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Summer Fun Returns to the Scioto Mile

(Columbus, OH) – The summer season at Bicentennial Park is officially underway as Columbus Recreation and Parks Department and Downtown Columbus, Inc. announce the reopening of the Scioto Mile Fountain, along with new and returning events designed to bring the community together.

The Scioto Mile Fountain reopens May 23, offering daily interactive play (11 a.m.-7 p.m.) and evening light shows (7-10 p.m.). New this year, sensory-friendly hours will be on Mondays, June 2-Aug. 25, from 11 a.m.–noon. For information about changes to fountain hours or closures, visit DowntownColumbus.com/SciotoMile.

The Patio at the Scioto Mile Fountain will offer alcoholic beverages and non-alcoholic refreshments for purchase Thursday-Sunday throughout the summer. With the Center City DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area), residents ages 21 and up can responsibly enjoy their alcoholic beverages in designated areas along the Scioto Mile and throughout Downtown.

This summer offers another great series of events for residents of all ages and interests.

COLUMBUS RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT EVENTS

[Find a full list of events produced by Columbus Recreation and Parks Department here.](#)

FREE Sam Bush Band – Bicentennial Park Concert Series

May 23 | 5 p.m.

Kick off summer with the legendary Sam Bush Band and opener The Mighty Troubadours! Food and drinks available for purchase starting at 5 p.m., live music starts at 6:30 p.m.

FREE Tribute Tuesdays

June 10, June 17, July 8, July 29, Aug. 5, Aug. 19 | 5 p.m.

This new happy hour concert series celebrates the best of the '90s with live tribute performances. Food and drink available for purchase starting at 5 p.m., live music starts at 6:30 p.m.

FREE Sunday With the Symphony

June 22 | 4 p.m.

Enjoy music-themed activities and a free performance by the Columbus Symphony Orchestra. Food and drinks available for purchase starting at 4 p.m., live music starts at 5:30 p.m.



FREE Jazz & Rib Fest

July 18-20

In its 44th year, this summertime tradition offers the finest in music and BBQ.

FREE CBUS Soul® Fest

Aug. 15-16 | 4-10 p.m.

Enjoy live music, great food and lots of soul! Watch for a headliner announcement.

FREE End of Summer Concert – Bicentennial Park Concert Series

Aug. 29 | 5 p.m.

Get ready for another amazing night! Watch for performances to be announced.

Food and drinks available for purchase starting at 5 p.m., live music starts at 6:30 p.m.

FREE Columbus Jazz Orchestra with Byron Stripling

Sept. 12 | 5 p.m.

End summer on a high note with the incredible Columbus Jazz Orchestra featuring Byron

Stripling. Food and drinks available for purchase starting at 5 p.m., live music starts at 6:30 p.m.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m.

DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS, INC. EVENTS

[Find a full list of events produced by Downtown Columbus, Inc. here.](#) Photos with credits are available [here](#).

FREE Fountain Fest

May 24-25 | 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Free family fun with live entertainment, food trucks, art and fountain play.

FREE Dance & Fitness at the Fountain

Select Thursdays (Fitness: 6:30 and 7:15 p.m.)

Select Sundays (Dance: 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.)

Fun, free classes for all skill levels. Advance registration encouraged.

FREE Scioto Social

Aug. 30 | 8-10 p.m.

End the season with a splash! Enjoy a DJ, light show and DORA drinks.

FREE Kayak Days

July 13 and Aug. 10 | 1-5 p.m.

Tandem and stand-up paddleboards available. Weather permitting.

FREE DORA at Dusk

June 13, July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10 | 6-10 p.m.

Hop on the free Trolley Pub with a DORA drink and visit stops including The Patio, The Peninsula and Land-Grant Brewing.

Wednesdays on the Water

Wednesdays, May 28-July 30

50% off one-hour kayak rentals. Limited spots—[book early!](#)

**Golden Hour Paddle**

Fridays in August | Various times

Enjoy 50% off evening paddles on the Scioto River. Spots are limited, [book ahead!](#) Walk-ins accepted but not guaranteed.

Breakfast at Bicentennial Park

Select Fridays, May-October | 7-10 a.m.

Grab coffee, waffles or ice cream from the Bean Machine food truck. Join the run club for a riverfront jog or walk.

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