Merch
Electric.....	Safety Green.....	Keeping Current
Entertainment	Antique Jade Green	Kaleidescope of Sounds
Equipment.....	Heather Navy	Taking Care of Tables & Chairs
First Aid	Pink	Think Pink When in Need
KiDSART.....	Galapagos Blue.....	Island of Kid Creativity
Libations.....	Berry.....	Berry Happy to Serve You

Logistics/Site	Garnet	Gems of Volunteers
Parking	Corn Silk.....	Stalking Parking Spaces
Program.....	Antique Irish Green	Top o' The ComFest News
Safety/No BYOB.....	Gold	Golden Rules
Signage.....	Neon Green.....	This Way That Way
Spirit & Purpose	Violet	The Spectrum of Purpose
Street Fair.....	Indigo Blue	In The Mood for Street Fair Goods
Turf & Trees.....	Ash Grey	Park Healers
Volunteer/Info.....	Heather Red.....	Ask and Ye Shall Find

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How Do You Get A Cool Shirt? Volunteer!

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Mendelson, Ro-z Mendelson, Annette Mericle, Mikey's Late Nite, Christine Miller, Dana Miller, David Miller, Liz Miller, Stephanie Miller, Michael Moore, Roxan Myers, Erin Neer, Diane Newberry, Jim Nuzum Sr., Andrew Ocumma, Claressa Page, Raad Page, Betsy Pandora, Margie Pandora, Holly Parkerson, Nikole Patson, Ariel Peguero, Tricia Pike, Allison Piner, Ben Posnik, Zack Posnik, Amanda Lambert; Marquita Queeley, Ernie Rapson, Mary Rathke, Don Rice, Joyce Rice, Leah Reibel, Sabrina Renkar, Stephanie Richardson, Emily Riley, Scott Risner, Deb Robinson, Iderah Roeck, Katie Russell, Kimberly Russell, Mimi Russell, Steve Russell, Lori Sachs, Stephanie Schleappi, Lacey Short, Josh Sidonis, Stephanie Simmons, Sheba Smith, Jennifer Stacy, John Stacy, Betsy Stanley, Lynn Stan, Nicholas Steinbrecher, Perry Slaughter, Lauren Tenant, Sue Tenant, John Tierney, Heide Turner, Jennifer Tussey, Jim Tussey, Mike Tussey, Tom Tussey, Lauren Vanarsdale, Eric Vivens, Candy Watkins, Taylor Wendel, Jeff Widner, Heidi Wiemken, Deb Willaman, Lew Williams, Sean Williams,

Zana Williams, Paul Wilkins, Chris Windon, Cyndi Woods, Connor Wright, Kathy Cross-Wright, Gretel Young, Ryan Ziefler, Robert Lawson (in memory) Sally Kensler-LeValley (in memory), Don Ruben (in memory), Beau Wylie (in memory) and the late great Charlie Einhorn.

Voter Registration:

Jamie Adams, Catherine Bradshaw, Paige Bradshaw, Daniel Carroll, Laura Cotton, Patsy Deerake, Porsha Edwards, Jacob Ellis, Ganesh Ethiraj, Alana Evans, Phelena Farley, Lara Ford, Rebecca Hamilton, Dan Jones, Brook Kohn, Maggie Mahoney, Benjamin Makowski, Beverly Meyers, Rachel Moore, Diana Morrison, Alan Paul, Renee Paul, Caitlin Peet, Corrie Peterson, Dylan Ratiiff, Jack Roberts, Kimberly Russell, Bethany Sanders, Eric Schafer, Branden Schilling, Joshua Scott, Hilary Shaw, Kay Slone, Mike Soltis, Joseph Taylor, Kimberly Thomas, Winifred Wirth, Jubilee Witte, Caitlin Yahr

Your Name Here:

Would you like to see your name here? You need to volunteer. Stop by Information Station or the ComFest Info & Merch booths and find out how you can be one of the people who make ComFest happen. Volunteering is the only way to get the unique volunteer T-shirt featuring this year's logo design. Our Clean-Up and Recycling or Safety teams still need help in the evenings. And once again - **THANK YOU!**



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Preparing to come to ComFest?

Please leave your car,
your dog,
your BYOB
and your cooler
at home.

**TRAVEL
LIGHT!**

**LEAVE
NO TRACE!**

Please look down, clean up, and love our beautiful park!



Spirit & Purpose

ComFest celebrates community in all its manifestations from business to art to community organizations.

This concept of collective work and celebration is central to the Statement of Principles (see page 9) that guides every aspect of ComFest. Entertainment provides local music; Street Fair shows off local business, food, and arts and crafts; Spirit & Purpose focuses on health and wellness, performance art, and social and political issues of the day with a variety of speakers and workshops.

This year S&P once again explores some of the most critical issues of the day: gun violence, discrimination, immigration, civil rights, women's issues, environmental concerns, and, as always, health and healing as individuals and as a community.

Peace Village has lots of food and shopping as well as stimulating workshops and entertainment at Solar Tent. When you need a break from all the dancing and shopping, drop into the Peace and Healing Pavilion for workshops, poetry, moving readings or just some laughs at ComFest Comedy Club Friday and Saturday evenings. There are local comedians and improv groups to keep your sides splitting.

Families are integral to the spirit and purpose of ComFest. KiDSART offers many fun and healthy activities for the entire family, bringing out the kid in all

of us. Face painting, supervised and free style activities, and a terrific playground are just some of the offerings. See KiDSART schedules on pages 46-47.

Help celebrate and congratulate ComFest honorees and grant recipients at the Award Ceremony at 3:05 Saturday on the Bozo Stage. Read about them and check schedules in this Program Guide.

The 2019 slogan "Restoring Our Planet - Reclaiming Our Hope" represents a commitment to ComFest principles. In recognition of the need to act NOW to confront issues related to climate change, the slogan on beer mugs is "Dinosaurs Also Thought They Had Time." S&P provides information, opportunities to get involved, and voter registration. Visit the many community organizations in the park to learn more about the people and groups making a difference in the quality of central Ohio life.

Columbus is rich in talent that deserves to be showcased. A progressive environment fosters such talent and forward-thinking, making this a great community in which to live and thrive. ComFest is the community's favorite festival — your festival. So enjoy the music, art, information, shopping, and the beauty of the park. Think about how you can get involved in activities related to your most important social concerns.

— Connie Willett Everett

Community Organizations

C.H.O.I.C.E. - Center for Humane Options in Childbirth Experience
 Center for Pragmatic Buddhism
 Cleveland School of Cannabis
 Colony Cats
 Columbus Community Bill of Rights
 Columbus DSA - Democratic Socialists of America
 Columbus KTC - Buddhist Meditation Center
 Columbus Resources
 Columbus Veg Community
 Columbus Vegan Meetup

Cozy Cat Cottage
 Dyslexia Institute
 FAN - Franklin Avenue Neighbors
 Franklin Co. Democratic Party
 Freedom of Choice Ohio
 Friends of Doo Dah
 Grey Matter Media
 Headcount.org
 Homeless Coalition
 Humanist Community
 ISKCON Krishna House
 Kenwood PTO
 Move to Amend

Ngare Sergoi Support Group
 North Central Mental Health
 O.N.E. Campaign
 Ohio Marijuana Card
 Ohio Revolution
 Ohio Roller Derby
 Sierra Club
 Simply Living
 Socialist Alternative
 Third Hand Bicycle Co-op
 Three Cranes Grove ADF
 WCRS Radio
 Yes We Can Columbus

For locations of Community Organization booths, visit one of the ComFest information kiosks

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

	PEACE & HEALING PAVILION	SOLAR STAGE
FRIDAY	<p>2:50 PM – WGRN <i>Community Radio</i></p> <p>3:45 PM – Black Lotus Sanctuary <i>Transformation through Movement</i></p> <p>4:45 PM – Life After Loss <i>Panel on Loss, Grief & Support</i></p> <p>5:40 PM – Ohio Rights Group <i>Cannabis Discussion</i></p>	<p>6:30 PM – Refugee Mothers United in Advocacy <i>Refugee Mothers Advocate</i></p> <p>7:25 PM – Music Workshop <i>Columbus as a Music City</i></p> <p>8:25 PM – Fake Bacon Improv <i>Improv Comedy</i></p> <p>9:15 PM – ComFest Comedy Club <i>People Laughing Together</i></p>
SATURDAY	<p>8:50 AM – Yoga Well Being <i>Rise and Shine Yoga</i></p> <p>10 AM – Luna Rising Yoga <i>Cynthia Clem Earth Peace Yoga</i></p> <p>11 AM – Chen Taiji of Ohio <i>Meet West of the Pond</i></p> <p>11 AM – Easy to Learn Chi Kung (Qigong) <i>Darryl Mendelson & Ro-z Mendelson</i></p> <p>11:55 AM – Rise Mental Fitness Studio <i>Mental Health and Fitness</i></p> <p>12:55 PM – Jen Knox <i>Unleash Creativity - Yoga and Writing</i></p> <p>1:35 PM – Flint Ridge <i>Bill Pickard - Ohio History Connection</i></p>	<p>2:30 PM – The Green New Deal <i>Fadel Kaboub</i></p> <p>3:30 PM – Airing Out the Dirty Laundry <i>Andrea Downs (and you)</i></p> <p>4:25 PM – Poetry <i>Ways with Words</i></p> <p>5:50 PM – Sociedad de Escritorios de Columbus <i>Writers in Spanish</i></p> <p>6:50 PM – Avanza Together & Red Herring Productions <i>Immigrant stories Read</i></p> <p>7:45 PM – The Meohatten Project <i>Improv music Comedy</i></p> <p>8:25 PM – ComFest Comedy Club <i>Laugh with Us</i></p>
SUNDAY	<p>8:50 AM – Shelby Young <i>Community Yoga Class</i></p> <p>10 AM – Malik Willoughby <i>Heat-building Vinyassa Flow</i></p> <p>11 AM – Chen Taiji of Ohio <i>West of the Pond</i></p> <p>11 AM – Sacred Bowls <i>Ben and Jo Nagel</i></p> <p>NOON – Guided Meditation <i>Frank Tennyson</i></p> <p>1 PM – Self Healing Qigong <i>Jeff Radcliff of Chen Taiji of Ohio</i></p> <p>2 PM – ETSS <i>Human Trafficking Prevention</i></p>	<p>2:55 PM – MelRo's Voice <i>I Will Rise</i></p> <p>3:50 PM – Simply Living <i>Transition Central Ohio</i></p> <p>4:50 PM – Survivor of Gun Violence March for Our Lives <i>Erick Bellomy</i></p> <p>5:50 PM – Story Club Columbus <i>Non-fiction Stories</i></p> <p>6:50 PM – Social Action Song Swap <i>Sing along Circle</i></p> <p>Photo by Matt Moberly</p>



Workshop Information and Details

Friday

2:45 PM Solar Stage *Plastics and the Threat to Our Oceans and Waterways* Moderated by Elissa Yoder Mann of Sierra Club Ohio. Panelists: Kylienne Shaul of The OSU School of Environment and Natural Resources discussing Plastics in the Oceans; Chad Stephens of Sierra Club Ohio speaking on Plastics, Pipelines, and the Appalachian Fracking Hub, and Elissa talking about Plastic Bag Legislation in Ohio.

2:50 PM Peace & Healing *WGRN Radio* The Free Press Network will present an onsite 94.1 WGRN radio recording for future broadcast on the stations WGRN 94.1 and WCRS 92.7 & 98.3 . Learn about the opportunities to participate in the Free Press Network by participating in Community radio, Community Video and the Free Press monthly broadsheet. WGRN is a local community radio station.

3:45 PM Peace & Healing *Black Lotus Sanctuary* "Black Lotus Sanctuary" centers around a collective. Black Lotus Sanctuary is holding SPACE for people to feel free and safe in their movement, expression, thoughts & conversation ushering in transformation as one defines it for themselves.

4:45PM Peace & Healing *Life After Loss* A community panel on loss, grief and support with community resource awareness for those in need. Two main panel participants are Denise Meine-Graham (LOSS of Franklin County), Brenda Stewart (The Addict's Parents United.)

5:40PM Peace & Healing *Ohio Rights Group* Seasoned and knowledgeable ORG Ambassadors will facilitate discussion about cannabis from a variety of perspectives: status of Ohio's medical marijuana program, updates on Ohio's bills to permit growing industrial hemp under the 2018 Farm Bill, and the possibility of adult use legalization in 2020.

5:50 PM Solar Stage *Media Literacy Panel* A panel of media professionals will discuss media literacy in the modern era. They will cover issues such as managing social media commentary/input, reporting on semi-truths and lies when they come from the mouths of political figures, both-sideism, and media framing. Panelists include: Andy Downing - a news editor for *Columbus Alive*; Paige Pfleger - a reporter for WOSU and Jeff Trimble - lecturer at OSU; former Deputy Director of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

6:30 PM Peace & Healing *Refugee Mothers United in Advocacy* Because of the Administration's harmful policies toward refugees, families continue to face prolonged separation from each other, missing important milestones in each other's lives. Hear their stories and what you can do to advocate for change. Two Ugandan mothers (and possibly others) tell their individual yet similar stories of separation and their efforts to reunite with their families.

6:45 PM Solar Stage *Cannabis, Sad State of the State of Ohio – Cannabis Past & Present* The Cannabis Museum collects the historical use of cannabis food, fuel, fiber and medicine. Ohio is moving forward providing access to cannabis medicines for specific conditions and adopting regulations for industrial hemp. A look at this history gives lessons on where this progress can take us. We offer you three experts in the field, Don E. Wirtshafter, Joe Brumfield and Liz Crow.

7:25 PM Peace & Healing *Music Workshop* A panel discussion and interactive conversation about the state of the music industry in Columbus and what we can do to educate musicians and increase the awareness of Columbus on the national scene.

Saturday

8:50 AM Peace & Healing Tent *Yoga-Well-Being* Rise and shine! Yoga-Well-Being is to still the mind by moving the breath through the body. We strive to promote a holistic lifestyle through regular practice. Reduce tension, develop flexibility, strength and learn new breathing techniques.

10 AM Peace & Healing Tent *LunaRising Yoga* Sharing and exploring Yoga from a playful approach. Offering modifications and demonstration of proper alignment. Mindfulness focusing on intentional breathing to help all build a strong, grounded and personal practice foundation.

11 AM Peace & Healing Tent *Easy to Learn Chi Kung (Qigong) with Darryl and Ro-z Mendelson* Energize Your Body, Relax & Calm Your Mind and Raise Your Spirit. Some examples of different kinds of Chi Kung (Qigong) that are easy to learn and work in different ways to make you healthier and happier.

11 AM West of the Pond *Chen Taiji of Ohio Taijiquan, Silk Reeling & Qigong Class* A tradition at ComFest for over ten years.



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11:55 AM Peace & Healing *Rise Mental Fitness Studio*

Studio Rise Mental Fitness Studio provides its members opportunities to proactively work on mental health and fitness through online activities and programs. Join us for an empowering conversation where we will share our mental health journeys and mental fitness goals.

12:25 PM Solar Stage *Bronzeville Growers Market, Urban Farming Hacks*

Urban Farming Hacks Rethink, reduce, reuse, recycle – thinking outside the box generates a participatory, interactive session highlighting simple tools and processes to increase garden produce and reduce garden toil. .

12:55 PM Peace & Healing *Jen Knox -Unleash Creativity Mini-workshop*

Creativity Mini-workshop A mini-workshop that integrates yoga, meditation, and writing exercises to break through blocks and unleash creative energy. This workshop is about channeling our vast creative energy to focus on what we'd like to see more of in our lives. Come ignite your creativity.

1:35 PM Peace & Healing *Bill Pickard, Curator of Archaeology, Ohio History Connection*

Archaeology, Ohio History Connection Flint Ridge Flint: Ohio's Rock of Ages. Flint Ridge flint is famous for its high quality and amazing colors. For millennia it was used by American Indians to make the tools and weapons now commonly found in archaeology sites throughout Ohio, Flint Ridge is truly the "Great Indian Quarry of Ohio." Another amazing journey to the depths of Ohio archaeological history.

2:05 PM Solar Stage *Tish O'Dell and the Ohio Community Rights Network (OHCNRN)*

The OHCNRN performs "The Wise Guys for Profit City," a short spoof on the Wizard of Oz, in which Dorothy tries to find her way back to democracy; followed by Tish O'Dell speaking about the Rights of Nature and the Lake Erie Bill of Rights with Q&A afterward.

2:30 PM Peace & Healing *The Green New Deal-Professor Fadhel Kaboub*

Professor Fadhel Kaboub Can a Green New Deal match the scale of the climate crisis? Learn how a new approach to economic and fiscal policies can fund a transition to renewable energy, create a Job Guarantee program, and provide Medicare for All. Dr. Fadhel Kaboub presents background about the Green New Deal, explanation of the scope of the Green New Deal, and fiscal understanding of how to fund it. A timely and important presentation.

3 PM Solar Stage *Sierra Club Ready for 100 Campaign*

Campaign Ready for 100 is a campaign of the Sierra Club working to fight climate change by encouraging cities to commit to shifting 100%

of their energy generation to renewables by 2050. Come hear about the campaign, our progress thus far, and what you can do to help encourage Columbus to commit to 100% renewable energy by 2050.

3:05 PM Bozo Stage *ComFest Annual Awards Ceremony*

Ceremony Join us for our annual awards show where we present this year's grant recipients, honored volunteers, honored activist, honored artist, and honored community organization!

3:30 PM Peace & Healing *Airing Out the "Dirty Laundry (Andrea Downs and You)*

Airing Out the "Dirty Laundry (Andrea Downs and You) Airing Out the "Dirty" Laundry is an ongoing, participatory art project. It is a collection of women's stories about strength, unity, and resistance to oppression, injustice, and exclusion. When we reveal our stories, we create the possibility of shifting the narrative. Artwork will remain on display.

4:25 PM Peace & Healing *Poetry Reading*

Popular local poets Steve Abbott, Sabrina Ali, Betty Bleen and Beverly Zeimer share original work in entertaining readings.

4:35 PM SolarStage *People's Justice Project Power training*

5:30 PM SolarStage *Cannabis is Medicinal - THC & CBD*

Dr. Peter Howison is a medical doctor who prescribes Cannabis to patients. Joe Brennan is owner of Botanical Depot and an expert on CBD. Along with Johnny Cannabis of OhioCannabis.com, they will present a workshop about Cannabis medicine in Ohio.

5:50 PM Peace & Healing *Sociedad de Escritores de Columbus*

A group of writers in Espanol with different backgrounds and nationalities.

Sunday

8:50 AM Peace & Healing *Shelby Young – Community Yoga Class*

Come one, come all to this beginner/intermediate yoga class in the park. Please join me in kicking off the last day of ComFest with a meditation followed by a vinyasa flow. I look forward to seeing your smiling faces there.

10 AM Peace & Healing *Yoga with Malik*

Fit Yoga is a vinyasa practice for beginners and beyond. It is designed to energize the body while decreasing stress. It is a practice of synchronizing mindful movement with the breath, descending into a slow flow and coming to a pause to honor stillness.



Workshop Information and Details

11 AM Solar Stage Mucusless Diet - Professor Spira,

Ph.D. Discover the simplest and most powerful NATURAL lifestyle secret that has improved numerous lives for over 110 years. Prof. Spira, PhD. will discuss why "Mucus-free" is the original "plant-based" dietary system and how it has helped thousands to heal naturally.

11:00 Peace & Healing Ben and Jo Nagel A profound and inspiring way to start your ComFest Sunday. Experience the Oneness of All through the vibrational waves of crystal bowls, metal sing bowls, bells, and tingshaws along with a gong meditation. Ben and Jo Nagel have been sharing their sound healing for over 20 years.

11 AM West of the Pond Chen Taiji of Ohio Taijiquan, Silk Reeling & Qigong Class. A tradition at ComFest for over ten years.

11:15 AM Solar Stage The Vegan Connection Dynamic speakers Joy Lawrence of Pure Joy Massage and Yoga, Clayton Freeman of Can't Believe It's Vegan, and Noelle Bartholdi of Dragonfly Consulting and Wellness discuss how their vegan services can empower your vegan shift.

Noon Peace & Healing Frank Tennyson Guided Meditation Frank's work in Guided Meditation has yielded three new truths. The first is: Excitement is Love Amplified. The very elusive Love vibration is infinitely more experienceable when we become excited. The second is: Your Mind and Spiritual Mind are fully blended. And third: Focus expands everything.

1 PM Peace & Healing Jeff Radcliff (of Chen Taiji of Ohio) Basics of Uniting the Mind/Body Earth Connection thru Qigong to heal yourself.

1:20 PM Solar Stage Urban Gardening Discussion Join Michael Doody of Kossuth Street Garden and others who are integral parts of the urban gardening movement in Columbus to discuss how to start a community garden and sustain it, get volunteers, soil amendments, plant pathology and how to organize your efforts. Discover the joy of giving back and paying forward.

2 PM Peace and Healing ETSS The ETSS Family Care Department will host a presentation on Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention. The goal will be for participants to learn to identify

different forms of trafficking, recognize red flags, and understand local and national efforts to combat trafficking.

2:55 PM Solar Stage Columbus Free Press – The Case for Impeachment From money laundering to tearing families apart, this discussion will outline reasons why we need to stop Trump. This presentation and discussion will present our case for impeachment and include comments and suggestions by the audience.

2:55 PM Peace & Healing Tent MelRo's Voice – Melissa Roshan Potter - I Will Rise A former foster youth and homeless teen parent sharing a story of resiliency, healing and love.

3:50 PM Peace & Healing Simply Living The Transition Movement invites us to re-imagine community. Find out about local initiatives: food, energy, politics, media, transit, co-housing, and health care. Small groups explore how to become change agents in the Transition Movement and then share insights with the whole group.

4:30 PM Solar Stage Women Have Options/ Ohio We're Ohio's statewide abortion fund. Founded in 1992, we're dedicated to helping Ohioans afford their reproductive choices by connecting those needing abortion to financial and practical support so they can access the abortion care they need.

4:50 PM Peace & Healing Erick Bellomy – Survivor of Gun Violence – Columbus March for Our Lives – Gun Violence Prevention Participate in a discussion of gun violence and work towards gun violence prevention in the state of Ohio.

5:50 PM Peace & Healing Story Club Columbus is an open mic for nonfiction stories. We also showcase featured performers and artists from the Columbus community. Our theme will be "Heat." We will have three featured storytellers and three open mic slots.

6:50 PM Peace & Healing Social Action Song Swap A sharing of social action songs in a sing-a-long circle. A great way to close out the weekend at Peace & Healing Pavilion.



Spirit and Purpose Special Speakers



FRIDAY

Jazz Stage 3:45 PM *Elissa Yoder Mann, Conservation*

Manager for Sierra Club Ohio will discuss plastic trash reduction. Sierra Club strives to explore, enjoy and protect the wild places of the earth; practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives.

Bozo Stage 3:50 PM *Kathleen Clyde* will talk about the right to vote, how to protect it, and how it has been under attack through gerrymandering, secret money, and voter suppression tactics.

Gazebo Stage 4 PM *Johnny Cannabis/OhioCannabis.com*, Johnny is a well known and trusted Ohio cannabis entrepreneur. He will be discussing the current landscape of the Ohio medical marijuana industry and how to obtain a medical marijuana card.

Gazebo Stage 4:15 PM *Peter Howison, M.D.* will be address questions regarding Ohio's medical marijuana program and discuss how marijuana can be helpful for dozens of medical conditions.

Off Ramp Stage 4:20 PM. *Rev. Dr. Susan K. Smith - No Turning Back* A review of the gains made by oppressed groups over the past 50 years and inspiration to not only keep on pushing for justice but also to become committed to helping get people to the polls in November so that we can save our democracy.



SATURDAY

Off Ramp Stage 1:50 PM *MC Natrix* Columbian peace activist, singer, songwriter and dancer. She has used her talents as a form of resistance to the violence in her country.

Jazz Stage 2:55 PM *NARAL Pro Choice Ohio* - Together with our partners, we're working to protect access to affordable, safe, and legal abortion in Ohio. Join us to learn about threats to your reproductive freedom and how you can join the fight to defend it.

Bozo Stage 3:05 PM *Awards Ceremony:* Meet this year's Honorees and grant recipients as they are presented with their awards and recognition. These special people make Columbus a humane and progressive city. Help us say Thank You!

Gazebo Stage 5:35 PM *Sabrina Ali* Sabrina Ali Jamal-

Eddine is an Arab-American spoken word poet, activist, and feminist scholar from Ohio State. Sabrina has founded a hiphop literacy and spoken word poetry program for incarcerated male youth as well as a music program at an affirmative action preschool in the Columbus community.



SUNDAY

Gazebo Stage 11:30 AM *You, Inc. LIVE! with Ria Greiff and guests* Ria Greiff, Producer and host of NPR member station WCBE's two weekly shows about elevating your emotional intelligence, You Inc. and YouTune, sits down with a special guest. There will be a live recording of the show with a very special ComFest guest. The program is a benevolent force helping folks be the best version of themselves.

Bozo Stage 2:50 PM *Barbara Fant*: Barbara is a local poet who teaches poetry workshops at Transit Arts and juvenile and adult correction facilities. Barbara tells her personal journey of how poetry saved her life and helped heal her soul and overcome trauma. Poetry is her way of prayer.

Jazz Stage 3 PM *Jason Cervenec - Byrd Polar & Climate Research Center.* Learn about climate changes that Columbus has already experienced, impacts that we are likely to face in the future, and actions that individuals and groups can take to make our community more climate resilient. Jason will share the Columbus Climate Adaptation Plan.

Jazz Stage 3:15 PM *Save Courtyard Estates* Courtyard Estates is one of the last holdouts of affordable housing for seniors in Columbus. But luxury apartment developer Preferred Living wants to displace the residents and gentrify the neighborhood. Our Democratic Socialists of America chapter is taking steps to stop them. Come hear about our efforts and what you can do.

Off Ramp Stage 4:30 PM *Staley Munroe* Staley will speak on how transgender experience mirrors all human experience, drawing bridge-building correlations leading to relational equity between diverse groups. Speaking from her own "brand of trans," Staley will identify introspective opportunities for everyone to reflect on matters of intersectional feminism, workplace advocacy, and cultural competency.



COMFEST HONORED ARTIST

A.J. Vanderelli

Artist Dean Preston—whose paintings and drawings line the walls of the Vanderelli Room gallery in Franklinton—has created an intense body of work since he was incarcerated for murder 21 years ago. Some of the pictures nearly convulse with emotion; others are introspective but charged with submerged pain.

Particularly jarring is a quick pencil diagram of a cell and its sparse contents, a banal summary of the space in which the artist's daily life plays out. The picture's inclusion testifies to A.J. Vanderelli's ability to find the passion in a picture, regardless of the artist's experience or circumstance.

That quality mirrors core ComFest values. "A.J. embodies the ComFest spirit every time she reminds us that all ideas and all artists are valid and worthy of support," said Jim Sweeney, former executive director of the Franklinton Development Association.

Perhaps her ability to read the pictures is the result of her own search for connection. She moved repeatedly after high school in Florida, coming to Columbus in 1995 and enrolling in CCAD. After a semester, she was on the road again, living in various Eastern cities before returning to Columbus. "I probably moved every year and a half," she said. "I was on the run. I didn't have a community."

That mid-2000s relocation finally stuck. Vanderelli returned to CCAD to learn the fundamentals of making art and to earn validation for her calling. In the school's faculty she found a tribe with whom she could identify.

The memories of her first ComFest a decade earlier jump-started that search. "It was wild," she said about the first one, "I think it's just the freedom. It was sensory overload ... For me, that was the beginning of community and realizing that there were people who weren't just your typical human being."

Meeting visionary artist Jim Beoddy was key. Beoddy, who died in 2015, became influential in her life and career after she organized a show of his work just

before his passing.

If Vanderelli's return to CCAD was about validation, it also led to her finding a family - a community without borders. From Beoddy to Preston, she has displayed art's disdain of hierarchy. In 2016 she received a ComFest grant for an arts workshop for autistic kids. Her gallery is a beacon for those values, radiating from her Franklinton neighborhood.

For Vanderelli, Franklinton represents a manageable size of the world in which to make an impact. "Her passion, dedication and caring for people is apparent in everything she does, from her art to her work in Franklinton," said Jami Goldstein, vice president of marketing, communications and events for the Greater Columbus Arts Council. "She poured everything she had into the Vanderelli Room and caring about the direction of the neighborhood, long before many people even were aware of Franklinton."

Preston credits her for aiming his life in an affirmative direction. "It is to her that I owe a debt of change for the better," he wrote in the "Prison

Friendship Journals" website. "She and others like her have reached into this world of isolation and connected with the 'Invisible Forgotten' accepting us into their tribe."

"Dean is not a murderer," Vanderelli said. "He committed murder ... I want him to have a community that will support and challenge, one that will not define him by a mistake he made."

Some artists are staunchly political; others feel a greater responsibility to their inner reality. Asked whether she thinks the arts can change the world for the better, Vanderelli is unwavering: "It can. We're the ones who write the history. We are the propaganda. The creative minds are the ones that impact the world in every way."

— Curtis Schieber



Photo by Michael Gruber

HONORED COMFEST VOLUNTEERS

Atticus Garden

The call to volunteer has been the center of Atticus Garden's life. From the Franklin County Animal Shelter at age 13 to the Southside Area Commission today, he's stepped up as an organizer—for Bernie Sanders, Get Out the Vote, and Yes We Can: Columbus Working Families. His job as Program Coordinator at Church and Community Development for All People keeps him involved "in the city I really, really love," he says.

The church's Rev. John Edgar calls Atticus an amazing community leader. "His upbeat attitude and boundless energy make him a positive force for change on the South Side of Columbus and throughout ... Columbus."

Atticus' services to ComFest began when he was in high school. Family members lived nearby and "went to everything at the park." With ComFest he found a place of diversity, safety, multicultural sharing, and genuine community.

ComFester Natalie Poindexter praises how

"last year he took on a pivotal supervisory role, assisting the festival all 3-days, as well as a strategic role organizing First Aid for the Doo Dah Parade. He is selfless and humble in his actions."



Atticus believes being named after the character in *To Kill a Mockingbird* has influenced his community work. His work as a medical volunteer at the Standing

Rock protest to block the Dakota Access Pipeline proved inspirational and life-changing, solidifying his commitment to grassroots activism.

"I'd rather be on the ground," he says. "That's where real change happens."

"Volunteering is essential to my mental health," he says. "I like being a foot-soldier."

He's pleased about young people being present and energized. "The best thing we can do is listen, offer input when requested, and not just impose our ideas.

Our job is to show up for them."

— Leslie Zak

The Comfest Program Guide reflects the best of our community. Producing the program requires the creativity of an artist, the discernment of a professional designer, and months of hard work.

Jonathan Johns is a key volunteer who lays out much of the program, which festival attendees not only read but keep as a souvenir.

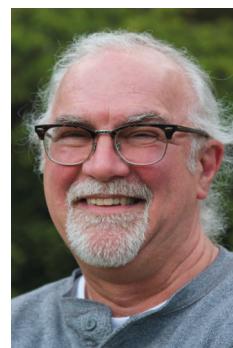
"I had a lot of page building experience working for newspapers," Jonathan says, "I thought I would volunteer my services to ComFest." The work requires a fine eye for detail. Every year, editors must review thousands of photographs, choose colors and fonts, create ads, and make hundreds of design decisions that most readers don't notice.

Jonathan volunteered after his first ComFest over 20 years ago and says he has made treasured friends along the way. He says he volunteers because the Statement of Principles "speaks to the equality of sexes, color, religion, we seek to eliminate negative attitudes."

Serving as the

Jonathan Johns

distribution manager, Jonathan delivers boxes of early release programs to local businesses. During ComFest weekend, he works long days coordinating a team of volunteers who transport



programs throughout Goodale Park while protecting them from wind and rain. He also sets up the Information Station before ComFest and helps with post-festival cleanup. Throughout the year, he often serves as scribe for the General Planning Committee.

"Jonathan's cheerful demeanor and fair reporting of our meetings make the work easier and way more fun," says Program Guide editor Mimi Morris.

"He's been an incredible addition to the ComFest family and has never hesitated to step up and do more," says longtime volunteer and photographer Michael Gruber, "which is what it takes to keep the festival going: having people who are selfless and giving back to the community."

— Shanna Harrell



Principles In Action: Community Festival Grants

Community Festival supports cooperation and collective activity. One way we actualize that is through our grants program, which has awarded more than \$300,000 to programs of community organizations since 2006. We are proud in 2019 to award grants to the following central Ohio groups:

EC For All is a project of Women Have Options Ohio. EC for All is prompted by an in-kind donation of 10,000 units of single dose emergency contraception. The cost of emergency contraception can be a huge barrier to access, particularly for people with low incomes, people with unstable housing, students, and young people who may not have access to funds without parental monitoring. EC for All is intended to help people of any gender who can conceive, partners of people who can conceive, uninsured people, and young adults. It is intentionally unrestricted in distribution because we recognize that family stigma, social stigma, geographic availability, and fear of repercussions can be equally powerful forces in preventing access to contraception.

Navigating Healthy Relationships is a project of Your Best Self to provide a Relationship Class for young adults with disabilities in Pickaway County. These individuals are often kept out of sex education courses in schools because of developmental delays. However, puberty still happens, natural urges still happen, and longing for human companionship is very much a part of everyone's lives. Dating is an emotionally risky proposition for everyone, but it is even more difficult for someone with a disability. With the technology of social media and online dating, the opportunities are growing, but so are the risks. This class takes a safe, factual, approach to helping individuals learn how to navigate relationships. This course covers topics that range from flirting, all the way through a dating process to sex education. There will also be lessons on LGBTQ,

online safety, and abuse. The goal is to remove the stigma attached to dating with disabilities and help both the individual and their family/caregiver navigate this vital part of life.

Matter Mobile Studio is a project of Grey Matter Media, whose mission is to empower people to be informed community members through innovative, investigative journalism covering central Ohio. Funding

is being used to construct a mobile studio made of 5 hinged wood and acrylic walls that are collapsible, and then can be unfolded into a small studio. The walls have velcro strips to attach soundproofing materials and foldable lights, all of which would be removable when the studio is collapsed. Reporters can set up the studio and interview people

making it particularly useful for outdoor events where the environment for recording may be more difficult. A major value of Grey Matter is to incorporate a variety of voices and stories into its journalism.

934 Gallery Summer Music Program is a collaborative series with The Dick & Jane Project of music workshops where young musicians are paired with local musicians to work together on songwriting and performance. During the workshop they work on an original song to then perform with the musicians. This is a project of 934 Gallery, a publicly accessible arts anchor within the Milo-Grogan neighborhood.

Growlers Dog Bones is created to provide a low-skill opportunity to provide meaningful supported vocational training and employment for 16-25 year olds with an identified disability. Growlers Dog Bones creates handcrafted dog bones from the leftover spent grain from local breweries, Krema Peanut Butter, local eggs, and Honeyville Rice Flour. The product is then sold at collaborating breweries, other niche market places, and events.



Photo by Michael Gruber

— Catherine Girves



Have a Happy ComFest!

ComFest FunMap 2019



PARKING



FIND YOURSELF AT COMFEST

This Program Guide is brought to you in living color for easier navigation around the map and entertainment, workshop and speaker schedules.

While enjoying the sights, sounds and experiences of ComFest, remember to be kind to yourself.

Too much sun is no fun! Sit under a shady tree or visit the ComFest Museum in the air-conditioned Shelterhouse at the center of the park, and drink plenty of sensible, non-alcoholic beverages. Also remember to eat, especially salty foods, so that your body has fuel to keep on playing. If you start to feel dizzy or confused, that could be a sign that your body needs help from the good folks at FIRST AID. They'll be happy to help and fix you right up!

REMEMBER TO HYDRATE. See page 55 for water locations.

Looking for ComFest mugs, souvenirs or general festival information? You can find them all and more at one of the three volunteer-run ComFest Info&Merch booths!



Be kind to yourself, be kind to your world.

FRIDAY JUNE 28

BOZO

The Coffee House Rebels
Pure Punk Passion
 NOON

Wednesday Wine
Women Who Wrock
 12:55 PM

Baby Lindy & The Drug Mothers
Baby Lindy Punk
 1:55 PM

The Turbos
Rock and Roll
 2:55 PM

Speaker - Kathleen Clyde
Fighter for Voter Rights
 3:55 PM

Lungu Vybz Reggae
Musically Fit Forever
 4:30 PM

Kashis Keyz
The Lyrical Inspiration
 5:30 PM

The Worn Flints
Columbus Psych Trio
 6:30 PM

New Pollution
Stank Nasty Soul
 7:35 PM

Zoo Trippin'
Your Mind Blown
 8:45 PM

Parker Louis
R&B Soul Partyt
 9:55 PM

GAZEBO

The Secret Life of Houseplants
Music For Houseplants
 NOON

Terrapin Moon
Grateful Dead Tribute
 1 PM

Elisa Nicholas Band
Pop Indie Singer-Songwriter
 2 PM

Carole Walker & The Bittertones
Infectious Indie Soul
 3 PM

SPEAKER - Johnny Cannabis
ohiocannabis.com
 4 PM

SPEAKER - Peter Howison, MD
Medical Marijuana
 4:15 PM

Barry Chern & Co
Roots and Branches
 4:30 PM

Hellroys
Dumb Country Noise
 5:30 PM

Sharwahl
From The Deep
 6:30 PM

BareFuzz
Psychedelic Funk Fusion
 7:30 PM

Conscious Pilot
New Age Rock
 8:35 PM

Andy Shaw Band
Rock Reggae Americanroots
 9:45 PM



Photo by Matt Ellis

OFF RAMP

Forever Unknown
Alt Rock Legends
 11:45 PM

Summertime Drifters
Instrumental Surf Music
 12:25 PM

Courtney From Work
Jangly Garage Rock
 1:05 PM

The Whiteouts / Raunch & Roll
 1:35 PM

Kali Dreamer
Hype Colorful Mythological
 2:10 PM

Navium
Bleak Black Metal
 2:50 PM

Tieran
Hip-Hop/Rap for Misfits
 3:35 PM

SPEAKER - Rev. Dr. Susan K. Smith
 4:20 PM

Unchipped
 4:50 PM

Weed Demon
 5:35 PM

Dru Era
Inspire Teach Entertain
 6:20 PM

Snarls / Emo Alternative Rock
 7:10 PM

Drift Mouth
Dark Americana Rock
 8 PM

Senseless & DJ Bombay
Befuddled Pleasantry Rap
 8:45 PM

Montezuma
Groovy Sound Walls
 9:35 PM

Akula/ Poet Doom & Grunge
 10:25 PM

**SEE PAGES
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 FOR
 WORKSHOP &
 SPEAKER DETAILS**

**BE A PART OF THE
 COMFEST PURPOSE**

FRIDAY JUNE 28

JAZZ

Silent Bell
Classic Rock Jazz
 NOON

Parish Musical Arts Showcase
Variety and Fun
 12:55 PM

NiNi Love JazzySide
Jazzy Funky Sultry
 1:50 PM

Chief Johnny Lonesome
NOLA Piano Trio
 2:45 PM

SPEAKER - Elissa Yoder Mann
 *Sierra Club - Plastic Trash*
 3:45 PM

Wade and the Mojo Blues
Dirty Down Blues
 4:15 PM

Soul Eyz (The Michael Kahn Quartet)
Groovin' Soul Jazz
 5:15 PM

The Big Badd
Pop Funk Jazz
 6:20 PM

Sonikora
Instrumental Improvisational Experimentation
 7:25 PM

New Basics Brass Band
Brass Funk Party
 8:35 PM

The Joint Rockers featuring Sean Carney
Joint Rockin' Blues
 9:45 PM

LAST CALL!

Bars and wine booths close at the same time. The closing times are:

Friday: 10:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 p.m.

Drink Responsibly
Have a Designated Driver

LIVE ARTS

Opening Drum Circle
 NOON

Children of the Sun
Entertaining Creative Fun
 1 PM

Children's Music Network
Family Song & Story Fun
 1:40 PM

Girlz Rhythm n' Rock
Awesome Young Girlz
 2:35 PM

The Flying Squirrels
Fusion Belly Dance
 3:25 PM

Westminster-Thurber Drumming Circle
Drumming For Wellness
 4:05 PM

El Ritmo Flamenco Ensemble
Flamenco Dance Performance
 4:55 PM

Habeeba's Belly Dance Studio
Belly Dancing
 5:25 PM

Sacred Music LLC
World/New Age Music
 6:05 PM

Dan Dougan & His Little Bothers
Folk Rock Fun
 7 PM

The Speakeasy
Turntables MC's Freestyle
 7:55 PM

Sex Kitten Purr-lesque
Burlesque Variety Show
 8:45 PM

Columbus Burlesque Collective
Sexy Burlesque Locals
 9:20 PM

ElectroCult Circus
Non Genre Experimental
 10 PM

SOLAR

Joanie Calem & Terry Keller
 NOON

Max Scott/ Energetic Pop Act
 12:45 PM

Isabella Whitt
Pianist Composer Singer
 1:20 PM

Round: Bec Silveous/Darby Smith/ MusicZman
Singer Songwriter Round
 1:55 PM

Workshop: Plastics & the Threat to Our Waterways and Oceans
 2:45 PM

Round: Steve Cade/Ron F/Ralph L
Singer Songwriter Round
 3:35 PM

Grapefruit Moon
Americana Song Writers
 4:25 PM

Round: Rob Macabee/Whitley Jean/ Jeff Tobin
Singer Songwriter Round
 5 PM

Workshop: Media Literacy in the Post Fact Era
Panel Discussion
 5:50 PM

Workshop: Cannabis - Sad State of the State of Ohio
 6:45 PM

Eric Nassau
Folk and Roll
 7:40 PM

Joe Zelek
Country Singer Songwriter
 8:15 PM

Tim Easton
Lone Wolf Troubadour
 8:50 PM

Matt & Troy Band
Stepbrother Country Duo
 9:30 PM

The Cicconetti Brothers
Fun Folk Rock
 10:10 PM



Keep ComFest Clean And Green

Respect the Party by Respecting the Park

Community Festival is a fantastic party, but every year thousands of pounds of trash are left behind. In 2017, ComFesters generated 12 tons of trash. Festival-goers and Clean-Up and Recycling volunteers worked together to save 6 tons of recyclable materials and 2.12 tons of compost material.

Try to purchase what you can consume so less waste is created, and take home what you can and compost at home.

ComFest shopping bags are for sale at the ComFest Booth. Use them for your ComFest gear and festival purchases. Continue to use them year-round at the grocery store.

Please help us become a zero-waste festival. Increased cleanup demands require more time and volunteers, so please do your part: clean up after yourself and volunteer to help clean up the park. Volunteers of all ages are welcome.

Clean-Up and Recycling We use clear stream containers from SWACO replacing cardboard boxes used in the past. The clear stream approach makes it easier to see where recyclables go versus trash. Hopefully this will lead to greater number of recycled materials. Enjoy ComFest more by following a few simple guidelines:

1. LEAVE NO TRACE Treat ComFest as a wilderness and leave nothing behind but your footprints. Use the trash and recycling bins. Pick up after your messy neighbor and your dog (ComFest is barefoot-friendly, after all!). This is the most important contribution you can make. If we each do a little more, no one has to do a lot.

2. VOLUNTEER for a four-hour Clean-Up



and Recycling shift. You'll receive a unique T-shirt and chips good for ComFest food, refreshments and ComFest merchandise. Sign up at comfest.com, or go to Information Station or a ComFest Info & Merch Booth and they'll point you in the right direction. Volunteers are especially needed for night shifts. Ask about volunteer opportunities for community organizations.

3. DON'T BE A GLASSHOLE Glass containers are never allowed in the park. Broken glass is dangerous. Glass is heavy and adds to cleanup costs. Please don't bring glass into the park.

4. RECYCLE your #1 and #2 plastic beverage containers. Please empty the contents and flatten items if you can. Clearly marked containers are located throughout the park.

5. NO BYOB This is the number one way to reduce tons of trash and recycling. You can make ComFest cleaner and more environmentally friendly by leaving plastic, glass, and aluminum at home. Buy ComFest beverages and support the festival.

6. TELL US if our recycling or trash boxes are full. Clean-Up and Recycling headquarters is north of the Bozo Stage near the Shelter House.

7. RESPECT THE PARK Goodale Park is YOUR park. This 40-acre site is a gift from Dr. Lincoln Goodale, so please treat it gently.

For 46 years, Community Festival has promoted environmental awareness as a part of its celebration. Dedication to recycling and composting has always gone hand-in-hand with cleanup. Please help when and where you can!

Remember: No Planet, No Party!

We Don't Want to See Your Butts

Cigarette butts are the most commonly found man-made waste that originates on land. That butt you carelessly drop on the ground finds its way to our waterways. Please use our Butt Cans located conveniently around the park. Thanks.

SUMMER LIVES HERE



**BACKYARD
PATIO**

WOOD-FIRED
PIZZA

LOCALLY
SOURCED

@GOREMADEPIZZA



**ROOFTOP
BAR**

OUTSLIDERS
KITCHEN

HALF OFF
HAPPY HOUR

@LITTLEROCK614

4TH STREET & 2ND AVENUE

SATURDAY JUNE 29

BOZO

GAZEBO

OFF RAMP

PronToh
Jungle Funk
NOON

TATTAT
Funk Groove Soul
1 PM

The Flex Crew
Funky Reggae Party
2 PM

 ComFest Awards Ceremony
Honorees and Grant Recipients
3:05 PM

Donna Mogavero Band
Singer Songwriter Rock
3:55 PM

Greg Owens
An Eclectic Soul
5 PM

The Damn Thing
Hard Rock Quartet
5:45 PM

Doc Robinson
Backyard BBQ Breakup Music
6:45 PM

Damn The Witch Siren
Electro Witch Rock
7:45 PM

Anna & The Androids
Smart Sexy Surreal
8:55 PM

Meghna
Swanky Pop
NOON

Steven Fox & The Whisky Sneaks
Timeless Outlaw Country
12:55 PM

Andicus
American Funk Folk
1:50 PM

Bucktown Kickback
Influential Americana Band
2:45 PM

Chittenden
Original Rhythmic Roots
3:35 PM

Jesse Henry & The High Definitions
Eclectic Rock n' Roll
4:35 PM

 Speaker- Sabrina Ali
Spoken Word Poetry
5:35 PM

The Mendelsonics
Cool That's Trash
6 PM

Willie Phoenix & The Soul Underground
Blues Rock Psychedelic
7 PM

Bloodthirsty Virgins
Cinematic Torch Rock
8 PM

Gathering Stars
Funky Soul Rock
9 PM

Whipped Dream
Twangy Gypsy Blues
NOON

Joey Aich
Alternative Hip-Hop Artist
12:40 PM

Leechwife
Psychedelic Space Goth
1:20 PM

 Speaker - MC Natrix
Music For Awareness
1:50 PM

Beyond Pluto
Imagine and Explore
2:20 PM

Matter of Planets
Sci-fi Prog/Post Metal
3:05 PM

Playing To Vapors
Alternative Progressive Rock
3:55 PM

Elijah Banka
Pure Music Nostalgia
4:45 PM

MOIRA
Ambient Dream Pop
5:40 PM

The Swiss Family
Loud and Soft
6:35 PM

OG VERN
Charismatic Eccentric
7:20 PM

Mungbean
Electronic Dream Pop
7:55 PM

The Saturday Giant
Art Rock
8:45 PM



Photo by: Chet Kresiak

Remember, it's everybody's job to maintain the mellow!

SATURDAY JUNE 29

JAZZ

RedHotBux
Jazz Age Sounds
 NOON

Circus of Cool
Jazz & Words, Dig?
 1 PM

NACHO Street Band
Fun Energetic Grooves
 2 PM


Speaker
NARAL - Pro-Choice Ohio
 2:55 PM

Colin Wood Project
Modern Improvised Music
 3:25 PM

Kelly McLennan & a Coterie of Melodymakers
Swingin' Soulful Music
 4:25 PM

Blue Spectrum
Musically Overcoming Obstacles
 5:30 PM

Waves de Aché
Latin Jazz Fusion
 6:30 PM

ChickenHawk Birdgetters
The Jazz Offensive
 7:40 PM

Jim Maneri's Flypaper
Jazz/EDM Dance Circus
 8:50 PM



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LIVE ARTS

Columbus KTC Buddhist Meditation Center
Chenrezig Kirtan
 11 AM

Joyful Inspiration Dance
We Come to Dance
 NOON

Columbus Red Diamonds
Little League Drill
 12:35 PM

Tropical Enchantment
Polynesian Tahitian Dance
 12:55 PM

Movement Afoot
Tap Dance Company
 1:35 PM

Tai Chi w/ music by Paul Brown
Meditation Movement Music
 2 PM

Mahana Productions
Polynesian Dance Group
 2:40 PM

The Sizzler Hip Hop Fitness
Hip Hop Fitness
 3:20 PM

Spanda*Xpress
HipHop Rock Mantra
 4 PM

Prof. Spira & Brother Air: Fire Music Proj.
Creative Improvised Music
 4:50 PM

Hugs and Kisses
Tragic Cartoon Soundtrack
 5:35 PM

Doctah X (dubmeister)
Dub Champions Dub
 6:25 PM

Mas Bagua
Enhanced Gigantic Psychedelia
 7:25 PM

Wahru and the Spirit Drummers
World Beat Drumming
 8:15 PM

Dance and Drum Circle
Come Play Together
 9 PM

SOLAR

Courtney Gail/Tree of Life
Singer Songwriter Round
 11 AM

Brechtfest!
Funky Brecht Duet
 11:40 AM

Workshop: Bronzeville Growers Market
 12:25 PM

Mark S/Greg B/Dustin V
Singer Songwriter Round
 1:15 PM

Workshop: Tish O'Dell - Ohio Community Rights Network
 2:05 PM

Workshop: Sierra Club Ready for 100 Campaign
 3 PM

The Goldsberrys
Original Folkgrass Jam
 3:55 PM

Workshop: Peoples Justice Project
Justice in Columbus
 4:35 PM

Workshop: Medicinal THC & CBD
Dr. Peter Howison & Joe Brennan
 5:30 PM

Rese Jordan/ Tommy Lee
Singer Songwriter Round
 6:30 PM

Round: Michael Swift/Megan B/ Katie Davis
Singer Songwriter Round
 7:10 PM

FOLKTRON
Mostly Acoustic Folk
 8:10 PM

Honey and Blue
Pop Blues Soul
 9 PM

**Rise Up!
Volunteer!**

ComFest Info & Merch Booths

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Happy ComFest, ComFesters!

As you enjoy ComFest all weekend long, please stop by any of the THREE ComFest Info & Merch locations to get information, directions and check out the 2019 souvenirs available for sale.

There are three Comfest Info & Merch locations:

- Peace Village
- near Live Arts stage

• Russell & Park St, inside the Goodale Park gates and conveniently located next to the only ComFest Chips Booth that's not next to a bar.

The fabulous Merch-In-Teers will direct you to festival destinations, connect you with ComFest info and volunteer opportunities, celebrate ComFest with you and sell you ComFest merchandise. We all want ComFest merchandise to remind us to ComFest365.

Repurposing old volunteer ComFest T-shirts is fun and a trifecta. You support a great cause and get an item you can use, support local artisans who created these unique limited quantity items, and we get them out of the warehouse.

Decorating each ComFest Info & Merch tent will be a T-shirt quilt made of old ComFest t-shirts. Each quilt is unique, made by Women Crafting Change, and available to purchase. While you're admiring the

quilts, pick-up a vintage ComFest volunteer T-shirt for just \$5. Limited sizes, images and colors are available, but that is part of the fun. Visit all three sites as inventory may vary.

Have some extra white volunteer chips? They are worth \$4 each to buy ComFest souvenirs. No change is given.

Remember to keep yourself hydrated and also help ComFest reduce waste by refilling your ComFest mugs, bottles, and cups at water refilling stations around the site. Water refilling stations will fill any beverage holder with water for a donation or set rate.

Souvenir bottles and holders are available at ComFest Info & Merch.

A portion of every festival purchase comes back to fund the Community Festival's grants program. Since 2006, ComFest has awarded more than \$300,000 to organizations and projects that promote the ComFest Statement of Principles. In 2019, ComFest awarded \$12,500 in grants. For a full list of recipients see page 31.

It's never too late to volunteer for ComFest this year. Sign up at Information Station

Please enjoy ComFest & stop by a ComFest Info & Merch to wear a little ComFest all year long .

—Lynn Stan



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All Star Jammerz
High Energy Soca
 12:55 PM

The Deeptones
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 1:50 PM

SPEAKER- Barbara Fant
Poetry Performance
 2:50 PM

Enrique Infante & Dejavu Latin Fusion Rhythms
 3:25 PM

The Deal Breakers
Wiggle Your Body
 4:35 PM

Clemons & Co.
Blues Soul Pop
 5:40 PM

The Ark Band
Reggae and Calypso
 6:50 PM

COMFEST DOES NOT JUST HAPPEN

Come to the first planning meeting for ComFest 2020

**WEDNESDAY
SEPT. 12, 2019
7:30 PM**

**GOODALE PARK
SHELTERHOUSE**

COME MAKE IT HAPPEN

SUNDAY JUNE 30**GAZEBO**

You Inc. LIVE! w/Ria Greiff & Guests
WCBE Radio Program
Universal Emotional Intelligence
 11:30 AM

Ancestral Voices with Debra James Tucker
A Capello Gospel
 12:10 PM

The John Turck Trio
Space Force Rock
 1:05 PM

10AHEAD
X > Rock
 2 PM

Souther
Raw Evocative Honest
 3 PM

Long Tall Deb
World Roots Soul
 4 PM

Lindsay Jordan
Shocking Yet Thoughtful
 5 PM

The Apostles
Funky Good Time
 6 PM

Megan Palmer
Nurse Shock Rock
 7 PM

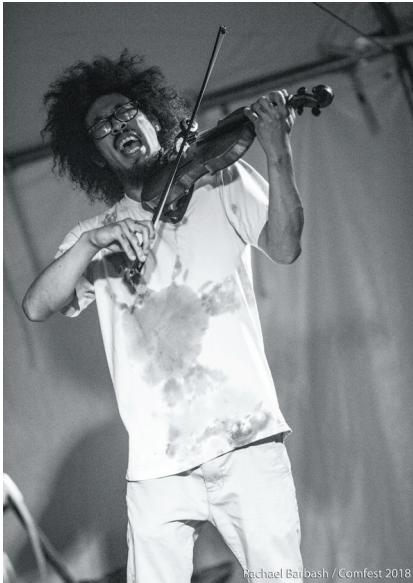


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Rachael Barash / Comfest 2018

OFF RAMP

Lambo VanGogh
Fun Energetic Experience
 NOON

Dead Set Ready
Punk Rock Alternative
 12:45 PM

Betty Machete & The Angry Cougars
Rock and Roll
 1:30 PM

Bizzoe + OZN
Ancient Floe Bizzoe
 2:15 PM

Life And The Universe
Alternative Math Emo
 3 PM

The Scratches
Punk Rock
 3:45 PM

SPEAKER- Staley Munroe
Fashion to Activism
 4:30 PM

Lord Whorfin
Heavy Progaze
 5:10 PM

Gown
Angsty Upset Fierce
 5:50 PM

Bardo Jones
Papi Stay Blaytent!
 6:35 PM

Primitives
doom+pop+noise
 7:25 PM



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SUNDAY JUNE 30

JAZZ

Vaughn Wiester's Famous Jazz Orchestra
Big Band Jazz
NOON

The Jazz Poetry Ensemble
Progressive Jazz Poetry
1 PM

Jen Miller
Jazz & Blues Songbird
2 PM

 SPEAKER - Climate Change

Jason Cervenec
Byrd Polar & Climate Research Center
3 PM

SPEAKER - Save Courtyard Estates
Protecting Affordable Housing
3:15 PM

Anna Paolucci
& Columbus Women In Jazz
3:30 PM

Gabrielle Solange
Eclectic Brave Free
4:45 PM

Django Jazz with
Brett Burleson and Josh Hindmarsh
Inspired by Django
5:50 PM

Honk Wail and Moan
Sun Ra Mingus Casey
6:55 PM

HOW TO APPLY

Would you like to entertain, perform, demonstrate, teach, or give a workshop at Community Festival?

Go to comfest.com and fill out a performer application, which will be available online for ComFest 2020 on July 1, 2019.

The deadline to return them is March 15, 2020.

Earlier application gives us more time to get to know you or check out your performance.

LIVE ARTS

Three Cranes Grove
LocalDruid Grove
9:30 AM

Yoga on High
Ashtanga Yoga Demonstration
11 AM

The Shazzbots
Space-age Kids' Rock
12:05 PM

The Muppet Mayhem Band
Feel Good Nostalgia
1:05 PM

Mr. Eric
Interactive Kids Music
1:55 PM

Dances of Universal Peace
Universal Peace Dance
2:35 PM

OSU Hillel Folkdancers
Fun Dance Peace
3:25 PM

Columbus Contra Dance
Swing Your Partner
4:20 PM

Flavor'd Flow Studio
Kids Breakdancing Studio
5:10 PM

Jim Maneri
Barrellhouse And Beyond
5:50 PM

Poetry Slam
Spoken Word Competition
6:35 PM



SOLAR

Workshop: Prof. Spira, PhD
Mucus-free:
The Original Vegan Diet
11 AM

Workshop: Vegan Connection
11:50 AM

Lauren Lever & Live Oaks!
Appalachian Psych Folk
12:45 PM

Workshop: Urban Garden Discussion
1:20 PM

Sean Benjamin
Soulful Alternative Artist
2:10 PM

Workshop: Columbus Free Press
2:55 PM

Perrenial Rye
Bluegrass Roots Americana
3:45 PM

Workshop: Women Have Options Ohio
4:30 PM

The Mighty Troubadours
Harmonious Contemporary Bluegrass
5:30 PM

Micah Kesselring
Chill Acoustic Blooz
6:15 PM

Craig S. Heath
Acoustic Folk Americana
7:05 PM



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Self-Care Central: The Return of The Healing Zone

Self-care can seem superfluous, luxurious, or selfish, but it's actually a necessity, especially for those who dedicate their lives to helping others and fighting for social justice. Some believe they have "more important" issues to deal with, or lack time, or feel guilty about feeling good while others are suffering.

Self-care could be a metaphor for using an airplane's emergency breathing masks: you must put your mask on first before you can help others. But Dr. Erlene Grise-Owens notes in her essay "5 Harmful Self-Care Myths" that masks are for when the plane is crashing. We should not wait until we're crashing to practice self-care.

ComFest has offered a variety of workshops, classes, and demonstrations on self-care in different forms since the festival's inception. Many of us were getting tired or even ill from the work we did, and we knew we needed mental clarity and heightened consciousness to be able to effectively fight oppression, achieve our goals, reach our own potential, and uplift



Photo by Michael Gruber

others to do the same. To that end, in 2007 we opened The Healing Zone and dedicated to it to teaching the use of self-care practices as tools for a better life.

Since then, mainstream culture has become more health conscious and has adopted forms of the healing arts. But mental health is a real, often-undiscussed, and obvious concern in our community. The Healing Zone workshops, classes, and demonstrations offer tools to practice self-care, including ancient traditions and natural paths that use time-tested methods to prevent illness and live optimally.

Join us Saturday and Sunday morning at the Peace & Healing Pavilion for the Healing Arts workshops including Tai Chi, Qigong, and mental fitness training.

In some ways, all of ComFest is a healing zone that can raise our spirits, refocus our purpose, and give us reasons to go on. We hope that the welcoming and committed world at ComFest brings you this Spirit and Purpose.

— Darryl Mendelson & Meghan Ralston

Good, Good, Good - Good Libations

This year Endeavor Brewing Company will be brewing the 2019 ComFest beer. This limited edition brew will be available on Saturday at the Jazz, Off Ramp and Lincoln Bars. The cost is one black chip.

The other great news is Hilltop Lager is back and the first kegs will be tapped at ComFest. Check out the other beers available.

For those who imbibe from the fruits of the vine, we offer some familiar wines to satisfy your palette—Old Soul Chardonnay and Pinot Grigio. To complement these, try a glass of Frances Ford Coppola Pinot Grigio or Rosso Red Blend. The Rosso is made from Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah—smooth and not too sweet. All of these choices are available at the Off Ramp and Jazz bars as well as the wine booth on Park Street.

There are currently four festival bars:

Peace Village: Offers both beer and mixed drinks.

Located in the park east of the Dennison Avenue parking lot.

Lincoln: Offering beer only. It's the first booth on the north end of Park Street near Lincoln Alley.

Jazz: Offering beer, wine and mixed drinks. Find it at the corner of Park St. and Goodale St.

Off Ramp: Offering beer and wine. on Goodale St. next to the Off Ramp Stage.

Remember to have your ID ready. Every bartender will ask to see it and will examine it carefully. All ages are treated the same. No ID means no service, no matter your age.

Remember to drink responsibly and always have a designated driver or take a bus, cab, or Lyft.

— Libations Committee

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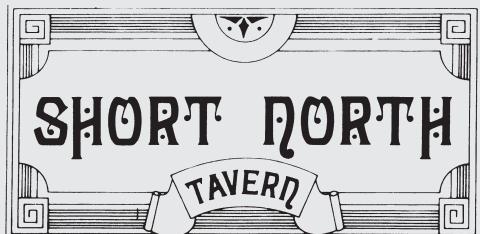
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FRIDAY

12:55 PM JAZZ STAGE

PARISH MUSICAL ARTS SHOWCASE
TALENTED STUDENTS & COMMUNITY ARTISTS

1:40 PM LIVE ARTS

CHILDREN'S MUSIC NETWORK
INTERNATIONAL GROUP DOING MUSIC FOR AND WITH CHILDREN
TO SUPPORT AND ENRICH LIVES

2:35 PM LIVE ARTS STAGE

GIRLZ RHYTHM N' ROCK
YOUNG GIRLZ PERFORM THEIR OWN SONGS

4:05 PM LIVE ARTS STAGE

WESTMINSTER THURBER DRUMMING CIRCLE
DRUMMING WITH THE YOUNG AT HEART

SATURDAY

NOON LIVE ARTS STAGE

JOYFUL INSPIRATION DANCE

YOUTH DANCE GROUP WITH MEMBERS 7 TO 18 YEARS OLD

12:35 PM LIVE ARTS STAGE

COLUMBUS RED DIAMONDS
GIRLS AGED 4 TO 14 DRILL TEAM

SUNDAY

12:05 PM LIVE ARTS STAGE

THE SHAZZBOTS

QUIRKY FUN ROCK MUSIC FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

1:05 PM LIVE ARTS STAGE

THE MUPPET MAYHEM BAND

YOU'LL KNOW MORE OF THE SONGS THAN YOU THOUGHT

1:55 PM LIVE ARTS STAGE

MR. ERIC'S KIDS MUSIC

A KIDS INTERACTIVE MUSIC SHOW

5:10 PM LIVE ARTS STAGE

FLAVOR'D FLOW STUDIO

KIDS BREAK-DANCE PERFORMANCE



KiDSART

KiDSART will be open Saturday and Sunday from noon until 6 PM at the picnic shelter at the far south side of the park near the playground equipment. There are lots of kid-friendly entertainment options on Friday. This year the tie-dyed T-shirt logo was created by 10-year-old Ola Brown. If you are 17 years old or younger and you would like to see your design on next year's KiDSART T-shirt, come to KiDSART and create an entry for



Photos by: Michael Gruber

next year's competition.

As in previous years, KiDSART will have face painting, T-shirt tie-dyeing, sidewalk chalk, toddler space, recycled artwork, streamer making, painting, and musical instrument making. In addition to all our arts and crafts activities, we will have two full days of performance acts

Come enjoy Kid's Yoga, songs and stories from Joanie Calem and Roger Parish and take part in a kid's talent show that is sure to be fun.



Wristbands For Kids

Wristbands are available at KiDSART, Safety Base at the north end of the shelter house, and at entry barricades. It's also a good idea to take a picture of your children when you arrive at ComFest. This will help you give an accurate description of what a child was wearing if s/he becomes lost.

Lost kids are brought by police or Safety volunteers to the Safety Base at the north end of the Shelterhouse to wait for their parents.

KiDSART Activities

SATURDAY

NOON

KID'S YOGA WITH ERIN MCINTYRE

1 PM

JOANIE CALEM & ROGER PARISH

SONGS & STORIES

1:40 PM

SWEET D'S ART OF HOOPING

HULA HOOP INSTRUCTION

2:20 PM

KID'S TALENT SHOW WITH KARAOKE

3:10 PM

RUSSELL SATORI

SONGS FOR KIDS

3:50 PM

BRIAN GRIFFIN

SONGS FOR KIDS

4:30 PM

MIMI CHENFELD

PLAY AND DANCE

5:10 PM

FLAVOR'D FLOW STUDIO

KIDS BREAKDANCING

6:00 PM

MEMORIAL FOR STELLA

SUNDAY

NOON

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KIDS BREAKDANCING

1:00 PM - 6 PM

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LOGO CONTEST

You've seen that neat ComFest T-shirt that all the volunteers are wearing. YOU can design the logo for next year. Every year we put out a call for folks to bring their ideas for a logo design.

Designs must have the dates June 26, 27, & 28, 2020 and the name "Community Festival" and must incorporate the Hopewell symbol into the logo. Images need to be camera ready and one color image (no grayscale). After the first of next year, go to comfest.com and look for the logo contest link for more details.

2020 Logo Contest
Thursday, March 12, 2020, 7:30 PM
Goodale Park Shelterhouse

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ComFest Logo Design: This year's logo design was created by David Browning. We congratulate him and all the talented artists who entered.

Street Fair

The 2019 Community Festival Street Fair reflects the diverse community that we are. Here you will discover handmade items and art from around the world. You can learn more about our community organizations passionate about the work they do to make our society a better place and how YOU can help, too. You'll find tasty food from local food vendors as well as traditional "fair food" on the midway (a.k.a. Goodale Street when it's not ComFest time)! Your support and patronage of these local artists, businesses, and organizations is vital to keeping the festival alive well into the future.

The Street Fair's many paths lead from food to art, from live performance to social change. Stop by the community organizations for information about how you can make our society, our world a better place. Shop at the vendors to find treasures so unique they literally cannot be found anywhere else. Snack your way through the community and commercial food vendors for great eats.

Linda Jakes of 60 Watt Bulb exemplifies the gold standard for ComFest vendors. Linda's gracious and witty nature as well as her whimsical beach glass jewelry bring back customers year after year. You can find 60 Watt Bulb in the heart of Park Street. This

vendor is our "Blue Ribbon Vendor" for 2019.

Producing this amazing Street Fair requires dozens of volunteers who begin months in advance and then pound the pavement nonstop for four days (Yes, we start before the festival kicks off and sometimes that pavement pounding is quite literal!). Look for us this year in indigo-colored T-shirts, tiaras, and goofy hats; we are glad to help you find whatever you need.

From fashion and jewelry booths to your favorite community organization to herbal iced tea to gluten-free snacks and deep-fried cheese on a stick, there is so much to see, do, and taste along the most vibrant street fair in the country.

You may also want to consider being a part of the ComFest Team. Stop by the Information Station or ComFest Info & Merch Booths and VOLUNTEER!

And while you are here, please watch out for the little kids; they're our future and welcome here. You'll see mine helping as they do now in their 20's; these three siblings have not missed a festival since the year they were born as have the kids of many of our volunteers! It is truly a family affair. Also, please do your pets a favor and leave them at home.

HAPPY COMFEST!

— Joan Couden



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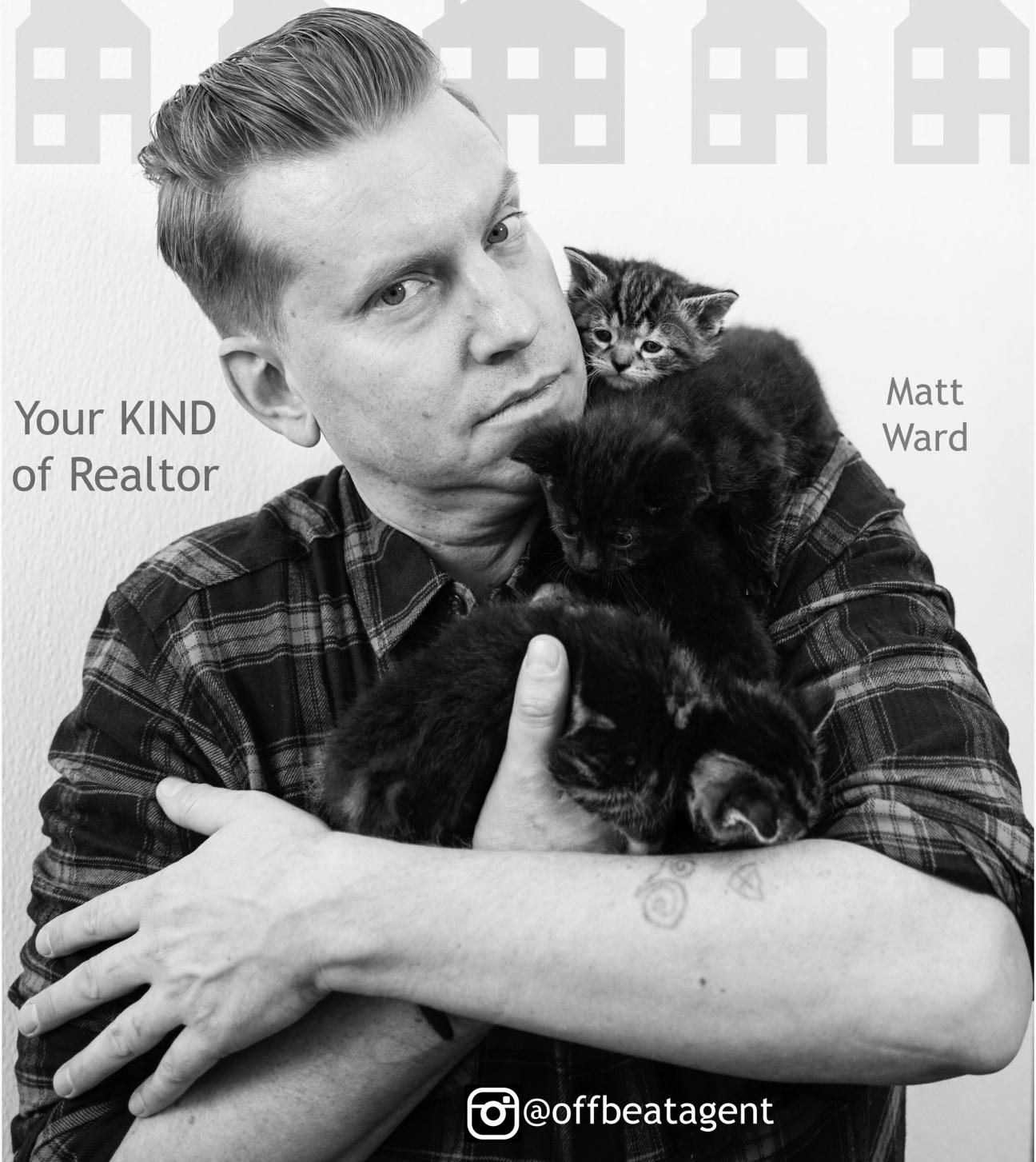


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HONORED COMFEST VOLUNTEERS

Julie Kurzenberger

2019 ComFest Honored Volunteer Julie Kurzenberger has managed the Peace Tent/Peace and Healing area of ComFest since the baton was passed by Connie Everett in 2017. Julie mentored with Connie for three years and “does much of the programming for Peace and Healing as well as the other workshops and speakers” per ComFest entertainment maven, Darryl Mendelson.

Julie is also the originator of the ComFest Comedy Club. “There was comedy at ComFest,” Julie said, “but I wanted to make it visible.” This year’s Comedy Club will feature 26 diverse comedians in Friday and Saturday night showcases.

ComFest is a family affair for Julie. Her mother, an entertainment booker and producer, took Julie to ComFest as a child and she began her volunteer activities at age 10 doing cleanup. Her husband Bill Kurzenberger has performed at ComFest, poured beers, and will manage the Gazebo stage this year. Julie’s son, Xavier Rearick, has also



volunteered. Julie has also performed as a singer with Bill at ComFest and on his recordings.

Julie is a 15-year beer booth volunteer and has served on the Entertainment, Finance, and Tech committees. Julie has staffed the ComFest volunteer table at events and continues to lead by example in the Spirit and Purpose committee.

“Julie has been working with ComFest for years, so she understands our process and message,” according to ComFest stalwart Connie Everett. “ComFest has always heard only the highest praise for her work.”

Julie recently completed a master’s degree in accounting and financial management at Keller Graduate School and is preparing for certification as a CPA. She is also chair of the volunteer board of Picnic with the Pops.

Speaking of her current work with ComFest, Julie said, “Peace and Healing is the embodiment of ComFest. It blurs the lines of division so we can come together as a community.”

— Harry Farkas

Jared Keron

Jared’s first ComFest experiences were while drumming for the band, Kazowi circa 1996 on Bozo Stage. He said, “Musicians have to set up, play, and tear down their equipment, over 3 hours of hard work, for chips and a t-shirt. No pay, just play. That’s dedication to Community.”

He liked the festival and was soon volunteering for stage crew, working under Mark Fisher in the Entertainment Committee. Mark recognized Jared’s talent and invited him to planning meetings.

Jared soon found himself running the Jazz Stage, which had been overseen by Don “I Wish You Jazz” Pavelcik for many years. Jared ran the Jazz Stage for the next 10 years, learning about involvement and taking on responsibility from Gabor Klein.

While overseeing logistics with Gabor, Jared found a place on the Tech Committee. Meghan Ralston of Tech says, “One thing one learns when working with Jared is that he is all

about action. He’s great at taking a somewhat nebulous concept and distilling it into an action plan. He takes ideas and turns them into strategies that benefit the entire festival.”

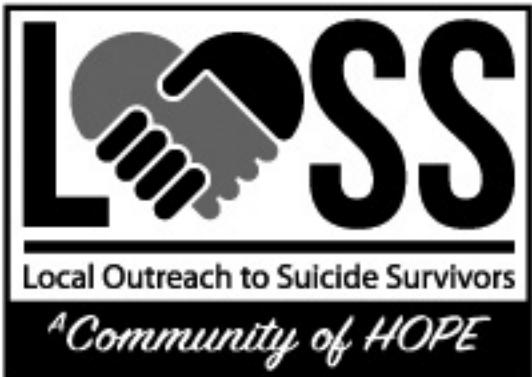


Meghan also shares, “Jared’s work on Entertainment, Tech, Logistics, and the Volunteer team has connected committees in ways that were previously unexplored, making the tremendous organizational work that goes into the festival a little easier.”

A favorite ComFest moment? Once, came when he was MC one Sunday night at closing, Jared knew that clean-up would start in just a few minutes. Hundreds of chairs would need to be picked up and folded to be loaded onto carts.

Then he had an epiphany. After the last song, he asked the audience just fold their chairs and set them on the tables. It worked. Instantly, hundreds of chairs were folded, stacked, and a major part of clean up done!

— Jonathan Johns



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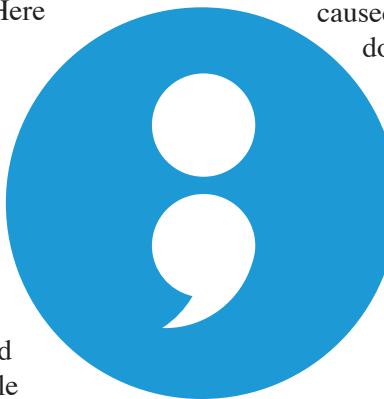
Working for social justice can be physically, mentally, and emotionally exhausting. It is important to remember that while we fight hard for others, we need to fight for ourselves, too. It may feel selfish to take time out to care for ourselves, but it isn't. It's crucial.

Let's say a person's spirit is like a pitcher of cold, crystal-clear, life-giving water. We fill the pitcher up in order to share it, but what happens if we don't refill it? There is—that's right—nothing left to give (or take). So we must constantly keep that pitcher refilled with water. How? By taking care of ourselves first. Here are a few suggestions to return to your natural blissful, fabulous state:

Breath – Concentrating on the sound and feeling of your breath. This is a common meditation practice that allows you to quiet your mind, let go, and feel better. The mind can only focus on so much at a time, so this practice can allow repetitive thoughts and nagging emotions to step aside for a while and let you think with a clearer mind.

Movement – Keep moving. Life is a dynamic, ever-changing, omnidirectional event. You can stay inside your head and fixate on your worries, or you can experience life, pumping the heart, changing your focus, and bringing new experiences to be happy about. Anything from a walk in the park or practicing yoga to taking a dance class or joining a local sports club can bring new horizons, hopes, friends, and happiness.

Diet – You are what you eat. You should be aware of what you put into your body, where it comes from, and what it gives to you. Health is often dependent on whether you eat foods that provide necessary nutrients and amino acids. People often eat sugary, fatty foods that give little more than short-term and indigestion. You should also be aware that some foods cause inflammation and allergic reactions that can add to physical and emotional distress. (Come to this year's Mucus Free Living workshop for more information.)



Laughter – Putting a smile on your face when you least feel like it can have a magical quality of tricking your brain into thinking you feel happy. A great big belly laugh is not only fun, but it also works your core muscles. You don't have to feel great or find something funny to try this. You can just "fake it till you make it" and see how you feel after a few minutes. It can be a quick fix in a pinch.

Forgiveness – It's easy to hang on to injuries caused by others or blame yourself when you don't succeed. You should remember lessons and learn from mistakes, but you can also forgive a person who caused you trauma to release yourself from being bound to anger or hurt. You should also forgive yourself — for everything. Accept that you're imperfect. You are all still becoming the wonderful humans you are meant to be.

Awareness – Sometimes it may feel like nothing you do is enough and you lose hope. The apparent self-inflicted deaths of community activists in the past two years offer stark warnings about the pressures of working to make a better world. If you are considering suicide and can't tell someone you know — or they didn't understand you were serious — there is still help.

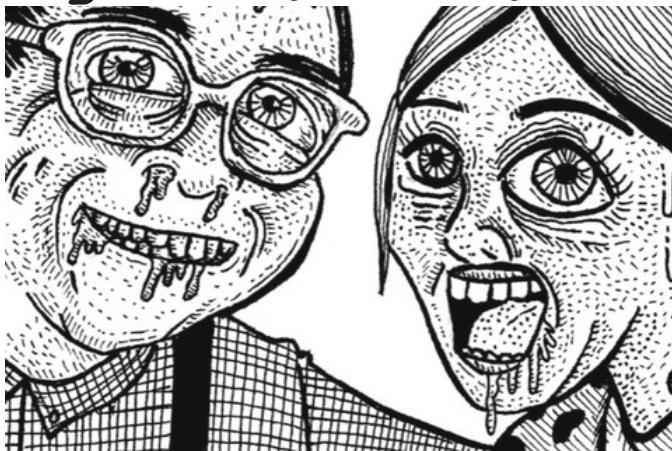
There are a variety of organizations and thousands of individuals willing to help. Projectsemicolon.com is a national organization dedicated to prevention of suicide (a semicolon is only a pause within a sentence). National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 1-800-273-TALK or 1-800-SUICIDE. There is also a Twitter handle for those who prefer to text: @800273TALK.

Of course, this is not medical advice. There are also times when mental health becomes unmanageable. There is no shame in reaching out to friends, family, anonymous groups, and/or a doctor to help strengthen your resilience and hone the tools that will help you manage emotional obstacles.

Take care of yourself. The world needs your light.

— Julie Kurzenberger

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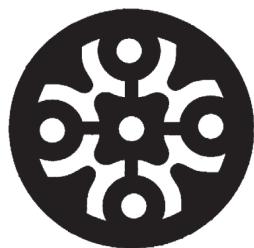
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Community Foods

Russell & Park Gate

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Russell & Park

Franklin Avenue Neighbors: Pop & **WATER.** — refill your water bottle: here

Park St. Midway N to S

D's Dogs: Hot dogs, brats, sausage

Lavash Cafe: Gyro, fatayer, kabob

Bubble Tea: Smoothies, teas, juices

Global Gallery Coffee Shop: Ice coffee, grilled corn, Tibetan momos

Free Clinic: Sun-brewed iced tea

Flavors of India: Makhni, curry, saag paneer, samosa

Queen's Table: Fishboat, fries, fried chicken

Nida Sushi: Phad thai, spring roll

Gilligans: Stir fry, smoothies, breakfast

Whole World: Broccoli burger, black bean wrap

Firdous: Middle Eastern food

Jazz Cap

Todd's Lemonade: Lemonade

Columbus Coalition for the Homeless: **WATER**



Photo by: Michael Gruber



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J-Pops: Gourmet popcicles

Paddy Wagon: Arrestingly good food

Dirty Franks: Dogs

Icee Rainbows: Italian ice

Bozo Food E to W

Todd's Lemonade: Lemonade

Patty Cake Bakery: Cookies, cupcakes, whoopie pie, sticky buns

Short North Bagel: Steamed deli sandwiches



Photo By: E Morgan

Bubble Tea: Smoothies, teas, juices

Ecole Kenwood PTA: **WATER** — refill your water bottle here

Ribman: Ribs

Mikey's Late Night Slice: Pizza

Jeni's Ice Cream: Ice cream

Short North Bagels & Deli: Deli Sandwiches

Cupzilla: The new round meal

Peace Village Food

Island Noodles: Soba noodles with veggies or meats

Love Bug: Daily gourmet delights

2 Fat Indians: Veggie and non-veggie Indian dishes

Drank Tank: Bubbly beverages

Simply Living: **WATER** — BOTTLE-LESS refill station

Katie's Snack Food: Jerky (beef, bison, elk, pineapple)

Near Live Arts Stage

Red Oaks: **WATER** — refill your water bottle here.

Fair Food

Along Goodale you will find the finest in "Fair" food from corndogs and candy apples to pizza and cream puffs. You can't miss the beautiful trailers along Goodale!



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Just Remember Death is Not The End — Bob Dylan



This spring, Columbus tragically lost two of its most beloved and prolific community leaders much too soon: Both organizers, Amber Evans and Rubén Castilla Herrera, had been ComFest Honored Community Activists. They dedicated their lives to amplifying the voices of communities whose voices have been ignored. Both will be remembered as much for the friendship and empathy they gave freely as they will be for the battles they fought.

Amber Evans 28, was the Executive Director of the Juvenile Justice Coalition and involved with various organizing groups. She was a familiar face at countless community events, demonstrations, and city forums. . Erin Davies, former Director of the JJC, said "Amber had a beautifully powerful, compassionate voice and advocated tirelessly for the youth and communities she loved. Her absence leaves a hole in the advocacy community, while also inspiring us to continue pushing for transformation while also taking radical care of ourselves as we fight oppressive systems."

Fellow activist Tammy Fournier Alsaada recalled her memories of

Amber: "Amber Evans taught us how to spread unconditional love in the world. We honor her memory by committing to love and protect one another."

In May, Amber was posthumously awarded the City's Create Columbus Visionary Award. Amber's disappearance and the later discovery of her body weighed heavily on a community who loved her. She will be remembered as a strong, passionate, powerful voice for Columbus's young people.

—Graham Bowman

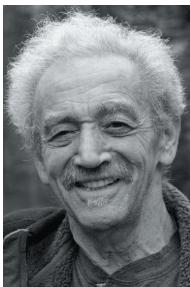
Rubén Castilla Herrera was an Ohioan since 1987. He was born in Seguin, Texas and raised in Oregon. Rubén, 61 was a prominent community activist who was passionate for migrant's rights but whose work extended to all marginalized people. He was an active member of the Columbus Sanctuary Collective, Central Ohio Workers, and various other causes. Writing on Facebook, Central Ohio Worker Center President Austin Kocher said, "Rubén was an irreplaceable force from a generation that still knew how to move people with words and ideas. ... To see his struggle was to see the contradictions of America work its way through a life, and to see that life push back with a ferocity born of profound love." Long-time community organizer and Comfest volunteer Tim Chavez said, "Ruben guided me to seek a better life for all. He could shine light upon dire situations and that kept people focused. Ruben knew that unity in the community would protect the weakest link. His circle of influence continues

to this day."

Rubén was, and will continue to be, a role-model and mentor to countless Columbus community members similarly struggling to push back against those same contradictions.

—Graham Bowman

Charlie Einhorn Charlie was a craftsman, photographer, writer, gardener, traveler, family man, and teacher, as well as a man always willing to sit and drink a cup of coffee and talk politics.

He was a gregarious, fun, free-spirited, humble, public-minded soul who loved Columbus. From his work as part of Benchworks, an early craft-oriented collective, to his community service on the board of the Arts Foundation of Olde Towne that produces the Hot Times Festival, Charlie was always involved in the community.

To him, ComFest was an annual opportunity to celebrate together and continue to empower ourselves. His grizzled grin and raspy voice were regular features of MC-ing from the ComFest or Hot Times Festival stages. His family's history in Europe and his own immigration to the United States made him both eager and proud to teach English as a Second Language at Columbus State Community College.

His bright spirit and joyful approach to life inspired and supported others. He lived his belief that strength in communities created



IN MEMORIAM

strength in individuals. He would always announce from the stages, "A festival, like a family and a community, cannot be built by only one." What seemed like a small touch to Charlie often left others feeling a big hug.

"A mighty oak has fallen," said Michael Doody, "but the acorns are all around us." Marlene Robbins called him "a bright light to the world."

Charlie's life was full because he invited so many people into it. He was an example of how an individual can become a community. Find out more about Charlie and his fascinating history at:

[www.Columbusjewishhistory.org/
oral_histories/charlie_einhorn](http://www.Columbusjewishhistory.org/oral_histories/charlie_einhorn)

*—Contributors: Lynn Stan,
Candy Watkins, Michael Doody,
Christina Hayes, Marlene Robbins,
Nikki Henry*

Stella Abel — Nothing is more heartbreak than losing someone to suicide with no signs of them thinking



such thoughts. Stella began attending ComFest in the womb and was her mother, Vanessa Prentice's, festival buddy her whole life. They volunteered

together with Program, Food Fairies, Cleanup & Recycling and Kid's Art. Last year Stella and her mother performed together on the Solar Stage. Longtime volunteer Diane Emerik knew Stella as a baby and worked with her at Kid's Art. Stella helped with tie dying, face painting and recruited friend's to volunteer with her. A memorial for Stella will be held at Kid's Arts Saturday at 6:00 PM. Vanessa is dealing with her loss

in her advocacy for suicide prevention and asks that every parent program the Suicide Hotline #800-273-8255 into their child's phone. — *Micki Pike*

Richard Connor With great fondness we remember our dear friend Richard Connor. Rich loved his community because Rich is the very fiber that makes a community

great. Many people know Rich as the "Door Guy" from Dick's Den and long time volunteer for ComFest, but it's his commitment to the community that I would like to speak about. Rich played a vital role in the development of the ComFest First Aid stations, we just couldn't have pulled it off without his help and dedication.

His commitment to his community was often tested and proven over the years by the many hours and shifts he volunteered for to make the ComFest First Aid program exist, he did it to make our community a better place. He was always kind, funny, well read and a true joy to be in the presence of. His commitment to the community should inspire others to reach out and find a way to help, because that's what he did. You couldn't find a better man than Rich: reliable, honest, kind and very cool. So this year at ComFest, give a "tip of the hat" and a "cheers" to Rich Conner... A true community aficionado. You are dearly missed my friend.

— *Rob Schorr*

John McCollar "Bubble Man" John was frequently found wearing Tie-dye at ComFest as he



created immense bubbles which were enjoyed by folks of all ages. He would draw a few onlookers who marveled at the fragile creations. He seemed to get great pleasure at providing simple entertainment and joy to those around him.

John enjoyed ComFest, good music and good beer. He had a picture on Facebook of a pint glass with multiple foam lines. He commented: "When you can see the progress of your life in sequential sips of great beer it is a beautiful thing."

Nik Olah a long time volunteer at the ComFest bike corral, lost his battle with cancer last September.

Olah was known in the biking community as the "ultimate sweep."



When a rider would fall behind the pack Nik would run with them to help them safely complete their ride.

Many people also knew Nik as Ohm_My_God, a moderator of the Columbus community on Reddit.

Yay Bikes! quoted Nik saying "I ride with people to soak up life with them. It's the time we've spent just being together, talking or silently taking in the scenery, that has forged some of the friendships I've relied on most since my cancer diagnosis.



Welcome Back Enrique Infante

Enrique Infante is a native of Lima, Peru. He's a singer, songwriter, producer, author and multi-instrumentalist. These talents have led him on an amazing journey sharing his works around the world. He toured Europe in 1995 with Los Mojarras, a famous Peruvian fusion band. He also played guitar with "Pukakuntur" (Red Condor in the native Inca language, Quechua). Enrique moved to Columbus in 1998. In 2004 he formed Dejavu Latin Fusion Rhythms.

That led to the release of his first of three albums.

In 2010 he founded a Spanish writers group "Escritores En Espanol de Columbus." The writers will lead a workshop at ComFest at 5:50 PM on Saturday at the Peace and Healing Pavilion. Their writing reflects their different backgrounds and nationalities.



As an author Enrique has published two short stories.

His song "Colors of Columbus" was selected as one of the winners for the Columbus Bicentennial Song Contest.

Enrique has shared the stage

with artists including Ruben Blades, Toto la Momposina, Javier Garcia, Tiempo Libre, and The Spanish Harlem Orchestra. His talents are known and appreciated by many in the music industry.

Enrique Infante now lives in Houston, Texas. We are happy that he has returned to Columbus and ComFest, where he has many friends and fans of his exciting musical style. Enrique Infante & Dejavu Latin Fusion Rhythms will perform at the Bozo Stage on Sunday at 3:25 PM. It's a performance that you don't want to miss.

Respecting Goodale Park

- Being at ComFest means being responsible—for yourself, the welfare of others, and the park itself. City parks are community resources, so don't hurt the park or make work for others in your quest for a good time.
- If you see trash, PICK IT UP! Yes, even if it's not YOUR trash!
- If a weather emergency requires shutting things down, please LEAVE THE PARK when asked.
- Treat the grounds gently. Turning wet areas into grass slides destroys the park. It destroys something that belongs to all of us and costs ComFest money to repair your damage.
- Carry out everything you bring in.
- Walk your bike or check it at the bike corral.
- Most of all, treat everyone with respect and love.
- Want to volunteer? Information Station is just inside the Russell Street gate on the east side of the park. Stop by to see how you can pitch in. Besides getting a cool t-shirt and tokens good for food and beverages, YOU will have made a contribution to ComFest's success and survival.

— Candy Watkins

Parking Info

Don't park up the neighborhood!

Remember that city parking regulations are fully enforced during ComFest. Don't spoil your ComFest experience by parking in a place from which you will be towed.

There are ample parking lots and garages south of Goodale Park in the Arena District.

Allow extra time to find parking spaces. Respect the neighborhood. We are all visitors during ComFest.

Don't park in the lot at Neil and Butbles or you will be towed!

VALET BIKE PARKING

Another choice is to ride a bicycle and park it at the Bike Corral at Butbles and Dennison.



RIDE A COTA BUS

The following bus lines will get you to ComFest: #1, #2, #5, #8, Night Owl (Fri. & Sat. evenings), and CBUS.

HANDICAPPED PARKING



Left curb only on Dennison: marked spaces south of Butbles.

Park Street at Butbles: first eight spaces on the southeast corner. All regular marked handicapped spaces on surrounding streets.

2019 Comfest Update - What describes WCRS FM 98.3 & 92.7? (an actual advertisement!)

National corporations control most radio today. They drive a commercial culture that delivers standardized formats aimed at developing large audiences to feed to their advertisers. These are the traditional top 40 and country stations. Almost none are locally controlled. They'll sell you anything. They're just interested in your money. Their bosses are advertisers.

That doesn't describe WCRS.

Every market has one or two "public" stations. In the early days of radio the FCC sought to encourage some programming which was aimed at educating the public. So a small number of licenses were issued to educational institutions. The associations of these stations, like NPR, have assumed the mantle of old national radio networks. They provide national programming which is supported by a mix of government and private funding. Generally such stations will avoid controversy. Controversy upsets their funding sources who are their actual bosses.

That doesn't describe WCRS.

WCRS is non-profit - advertisers don't run us. We're not peddlers pandering to the lowest common denominator to build audiences.

WCRS is all-volunteer with a budget so low we don't need to suck up to rich people for donations. Just what our friends give us is enough.

WCRS is committed to providing access to under served groups and to ideas not reported on other stations.

We regularly carry locally and nationally produced non-english programming aimed at our new populations. Newscasters such as Amy Goodman anchor our drive time programming delivering news elsewhere unreported. We provide facilities and airtime to local producers for music formats rarely heard on radio.

WCRS has been doing this in Columbus for more than a decade - once even winning Comfest's Community Organization of the Year Award. Stop in and visit our booth. Say hi because, if you are reading this, YOU are OUR target audience :-)

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Relieve Dog Stress – Leave Them At Home

You may think your best friend likes outdoor festivals as much as you do. In reality, these events are potentially hazardous to your dog, you, other festival-goers, and their dogs. Large events raise a dog's stress level and can make it unhappy and more likely to act in ways that can be unpleasant to others (while you're relaxing).

1. NOISE. Your dog's hearing is perhaps 10 times more sensitive than yours. Even if you aren't right in front of a live stage speaker, overall volume level, sound reverberation and sheer quantity of constant noise coming from all directions is potentially damaging to your dog's sensitive hearing. Guitar shredding can shred your dog's hearing.

2. HEAT AND FATIGUE.

When was the last time you went to a summer concert in a fur coat? Even when water and shade are available, heat can quickly dehydrate dogs and cause life-threatening heat stroke. Taking a long walk around the neighborhood is one thing. Walking for hours on hot pavement or even grass is exhausting for a dog.

3. CROWDS. Being in a crowd makes a dog confused or anxious, so even the best-behaved dogs stress out in crowds. Aside from crowded conditions and sensory overload, a lot is going on at knee level that you may not see, such as a toddler reaching to pet the dog's face. "But my dog would never bite" may be true in ordinary situations, but a crowded event creates unpredictable conditions and serious risks.



4. BITING. All dog bites are required by law to be reported to the authorities. If your dog bites someone at ComFest and it does not have a current rabies vaccination tag and papers, it must be quarantined (confined) and observed for 10 days, even if it is a healthy dog. Also, there is little to stop your dog from catching a disease from another dog at ComFest. Be sure your dog is up to date on all of its vaccinations, especially rabies.

5. FOOD DANGERS. The ground is one big chow bowl to a dog. Peppery foods, sugary foods, and onions are just part of the buffet only a few inches away from that big wet nose. Your dog could develop

pancreatitis. Often a direct result of such "dietary indiscretions," it can range from milder symptoms demanding care by a vet to severe and life-threatening problems requiring hospitalization, possible surgery, and hundreds of dollars of expense (your guilt aside).

6. GETTING LOST. Lost pets risk never being returned to their owners or, worse, being hit by a car. Be sure your dog is wearing some form of identification at all times.

Why would you bring your dog here?

Taking your dog to any large outdoor event is an ego trip at your dog's expense. The only benefit to your dog is that Fido doesn't have to pick up your poop. Do your best friend a big favor: don't take your dog to ComFest or other crowded public events.

— Paul Volker, with Dr. Theresa Burke, DVM,
Creature Comforts Animal Clinic

What's So Funny? — Comedy at ComFest

Come to the Peace & Healing Pavilion for a bellyful of laughs! The ComFest Comedy Club features a showcase of hilarious local comedians featuring your hosts: Dave Burkey, Ty Moore, Cecil Heyman, & Chris Gilli Gillikin.

Also including Jameson Rogers, Jeff Burgstrom, Nick Glaser, Travis Irvine, Chris Fenner, Luke Albu, Bettina Hedwig, Walta Yoseph, Mike Dennis, Stevie J, Leslie Battle, Negus Edward S. Neale II, Bobbie Dodds, Lisa Berry, Garrett Snipes, Marie Adams, Sean

Somerville, Ian Miller, Joel Good, Ed Neale, Troy Hammond, Chris Anderson, Tom Plute, and Wonder Doug. The Friday Comedy Club is at 9:15 PM and Saturday at 8:25 PM.

Also check out two improv troupes at Peace & Healing: Fake Bacon Improv on Friday at 8:25 PM and The Meohatten Project on Saturday at 7:45 PM.

If laughter is the best medicine, some massive healing will be found here. Join us!

— Julie Kurzenberger

First Aid

Sunburned? Dehydrated? Twisted ankle while dancing? These are among the common complaints seen at the First Aid Stations. We have nurses, EMTs, doctors, former army medics, teachers, Eagle Scouts, lifeguards, health care providers and other volunteers to handle most needs and to assess whether more treatment is needed from the Columbus Division of Fire Medic unit we have for each of our two stations.

To better serve Community Festival's crowds, First Aid has operated two stations since 2009. The Main Station is in the center of the park, next to the Cleanup & Recycling HQ, and will operate from 9 AM to midnight all 3 days. Station Two is just inside the park, across from the intersection of Park & Poplar Streets, and will operate on Friday from Noon-11 PM, and from 12-9 PM Saturday and Sunday.

ComFest First Aid commends the Columbus Division of Fire EMS medics of the Columbus Firefighters Union Local #67 IAF for their courteous and professional dedication to duty each day, as well as the medical students who volunteer for the Columbus Free Clinic.

The Columbus Free Clinic provides basic primary health care for the under- and uninsured of Columbus. Visit columbusfreeclinic.com and click on "How to be seen." Donations to the Clinic are tax-deductible as allowed by the IRS. Please send to: Columbus Free Clinic, Rardin Family Practice Center, 2231 N. High St, Columbus, OH 43201.

The 2019 Community Festival wishes you a safe and healthy time, but always remember that our volunteers and the city's paramedics are here when needed. In recent years we have sponsored free First Aid & CPR training for over 45 organizers and volunteers to improve our ability to provide on-site care for festival-goers with an insect bite, splinter, a cut foot or heat exhaustion.

All volunteers get a 2019 First Aid T-shirt and chips for free food & beverages.

— Bill Finzel



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Poetry and Spoken Word

Literary arts offer a change of pace at ComFest. At 12:55 PM Saturday in the Peace & Healing Pavilion Jen Knox will give a short fiction reading. Poetry readings in the Peace & Healing Tent's Poetry Corner Saturday afternoon at 4:25 PM feature Steve Abbott, Sabrina Ali, Betty Bleen, and Beverly Zeimer.

At 5:50 PM Story Club Columbus entertains with the oral tradition of storytelling.



Take a break and listen to some of Ohio's finest literary talent.

The Spoken Word Competition is at the Peace and Healing Pavilion 6:35 PM Sunday. Facilitated for years by Is Said. Hosted this year by Barbara Fant. Cash prizes for the top three finalists.

— Connie Everett

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HEADS UP!

Every visitor to Community Festival is expected to observe public safety laws and event rules listed in the Program Guide.

Visitors to ComFest this year again should anticipate a police presence and enforcement of all applicable laws. There will be uniformed officers hired by Community Festival as well as uniformed officers and plainclothes detectives deployed by the Columbus Division of Police, as is usual at all large public events.

The Police want festival attendees to know that laws will be enforced, whether the offense involves shoplifting from vendors, bringing outside alcohol into the park, lighting a fire, or consuming illegal drugs.



Anyone unwilling to comply with these laws and rules should not enter the festival grounds.

Thanks to the support of an aware, engaged audience and hard-working volunteers, ComFest has earned a track record as the most peaceful event of its size in Columbus. With everyone's help, the 2019 Community Festival can again set a high standard for staying safe, clean, and green.

Don't be a tourist when you come to ComFest. Sign up to help. Bring your best self and become part of this sprawling model of collective and peaceful self-governance. Remember, it's everyone's job to maintain the mellow!

Pass it on!

Park Closing Times

FRIDAY, 11 PM

SATURDAY, 10 PM

SUNDAY, 8 PM

Please cooperate when you are asked to leave the Park

Don't Become a Statistic

ComFest has lots of signs warning visitors that there is a No BYOB rule in the park, and organizers want everyone to know that includes everything that is still illegal in Ohio. Safety/No BYOB teams patrol the park and take time to personally warn people and encourage lawful enjoyment of the festival.

FACT: People have ignored numerous warnings and ended up being statistics of arrests and citations for BYOB, underage alcohol, cigarette and pot-related offenses.

Law enforcement agencies and liquor agents, both uniformed and plainclothes, attend events where alcohol and large crowds are present. Community Festival organizers expect them at ComFest again this year. They will be watching the crowd, looking for any illegal activities.

If you don't like a law, then work to change it. While the law is in place, play by the rules and keep the Community Festival safe. We want you to be able to stay and enjoy the festival. DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC.

