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Downtown Columbus, Inc. Brings More Summer Events

Scioto Mile Fountain Night Shows, DORA at Dusk, Evening Kayak Discounts among added summer programming

(Columbus, OH) – Summer isn't slowing down in Downtown Columbus! Downtown Columbus, Inc. is bringing a variety of evening programming to keep the fun going the rest of the summer into the fall season. Here's what's in store:

REGULAR PROGRAMMING:

What: **FREE Scioto Mile Fountain Night Light Shows**
When: Fridays and Saturdays through August 31
8 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Where: Bicentennial Park, 233 S Civic Center Dr
Details: Enjoy free Fountain light shows featuring vibrant water illuminations set to music. Plus, on Sunday – Thursday, the Fountain is illuminated with colorful lights from 7 - 10 pm, with no water.

What: **DORA at Dusk**
When: Friday, August 9, September 13 and October 11
6 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Where: Trolley pub stops include Milestone 229 (229 S Civic Center Dr), The Junto (77 Belle St), Franklinton Fridays (442 W Rich St), and Land-Grant Brewing Company (424 W Town St)
Details: Explore the new Center City DORA with special happenings and deals connected by the free Trolley Pub. Stops include Milestone 229, The Junto, Franklinton Friday, and Land-Grant Brewing across the river in Franklinton. Hop on and enjoy special deals on DORA drinks from Milestone 229 and The Junto.

What: **Golden Hour Paddle**
When: Fridays in August | 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Where: Boat launch under the Main Street Bridge, near Bicentennial Park
Details: Relax with an evening ride down the Scioto River with a \$15 discount on a one-hour watercraft rental. Take your pick from a stand-up paddleboard (\$10), single kayak (\$15), or a double kayak (\$35). Spots are limited, so book ahead to secure your kayak! Walk-ins accepted, but not guaranteed. <https://windroseoutdoor.com/>

What: **FREE Local and Live Concerts**
When: Every Thursday in August
Where: Columbus Commons, 160 S High Street
Details: With a line-up full of Columbus' best local bands paired with great drinks and rotating food truck options, you won't want to be anywhere else on Thursday nights all August long. This series is free and open to the public. See who's playing: <https://columbuscommons.org/events/concerts/>



What: **Brews in the Bosque**
When: Every Thursday in September | 5 – 8 p.m.
Where: Columbus Commons, 160 S High Street
Details: Come enjoy the backyard-meets-beer-garden vibe of this happy hour happening complete with music, drinks, and food. Leashed dogs are welcome. Stick around for a free outdoor movie in the bosque at dusk. Check out the full menu: <https://columbuscommons.org/events/happy-hour/>

What: **FREE Sunset Cinema**
In partnership with CAPA
When: Every Thursday in September | Movie starts at dusk
Where: Columbus Commons, 160 S High Street
Details: Enjoy a free, laid-back movie night on the lawn. Start your evening at Brews in the Bosque for a drink during happy hour and stick around for the movie. While everyone's invited, this movie series is designed with adults in mind! Bar is open until 9 pm. Each movie features a different local nonprofit. Check out their info tent while you're at the park. Movie schedule:
September 5 at 8:00 p.m.: Sister Act II featuring Zora's House
September 12 at 7:45 p.m: Grease featuring Local Matters
September 19 at 7:30 p.m: Barbie featuring Girls on the Run of Central Ohio
September 26 at 7:15 p.m: Top Gun: Maverick featuring Downtown Residents Association of Columbus (DRAC)

ONE TIME EVENTS:

What: **FREE Kayak Day**
When: Saturday, August 10 | 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Where: Boat launch under the Main Street Bridge, near Bicentennial Park
Details: The views from the Scioto River are priceless, but you can experience them for free. All experience levels are welcome to enjoy a complimentary kayak, tandem kayak or SUP rental. Date is subject to change based on weather and river conditions. More information here: <https://downtowncolumbus.com/projects-initiatives/summer-on-the-scioto/>

What: **FREE Midway on the Mile**
When: Saturday, August 10 & Sunday, August 11 | 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Where: Rich Street Bridge
Details: Elevate your festival experience at Midway on the Mile! Join us on the Rich Street Bridge overlooking Downtown Columbus for a unique carnival-style event featuring iconic summer fun including a trackless train, obstacle course, wipeout attraction, putt-putt course and more. Prepare for fun for all ages and breathtaking views.

What: **UnderCurrent: Downtown Silent Disco**
When: Saturday, August 17 | 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.



Where: Intersection of Gay & High Streets
Details: Hit the streets for a one-night-only outdoor Downtown Silent Disco! DJs will be spinning 90s and 2000s hits, girl pop chart-toppers, and a smooth mix of hip-hop, R&B and Bollywood party beats. Choose your own channel and dance to the beat in the middle of the street! Plus, enjoy free frozen treats while supplies last, and grab a DORA beverage from a nearby participating restaurant.

What: **FREE Family Movie Night: A Goofy Movie**
Presented by Molina Healthcare

When: Saturday, August 17 | 8:15 p.m.

Where: Columbus Commons, 160 S High Street

Details: Round up the whole family and head to the Commons for a free movie surrounded by the stars and the city skyline. This event is free, open to the public, and lawn chairs and blankets are welcome. There will be food trucks on site until 9 pm! Snacks are welcome.

What: **UnderCurrent: BAM (Bar, Art, Music)**

When: Friday, August 30 | 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Where: Intersection of Gay & High Streets

Details: Downtown Columbus, Inc. is joining forces with the Columbus Museum of Art to bring the Museum's signature BAM series to Gay & High! Enjoy a live DJ, dance party, creative experiences, interactive photobooth, live painting, food trucks, yard games, a cash bar and more.

What: **FREE Concert: A Song Remains (A Night of Led Zeppelin) + The Dead Revival Band (Grateful Dead Tribute)**

When: Friday, August 30 | 7 p.m.

Where: Columbus Commons, 160 S High St

Details: A night of epic anthems and guitar solos is in store with two tribute bands covering legendary groups. The Dead Revival Band will kick things off, followed by The Song Remains: A Night of Led Zeppelin. Enjoy a bar and food trucks plus a shoppable vendor market in partnership with The Good Market!

What: **FREE Shadowbox Live Show**

When: Sunday, September 1 | 8 p.m.

Where: Columbus Commons, 160 S High St

Details: Shadowbox Live pays tribute to the music and influence of David Bowie and Prince, and the revolutions they led across music, fashion and pop culture. The multimedia production includes songs performed live and brought to life by the Shadowbox Live house band and metaperformers with additional stories on these two iconic music legends. The show is a true tribute show enhanced with dance, video and more.

What: **Free Harvest Fair**

When: Saturday, September 7 | 4 – 8 p.m.

Where: Columbus Commons, 160 S High Street



Details: Free fall-themed family activities including giant inflatables, pumpkin patch, pumpkin decorating, pumpkin carving, and a full farm experience. All this fall fun is followed by a free movie night at the Commons, featuring *Coco*.

What: **UnderCurrent: Hank's Low Country Oyster Fest**
When: Sunday, September 15 | 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Where: Intersection of Gay & High Streets
Details: Celebrate the start of oyster season in the heart of Downtown. Enjoy an afternoon filled with live oyster shucking, oyster roasting, and a delightful array of Low Country Southern-inspired dishes. Savor live jazz, refreshing wine, cold beer, signature cocktails under “Current”!

What: **High Spirits, an UnderCurrent event by the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District**
When: Saturday, October 12 | 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Where: Intersection of Gay & High Streets
Details: Get ready for Halloween with this alternative art and music festival. -Take in music performances across three stages, roaming entertainment, and more surprises to celebrate the diverse artistic community of Columbus. Produced by the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District with support from the City of Columbus' Open Streets initiative.

2024 SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Regular programming continues at the Scioto Mile and Columbus Commons. Don't miss out on these events before summer comes to a close.

What: **FREE Scioto Mile Fountain**
When: Daily through September 2
11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Where: Bicentennial Park, 233 S Civic Center Dr
Details: For information about changes to Fountain hours or closures visit www.DowntownColumbus.com/SciotoMile

What: **FREE Fountainside Fun**
When: Last event is on Monday, August 12 | 3 – 6 p.m.
Where: Bicentennial Park, 233 Civic Center Dr
Details: Enjoy live music and performances, tabletop games, food trucks, and more. The whole family can splash at the fountain (for free!)

What: **FREE Dorrian Days**
When: Tuesdays, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Through Aug. 20.
Where: Dorrian Green, 50 S. Belle Street
Details: Free family fun with giant inflatables, games, the COSI curbside van, a themed activity station, and a food truck. Plus, cool off in the Dorrian Green water feature.



What: **FREE Fitness Classes facilitated by RawYoga614 and Seven Studios**
Presented by UnitedHealthcare

When: Tuesdays and Wednesdays | Through September 25

Where: Columbus Commons, 160 S High St

Details: Free outdoor yoga and cardio classes for all skill levels. Bring a friend or stop by solo to get your sweat on in the heart of Downtown Columbus.

- Tuesdays – Cardio, 5:30 p.m., Yoga, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays –Yoga, 5:30 p.m., Yoga, 6:30 p.m.

What: **Breakfast at the Commons**
Presented by Fifth Third Bank

When: Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. | Through Oct. 30

Where: Columbus Commons, 160 S High St

Details: Stop by the Commons to enjoy several rotating breakfast food trucks on Wednesday mornings from May through October.

What: **Food Truck Food Court**
Presented by Fifth Third Bank

When: Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. | Through Oct. 31

Where: Columbus Commons, 160 S High St

Details: On Thursdays each week, Columbus Commons will continue to offer the downtown daytime population access to Columbus' best food trucks. Plus, shop the SID's Pearl Market for local goods each Food Truck Food Court Thursday through October 10.

What: **Wednesdays on the Water**

When: Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. | Through August 14

Where: Boat launch under the Main Street Bridge, near Bicentennial Park

Details: Paddle down the Scioto River with a \$15 discount on a one-hour watercraft rental. Spots are limited, so book ahead to secure your kayak! Walk-ins accepted, but not guaranteed. <https://windroseoutdoor.com/>

For a full list of Scioto Mile events produced by Downtown Columbus, Inc., visit www.downtowncolumbus.com/sciotomile

For a full list of events in Downtown Columbus, visit <https://downtowncolumbus.com/events/>

For a full list of events at Columbus Commons, visit <https://columbuscommons.org/events/calendar/>

ABOUT DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS, INC.

Downtown Columbus, Inc. (formerly the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation & Capitol South) is a private nonprofit organization whose mission is to lead city-changing projects and collaborations that improve the connectivity, livability, and inclusivity of the Downtown Columbus experience. Downtown Columbus, Inc. drives development and progress of the Downtown Columbus Strategic Plan, working across sectors toward the vision for Downtown



Columbus to become a neighborhood of connected, people-first urban districts that can be enjoyed by all. Learn more at downtowncolumbus.com.

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