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the community's conversation

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The mission of the Columbus Metropolitan Club is to connect people and ideas through community conversation.

THIS WEEK AT CMC

MONDAY, MAY 4
CMC SPECIAL

Ohio's Revival: Reforming Education for the 21st Century Economy

Governor Ted Strickland

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Presented in Partnership with the Women's Fund of Central Ohio

Dispatch Chats with Columbus

Dispatch Writer Ann Fisher

Women on Fire: Local Women Featured in New Book

Debbie Phillips, Author and Founder Women on Fire
Ginny Barney, City Manager, Upper Arlington
Patricia Wynn Brown, Founder of Hair Theatre
With Support from The Columbus Foundation

Previews of Upcoming CMC Events

MONDAY, MAY 18

View from Washington

With Support from Columbus State Community College, American Electric Power, and Outlook Media

If there was ever a time when we want to hear from our leaders in Washington, it's now, and Senator Sherrod Brown has accepted our CMC invitation to talk to us.



THURSDAY, MAY 21

CMC ON SITE, 5:15-7:00 P.M.

Exclusive Preview Tour of the New Statehouse Museum



Richard H. Finan

Special host Former Senate President Richard H. Finan

With support from Schooley Caldwell Associates

The Ohio Statehouse Museum is scheduled to open to the Public on June 10. Our Ohio Capitol building is more than a legislative hub – it's also one of the top visitor and school tour attractions in Ohio, with more than 400,000 guests last year.

This CMC on Site will offer CMC guests a preview program of the renovated museum and provide the background and development of this fascinating public/private project and its critical link to "the people's house."



MAY 27

Egypt comes to Columbus:

COSI and Columbus Museum of Art – art & science not-so-strange bedfellows

JUNE 3

Downtown Living Update

All CMC forums are open to everyone!

Forums are held at the Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St., unless otherwise noted.
Please make reservations online at columbusmetroclub.org or via email to staff@columbusmetroclub.org or by calling 464-3220



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TUESDAY, MAY 12, 5:15 – 7:00

From the Front-lines to Home: Reentry, Resources, and Risks for Returning Veterans

CMCp.m. at COSI

Presented in partnership with the Young Professionals of Ohio

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Major General Gregory Wayt, Adjutant General, Ohio National Guard

Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts are returning men and women veterans to mainstream society with severe disabilities, who would likely have died in previous wars. Add to this, the increase of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), a job-starved recessionary economy and reports of National Guard and military reserve members facing job discrimination due to multiple deployments overseas. These and many more reentry challenges face returning veterans after proudly serving our country.

General Wayt leads an important, thoughtful conversation about the needs of our brave service men and women and what we as citizens can do to help.



RECAP - APRIL 29

Modern Reasons for Old-Fashioned Food: Renewed Popularity of Locally-Grown Food

Featuring Michael Jones, Executive Director, Local Matters; Elizabeth Lessner, Restaurateur and President, Central Ohio Restaurant Association; Amalie Lipstreu, Senior Program Manager, Sustainable Agriculture, Ohio Department of Agriculture; and Catherine Girves, University Area Enrichment Association.



Matt Habash visits with his staff members Andrew Murphy and Christina Christian.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

You're Going to do *What* with City Center?

Bold Plans Emerge for City Center



Guy Worley, CEO, Columbus Downtown Development Corporation

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Unbelievably, City Center declined, slowly at first, then with alarming rapidity from its original beauty and bustle to a hollow shell with a haunting echo. We've all watched in amazement as a disappointing story unfolded for a not-so-long-ago darling of our downtown stage.

A February front page story in the Columbus Dispatch surprised nearly everyone. Keeper of City Center Mall, Capitol South Community Urban Redevelopment Authority announced plans to raze City Center and develop Columbus Commons, a community park in the heart of downtown. Apparently, the only ball left for this Grande dam was to be the wrecking ball.

While comments such as "You're going to do *what* with City Center?" reverberated throughout the community; Capitol South CEO Guy Worley explained that the decision-making process was open and that the group received a lot of input on how the site should be redeveloped.

Worley related that the decision ultimately rested with his 15-member board of directors, who worked with Mayor Michael Coleman, other officials and consultants to determine to tear down the mall and build a park. He said that the ultimate goal is to gradually replace park land with offices, retail shops and residences when the economy strengthens.

Capitol South sought Federal stimulus dollars to defray \$15 million of the estimated \$20 million necessary to demolish the building and establish the park. The Feds denied this request, but the demo will move ahead as planned this summer.

Dust to dust....



CMC President Sandy Clary, Speakers Amalie Lipstreu, Elizabeth Lessner, Michael Jones and Catherine Girves.



Rick Livingston talks local food with Patrick Turner.

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