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## Growing Smarter Series Demystifying Density - Harriet Tregoning, executive director, Smart Growth Leadership Institute

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Ohio*.

## Upcoming CMC Forums

Thursday evening, July 20  
**Summer Member Reception**  
Summer MELTDOWN!  
Hosted by *EventCo*.

Wednesday, August 2  
**Critical Thinking About Media  
Messages in an Election Year**  
Frank Baker, Media Literacy Consultant.  
Sponsored by: *Time Warner Cable*.

Wednesday, August 9  
**MidEast Update: Israel,  
Palestine and Lebanon**  
Richard K. Herrmann, Director of the  
Mershon Center at the Ohio State Uni-  
versity.

Wednesday, August 16  
**Dr. Gene Harris, Superintendent,  
Columbus Public Schools**  
Sponsored by *DeVry University*.

Wednesday, August 23  
**CMC Annual Meeting  
following the regular forum**  
Forum speaker to be announced.

Wednesday, August 30  
**European Union and United  
States Relations**  
His Excellency John Bruton, Ambassador  
of E.U. to U.S. Presented in Partnership  
with Columbus Council on World Affairs.

Wednesday, September 6  
**Labor Day Break**

Friday, September 8  
**Building Public Space Series**  
Libraries in an Electronic Information  
Age. Patrick Losinski, Executive Director  
Columbus Metropolitan Library and Joe  
Branin, Director of Libraries, The Ohio  
State University.

Wednesday evening, September 20  
**CMC'S 30<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION  
GALA featuring Capitol Steps  
at the Capitol Theatre**  
**Tickets on sale NOW.**  
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bration Honorary Founders  
*Nationwide, Huntington Bank,  
American Electric Power, The  
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Wednesday, September 27  
**Annual Recchie Awards**  
Presented in partnership with *Columbus  
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Thursday, September 28  
**SPECIAL FORUM**  
David Fanning, Executive Producer  
of PBS's *Frontline*. In partnership with  
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Wednesday, JULY 26

## Streetcars for Columbus? A Perspective from Portland



Rick Gustafson



Denny McGinn



Michael Coleman

**Rick Gustafson**, CEO Portland Streetcar Company; **Denny McGinn**, Chair, Mayor Coleman's Downtown Streetcar Working Group.

With a special historical perspective by **Jeff Darbee**, of Benjamin D. Richey and welcome remarks by the Honorable Mayor **Michael B. Coleman**.

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"Once upon a time streetcars lived the streets of downtown Columbus . . ."

While streetcars for downtown Columbus today might sound like a fairy tale for some, it's the object of tremendous passion, enthusiasm and serious study for Mayor Coleman's *Downtown Streetcar Working Group*. The group of 42 civic leaders is studying the overall feasibility of streetcars, their economic development potential, ridership, construction, operating costs and funding.

At CMC's forum historic preservationist Jeff Darbee from Benjamin D. Richey will recall the days of street cars on Columbus city streets to put the subject in a historic perspective, while the Honorable Michael B. Coleman set the stage for a future for street cars in Columbus.

Rick Gustafson, CEO Portland Streetcar Company, and Admiral Denny McGinn of Battelle, Chair, Downtown Streetcar Working Group, will discuss the issues pertaining to the addition of streetcars in Columbus. A very successful model for comparison, Portland Streetcar Company was the first to install a modern streetcar system in the U.S. in 2001. Portland has seen \$1 billion in economic development along the streetcar line.

With approximately 1,700 acres, Downtown Columbus has a large area to traverse. Trans-

portation has been a dilemma for years; some people believe that our current bus system is lack-luster and many people prefer to drive to and from Downtown areas or simply avoid Downtown completely. Can streetcars alleviate the lack-of-parking issues in areas like the Short North and German Village? With the price of gas rising and the environmental debates fueling, would Downtown Columbus residents and visitors want to drive if there was an easily accessible alternative?

Downtown attraction are numerous, but widely dispersed; a method of connectivity could continue to fan the flame of current downtown sights and spark an interest in creating new, inviting areas. Could a successful system of public transit be just the catalyst Downtown Columbus needs to increase Downtown growth and development? Or, would the costs outweigh the benefits? The debate continues as Columbus contemplates yet another option for mass transit. Join The Columbus Metropolitan Club, Rick Gustafson, and Admiral Denny McGinn for a riveting and informative discussion on the pros and cons of streetcars in Columbus!

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Recap, Wednesday, JULY 12

## COSI Safe Experiment with Seasoned Leader



Chip Elam, Tina Guegold and Rich Rosen.



Phil Sorentino and Buck Rinehart share a good laugh!

"COSI is not just any science center in any city. It's held in high esteem throughout the country and throughout the world."

Dr. David Chesebrough



Back: CMC President Suzy Swanson, COSI David Chesebrough. Front: Rick Rosen and Carl Korht from our forum sponsor Battelle.

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CMC makes every effort to accommodate walk-ins and last-minute reservations, however, due to meal requirements, we cannot guarantee any lunch reservation made after noon on the day preceding the forum.

For a refund, cancellations must be made by noon on the day preceding the forum. Cancellations after that time and no-shows will be charged for their ticket(s).

Thank you sincerely for helping us serve you and your fellow members better.

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	Member \$15	Guest \$25	General Public \$30
Tables of 8	\$144	N/A	\$200
Tables of 10	\$180	N/A	\$250

*CMC forum lunches are held  
from noon to 1:15 at the  
Athletic Club of Columbus,  
136 East Broad Street  
unless otherwise noted.*

## Don't Miss the Party!

EventCo, Columbus premiere party planner, is hosting CMC's July 20 summer member reception – Summer Meltdown. What is this and why are we going there?

"First of all it's a party!" says Membership Committee Chair Gregg Dodd. "The Membership Committee always looks for interesting, intriguing, new or off-the-beaten-path places to host our membership receptions. EventCo's warehouse space looks like the back lot of a movie set – with displays of costumes, props and a variety of all kinds of party planning paraphernalia. It's just really fun space!"

EventCo owner Gary Bias agrees, "We're excited about hosting CMC. Most people don't get the chance to see the 'back of the house' of a facility like ours. We'll have actors in costumes to greet and entertain the CMC guests."

Additionally, this is CMC's summer truckload sale – membership dues will be "on sale" to first time NEW members for only \$100, a huge \$65 savings! The Board has agreed to provide this opportunity just one time this year so don't miss bringing your friends and business associates to join you in CMC!

## Summer Member Reception

Thursday, July 20, 2006

5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Hosted by Columbus'  
Premier Party Planners



801 W. Goodale Boulevard,  
Columbus, OH 43212

Enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment from EventCo. Bring your friends. Tickets only \$10.

**New Members join  
CMC for \$100.00**  
(save \$65.00)

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