

# IN THE KNOW

## NEWS & EVENTS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

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### ZAHARAKO'S BRINGS BACK OLD-TIME ICE CREAM AND MUSIC!

One writer described Zaharako's as "one of those Victorian-era soda fountains that looks like it should be in a museum." When the third-generation owner passed away in 2006, the future of Zaharako's was uncertain until a local businessman purchased the shop and began restoring every inch of onyx, mahogany, and marble back to its former glory. Doors will open to the public June 6, and the musical sounds of the Welte Orchestrion, a self-playing pipe organ, with the rich, full sound of an orchestra through 182 pipes, will fill the air.



### BRING YOUR FRIENDS FOR A "CHOCOLATE DAY"

We've always suspected that chocolate can cure a host of ills. Thank goodness we now have the scientific evidence to back it up! Satisfy your sweet tooth and get a boost of antioxidants while touring the Columbus Chocolate Trail. Start at Harry and David's and journey along the 35-mile loop, sampling chocolate-coated popcorn, chocolate-covered strawberries, chocolate bread pudding, and other delights along the way.



### BIKERS ENJOY OUR BIKE-FRIENDLY CITY

Columbus is one of the most bike-friendly cities in the Midwest with its quiet neighborhoods, award-winning parks, and 19 miles of people trails. New bike racks, mimicking the color and the "C" of the city's brand, have been installed at key destinations all over town. So, when you visit, bring your bike. Along the river, you're likely to see a blue heron in flight and along the western stretch of trail, you'll notice butterflies inhabiting the wildflower gardens along State Road 46.



### FAIR ON THE SQUARE HAS NEW SURPRISES EVERY SATURDAY

Saturday mornings buzz with excitement as neighbors come downtown to the corner of Washington and 6th Street to purchase fresh produce, plants, fresh-baked goods, honey, wine, fresh-roasted coffee, and locally-made arts and crafts. Music and conversation fill the air from June through September. Visitors will enjoy this authentic Columbus experience. If you're lucky you might hit a monthly Breakfast Casserole Cook-Off with local firefighters competing in a culinary quest.



### PLENTY OF MUSIC CHOICES: SOME FREE, SOME AL FRESCO

Whether you're a little bit country or a little bit rock 'n' roll, you'll find an outdoor concert event that will get your toes tapping this summer. Although you may have to provide your own lawn chair, many of these events are free. Enjoy the classical music at the Salute Concert or Pops on the Plaza, take in an oldies concert and car show or, dance in the streets to regional and national blues and rock musicians at Neighborfest or the Biggest Block Party Ever. Coming August 22nd, Blues Traveler headlines at Rock the Park at Mill Race Park.



### CHICKS CLICK HERE!

Grab your best girlfriends and visit a city with a personality that's just as quirky as yours. Let the energy of this one-of-a-kind community inspire and rejuvenate you. Have experiences that you'll remember for years. Laugh over a bottle of wine at Fork 532; shop for vintage jewelry at Indiana's largest antique mall, or make a treasured art object to take home with you. Let us help you plan an unforgettable getaway at [www.chicksclickhere.com](http://www.chicksclickhere.com)!



### PLAY THE HOLE ROBERT TRENT JONES CALLED HIS FINEST

Columbus is home to one of the nation's finest golf courses and you don't have to be a member to enjoy it. Ranked 31st on "America's 100 Greatest Public Courses 2003-2004" by *Golf Digest*, Otter Creek boasts a rolling 27-hole course. The original 18 holes were designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr. and the 9-hole addition was designed by Rees Jones. Challenge yourself on hole #13 on the original course, the one that Robert Trent Jones proclaimed as the best he ever designed.



### HAVING A BAD HAIR DAY?

In Columbus, we celebrate Bad Hair Days August 21 and 22 with a series of hair-themed events. Plan to spend the weekend as the festivities kick off on Friday and continue through Saturday, culminating in a concert by the nationally-known blues band, Blues Traveler. If you're lucky, you might win the Golden Hairspray Award for the worst hair. There are even special events for kids, including a Bad Hair parade, starting at kidscommons, the community children's museum.



### SEE THE CITY WITH A CELL PHONE TO GUIDE YOU

Now, there's a new way to see the town that Smithsonian Magazine called a "veritable museum of modern architecture." Explore Columbus on your own schedule, using your own cell phone to dial into recorded messages describing 11 structures in the downtown. Simply purchase a set of keepsake cards for only \$10 at our gift shop and you're good to go. They're perfect for busy travelers who want to explore the city they've heard so much about but need to set their own schedule and their own pace.



### TRAVELER MAGAZINE SAYS COLUMBUS IS #1 IN THE NATION

National Geographic Traveler gave the city the highest ranking of any US city in its international ranking of historic destinations. Of the 109 cities worldwide that were honored to appear on the list, Columbus came in at #11. The magazine stated, "Although it's surprising to see a Midwestern burg in the company of Dijon and Stockholm, this 'jewel in the region' boasts 'world-class mid-century modern architecture.'"



### THERE'S STILL MORE, AT WWW.COLUMBUS.IN.US

Summer dazzles in Columbus! Enjoy the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of a county fair that is pure Americana. Pack a picnic and head to award-winning Mill Race Park. Cool off with a lazy canoe ride down the Driftwood River. New events and attractions are posted on our web site weekly.