

ASSOCIATION NEWS: Columbus Metropolitan Club

Wednesday, October 28, noon Livestreaming and In-house audience

Food Distribution: Reliable Yet Fragile

The food distribution system is complex but largely taken for granted by most of us. Food comes from the grocery store. As easy as that. Yet in the COVID months, food and supermarkets have taken on a central role in our lives.

“Cashiers, stockers, distributors, wholesalers, packers, pickers, and truck drivers have, even in the absence of adequate health safeguards, continued working to ensure that shelves stay stocked. Grocery shopping is no longer one in a long list of mundane errands. For many people, it’s the errand—the only one—and it now seems not inevitable, but somewhat amazing to be able to do at all.” THE ATLANTIC, JULY/AUGUST, 2020.

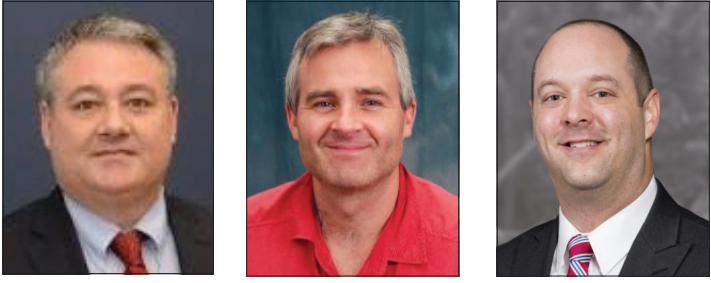
The pandemic has heightened our awareness of our intimate relationship with food and pointed a spotlight on how we rely on the supply chain working seamlessly, yet how fragile it can be. While local groceries were rationing milk, farmers in Ohio were dumping milk due to a back-up in the distribution and processing chain.

Long haul truck drivers carrying fresh produce from every corner of the country to every other corner of the country became potential carriers of disease and found it difficult to find food themselves during their long routes.

Meat packing plant employees found themselves in vulnerable work environments. Shouting over loud machinery, working in close conditions in the cold was a formula for spread for the coronavirus. Plants shut down to curb the spread and protect employees. Producers with livestock ready for market, were hard pressed to find processors.

Fresh food distribution centers operating with fewer workers due to staffing shortages from sickness slowed the handling and delivery, while producers had fewer people to pick the produce. It seemed the food chain was stretching and careening everywhere.

Food and agricultural experts discuss the intricacies of the food production, distribution, and retail delivery



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of our food system: reliable yet fragile.

Featuring **Dr. Brian Roe**, Associate Chair, Van Buren Professor in the Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics at Ohio State University; **Jack Irvin**, Vice President, Public Policy, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation; and **Jefferey Poor**, Vice President Operations - Supply Chain, T. Marzetti Company. Host to be announced.

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– Calendar of Events –

The positive thinker constantly sends out positive thoughts, together with vital mental images of hope, optimism, and creativity. He therefore activates the world around him positively and strongly tends to draw back to himself positive results.

October 26, Positive Thinking Every Day,
Norman Vincent Peale

Upcoming Forums

CMC welcomes in-house audiences for most forums! And, Livestreaming!

Paid registration for in-house seating is required by the Monday before and we cannot accept walk-ins.

We will continue livestreaming the forums at noon on Wednesday and the popular Archived Forums recommended with currently relevant content now available anytime on YouTube.

The Livestreaming forums are FREE to view but we encourage you to register to submit questions and to support CMC by purchasing a virtual seat!

To show our appreciation, CMC invites people who purchase a virtual seat to a Zoom session to “Continue Meaningful Conversation” with a qualified discussion leader following the forum at 1:00 p.m.

WATCH your email for additions and updates.

Friday, October 30, noon – 1:00 p.m. Livestreaming only

Congressional Conversation Ohio District 12

Ohio's 12th congressional district includes Delaware, Morrow, and Licking Counties, along with parts of Franklin, Marion, Muskingum, and Richland counties. The district includes communities north and east of Columbus including Zanesville, Mansfield, and Dublin. It is currently represented by Troy Balderson, (R).

Balderson took office following a special election held on August 7, 2018, to replace Rep. Pat Tiberi, who had resigned in January 2018. Balderson was then re-elected in the 2018 general election two months later.

From 2003 to 2013 the district included eastern Co-


lumbus, including most of its predominantly Black neighborhoods. The district also took in most of its northern suburbs, including Westerville. It was one of two districts that split the state's capital city, the other being the 15th District. For most of the time from the 1980s to the 2000s, it was considered to be less Republican than the 15th, in part due to the Black voting base it included.

However, redistricting after the 2010 census drew nearly all of the 15th's Black constituents into the 3rd District, while the 15th was pushed into more urban and Republican areas north and east of the capital.


The 12th Distract has been in Republican hands since 1920. (Wikipedia)

Democratic candidate Alaina Shearer and Libertarian candidate John Stewart want to change that as they challenge Balderson in the 2020 election. At CMC on Friday, Oct. 30 incumbent and candidates will discuss their plans for the district with moderator Mike Thompson, Chief Content Director, WOSU Public Media. CMC's Political Series is sponsored by Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, and Hannah News Service.

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RECAP: Friday, October 16, noon – 1:00 p.m. Livestreaming only

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Incumbent Republican Troy Balderson, Democratic opponent Alaina Shearer and Libertarian opponent, John Stewart, with moderator, Mike Thompson, Chief Content Director, WOSU Public Media.


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Front: CMC Chair and President of sponsor Hannah News Service Steve Marks, from sponsor Ohio Farm Bureau Federation Jack Irvin, CMC President & CEO Jane Scott. On stage: Forum moderator Mike Thompson with Congressman Steve Stivers and Candidate Joel Newby.




CMC President & CEO Jane Scott relays questions from the livestreaming audience.



Discussion Moderator Mike Thompson.



Candidate Joel Newby provides context to his perspective.



Congressman Steve Stivers makes a point to the audience.



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Wednesday, November 18, Noon
Livestreaming and in-house audience
CMC, OSU Wexner Medical Center and Nationwide Children's Hospital present Optimal Health Vaccines, Curbing COVID

Featuring **Susan L. Koletar**, MD, FACP, FIDSA, Director, Division of Infectious Diseases; Principal Investigator, COVID Clinical Trials Unit; **Lauren O. Bakaletz**, Ph.D. Professor of both Pediatrics and Otolaryngology, The Ohio State University, and Director, Center for Microbial Pathogenesis, The Abigail Wexner Research Institute with host, **Greg Moody** Interim Director of Professional Development, John Glenn College of Public Affairs, The Ohio State University. Additional panelist to be announced.

Livestreaming partners – Columbus Dispatch, PNC

Recommended Archived Forums

Available anytime at your convenience on YouTube

Fighting Voter Suppression While Guaranteeing Fair Elections

Social Determinants of Health

Statehouse Rocked By Corruption

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Every week, The Columbus Metropolitan Club convenes important conversations in our community. Sometimes they are the ones we want to have. Sometimes they are the ones we need to have. Every time they offer the chance to become even more informed, engaged, and empathetic.

We know this mission is important to you, too. Help us keep the conversation going, because right now, respectful, open conversation is critical to our community's future.

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