

ASSOCIATION NEWS: Columbus Metropolitan Club

Wednesday, December 8, 2021
In-house Audience & Livestreaming on YouTube
Harrison “Bill” Smith Legacy Forum

Columbus Downtown Commission ‘Smithy’ Awards and a 1:1 Interview with Daimler Group CEO Bob White, Jr.

Despite the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, ambitious construction projects continue to sprout in Columbus – even in downtown, which has been particularly hard hit by the shift to remote work for many employees.

Still, Columbus developers are betting big on the long-term appeal of downtown to both employers and residents, with a massive project on the Scioto Peninsula near COSI moving ahead rapidly, a new state-of-the-art soccer stadium for the Columbus Crew now open to fans, and many additional office and residential projects rising just west of downtown in a burgeoning Franklinton.

To celebrate the creativity and vibrancy that developers continue to bring to downtown Columbus, the Columbus Metropolitan Club

is partnering once again with Downtown Commission to present the Commission’s Harrison Smith Award during CMC’s December 8 forum at the Boat House. The annual “Smithy” award recognizes and celebrates downtown projects that reflect Harrison Smith’s vision of bold, well-executed, and inspirational urban projects.

Following the presentation of the “Smithy,” NBC4 anchor **Colleen Marshall** will sit down on the CMC stage with Daimler Group CEO **Bob White, Jr.** for a special 1:1 interview. Daimler Group’s impressive list of downtown projects includes a stunning mixed-use tower at 250 South High Street and an eight-story office building now under construction just west of COSI as part of the Columbus Downtown



Marshall



White, Jr.

Development Commission’s massive redevelopment of the Scioto Peninsula. Founded in 1983, Daimler Group, Inc. ranks among the region’s top real estate development and construction management firms.

The Downtown Commission was formed in 1997 and functions as downtown’s development review body. It serves as the Development Commission, a Board of Zoning & Adjustment, and

a Graphics Commission for downtown and evaluates applications based on their compliance with design guidelines.

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RECAP: Wednesday, November 17, 2021, noon
In-house Audience & Livestreaming on YouTube
Steve & Vanessa Marks Legacy in Civic Engagement Forum - Focusing on Civility in Politics and Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer Lecture Series

Now In Session: Behind the Curtains of Ohio’s Supreme Court

CMC was treated to an extraordinary forum featuring four current and former Ohio Supreme Court Justices, including the Honorable *Yvette McGee Brown*, Former Ohio Supreme Court Justice and Partner, Jones Day, the Honorable *Herbert R. Brown*, Former Ohio Supreme Court Justice, and the Honorable *Mary DeGenaro*, Former Ohio Supreme Court Justice, with host *Justice Patrick Fischer*, Ohio Supreme Court.

Sponsored by: Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer Legacy Committee of the Ohio State Bar Association, Carlile Patchen & Murphy LLP, Ice Miller, and The Robert Weiler Company

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Sponsor Steve Stover from the Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer Legacy Committee of the Ohio State Bar Association, sponsor Robert Weiler, CMC Board of Trustees member Deborah Pryce, sponsor Matt Brown from Carlile Patchen & Murphy LLP, speakers Yvette McGee Brown and Herbert R. Brown, host Patrick Fischer, speaker Mary DeGenaro, and sponsor Steve Marks.



CMC Board of Trustees member Matt Barnes, Cheryl Hacker, Jeff Ferriell and Terri Jamison.



Lifetime member Shirley Brooks Jones, Lisa Sadler and Deborah Norris Matthews talk before the forum.



Speaker Yvette McGee Brown with Ian Crumpler.



Cheryl Hacker and Marilyn Zayas.



CMC Board of Trustees member Toni Bell with Qais Kakar.



Sponsor Robert Weiler with Jane Scott.



Vanessa Botts and Tony Betta from sponsor Carlile Patchen & Murphy LLP.

– **Calendar of Events** –

THIS WEEK at CMC

Miller

Feck

Curtin

Marrison

Wednesday, December 1, 2021
Columbus Dispatch Editors’ Roundtable
On December 1, the Columbus Metropolitan Club will welcome an onstage panel to the Boat House featuring four editors of The Columbus Dispatch: current editor **Alan D. Miller** will be joined by his predecessors **Luke Feck**, **Mike Curtin** and **Ben Marrison**. Former Dispatch writer and columnist **Ann Fisher**, currently host of WOSU’s All Sides with Ann Fisher, will moderate the panel.

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Upcoming Forums

Wednesday, December 15, 2021
The Forces Shaping Retail: A Conversation with Yaromir Steiner
Featuring **Yaromir Steiner**, Founder and CEO, Steiner + Associates, with host **Matt Barnes**, Morning Co-Anchor, WCMH NBC4 Today.

Steiner

Barnes

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Wednesday, December 22 & 29, 2021
No Forum – Happy Holidays!

LaFayette

Buchanan

Williams

Wednesday, January 5, 2022
Blue Chip Economic Forecast
Featuring **Bill LaFayette**, Ph.D., Owner, Regionomics, and **Doug Buchanan**, Editor in Chief, Columbus Business First, with host **Mark Williams**, Business Reporter, The Columbus Dispatch.

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Blake

Horton

Johnson

Wednesday, January 12, 2022
Black Girl Rising: Placing Black Girls At Promise
Featuring **fran frazier**, Principal Investigator, Black Girl Rising, **Jamilia Blake**, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Educational Psychology, Texas A&M University, **Aliya Horton**, Charter Member, Rise Sister Rise Black Girl Think Tank, and host **Tonisha Johnson**, Multimedia Journalist, Spectrum News.

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CMC forums are held at the Boat House at Confluence Park, 679 West Spring Street, Columbus, OH 43215, where there is free and accessible parking. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. The program will begin promptly at noon and end at 1:00 p.m. Audio assist headphones are available.

We are following state-recommended COVID-19 protocols, including enhanced sanitary measures and limited seating. Per the current Columbus ordinance, attendees are required to wear masks while not actively eating or drinking.

Can’t make it in person? Our forums are livestreamed for FREE, however, we encourage you to register to submit questions and to support CMC by purchasing a virtual seat!

To request information, register for forums, join CMC or to make a donation, visit www.columbusmetroclub.org or contact the CMC staff at staff@columbusmetroclub.org

Visit our website at columbusmetroclub.org for forum registration and archives and to sign up for our e-mail list.

Heather Buchanan, speaker Mary DeGenaro and Renata Staff.