

HILLTOP USA NEWSLETTER

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Happy July! Please check HilltopUSA.org for updated information.

Summer Jam West

Save the date for Saturday, July 19th from 12-7PM at Westgate Park for the 10th and final Summer Jam! Since 2014, Summer Jam West has celebrated the arts and community, bringing neighbors together and supporting talented artists. While it's bittersweet, the Hilltop Arts Collective has grown, and they're shifting focus to year-round programming that serves the Hilltop of today in new and impactful ways.

Join Hilltop Arts Collective for:

- Artist and artisan vendors
- Food trucks and food vendors
- Chalk artists
- Kids arts areas, Kiwanisaurus Park and the Kids Art Zone
- Art demonstrations
- Live music and Cultural performances
- Community Partners
- Face-painting, balloon artists, and snow-cones!
- Parade of Neighbors (All are welcome to march!)

Learn more: www.hilltoparts.org/summer-jam-west.



Westgate Farmers Market

Westgate Farmers Market is open on the **first and third Saturdays until October from 9AM-Noon at West Gate Lodge lawn** (2925 W. Broad St, 43204). Stop by and check out local food and produce at the only farmers market on the Hilltop! **Upcoming dates: July 5 & 19.**

EBT (Ohio Direction Card) is accepted, but please see the Market Information Tent to swipe your card in exchange for tokens, which can be spent at vendor tents. Produce Perks program are available, which provides SNAP participants with a dollar-for-dollar cash match (up to \$25) to be spent on fruits and vegetables.

Free Fruits & Vegetables on the Westside

- **Glenwood Community Center** (1888 Fairmont Ave, 43223) from April to November 2025 @ 2-4PM on the first Thursday
- **Sullivant Gardens Community Center** (755 Renick St, 43223) from April to November 2025 @ 2-4PM on the first Thursday
- **Holton Community Center** (303 N. Eureka Ave, 43204) from April to November 2025 @ 2-4PM on the second Thursday
- **Dodge Community Center** (667 Suillivant Ave, 43215) from April to November 2025 @ 2-4PM on the second Thursday
- **Highland Youth Garden** (85 S Highland Ave, 43223) from May-October 2025
 - Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 3-4:30PM
 - Saturdays @ 10-11:30AM
- **Oakley Full Gospel Baptist Church** (3415 El Paso Dr, 43204) @ 4:30-6:30PM on the second Wednesday (Bring ID)
- **Alianza614 at St. Stephen's Church** (4131 Clime Rd, 43228) @ 1-5PM on the fourth Wednesday
- **Vineyard at City Life Center** (40 Chicago Ave, 43222) @ 2-3PM on the third Sunday. Please bring your ID.

Little Bottoms Walk with a Doc

Join Little Bottoms Free Store for Walk with a Doc on the **third Saturday of the month from April to October at Westgate Park!** This is a special walk for pregnant and postpartum families monthly at the Westgate Park open air shelter by the pond. Light breakfast at 9:30AM, then begin walking at 10AM! **Upcoming dates: June 21st and July 19th.** RSVP here: <https://walkwithadoc.org/join-a-walk/locations/little-bottoms/>.

Zone In Economic & Housing Opportunity Workshop

Join Zone In for a workshop on **Wednesday, July 23rd from 5-7PM at West High School** (179 S Powell Ave, 43204). The first Zone In reforms laid the groundwork for expanding access to housing by updating Columbus' zoning code and removing barriers to new construction along the city's primary corridors. Zone In will now focus on expanding economic and housing opportunities for all Columbus residents. This engagement will ensure that community feedback informs both the city's land use policy and future zoning code updates.

For more information: www.zone-in-columbus.com.



Upcoming Programs & Events at the Hilltop Library

MONTHLY EVENTS & SERVICES FOR ADULTS:

- **Trivia for Adults on the first Wednesday 6-7PM:** An evening of trivia, fun, and prizes. Bring a team or come solo and connect with other players. No registration required.
- **English Conversation Tables on Saturdays from 10:30-11:30AM:** Join library staff for an hour of English practice as we explore a variety of topics, vocabulary, and grammar through conversation.
- **Community Support Center on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 12-2PM:** Get individualized assistance from library staff with job help, technology, or social service needs. Can't make it in person? Email lifeskills@columbuslibrary.org to learn more.
- **Columbus Financial Empowerment Center on second & fourth Tuesdays from 1-6PM:** Free 1-on-1 financial counseling as a public service for all Central Ohio residents. Trained and certified financial counselors can help you.
- **CARE for the Hilltop on second & fourth Thursdays from 3-5:30PM:** A licensed social worker who helps individuals, families and neighborhoods become healthy and strong again after something bad or traumatic happens.
- **SAFER Station on Tuesdays 2-4PM:** Walk-in recovery resources, substance use screening, and direct linkage to treatment with person-centric support and a non-judgmental environment that overlooks justice involvement.
- **Southeast Healthcare Navigators on first & third Thursdays 2-5PM:** Free, unbiased help with enrolling and renewing Medicaid and Marketplace health insurance from Southeast.
- **Mid-Ohio Food Collective Benefits and Customer Outreach on second and fourth Wednesdays 1-3PM:** Learn and apply for SNAP, Medicaid, and other health insurance and benefits. They will answer questions about these programs and screen you for eligibility.

SERVICES FOR YOUTH:

- **Summer Breakfast Monday-Saturday from 11:15-11:45AM & Summer Lunch Monday-Saturday 3:15-3:45PM:** Stop by for a free lunch provided by Children's Hunger Alliance for 0-18 years old. Available until July 31st.
- **Student Success Stores on July 2, 16, and 30 from 4-5PM:** Free hygiene kit and school supply kit per student.
- **Kindergarten Success Camp on Monday, August 4 - Friday, August 8 from 10AM-12PM:** Practice school readiness skills and interact with other children. For incoming kindergartners and their caregivers (No registration required - See library staff to fill out an interest form).
- **Open House Afterschool Experience on Tuesday, August 26 from 3:30-6PM:** Drop by to find out about all of the fun programs happening for K-12 students this fall. We'll have crafts, games and snacks. Plus a costume character!

Financial LifeSkills Program

Get paid to learn money management! The 12-hour program is broken up into 6 classes:



1. Your Relationship with Money
2. Budgeting
3. Banks & Credit
4. Loan & Debt management
5. Job-training & Entrepreneurship
6. Taxes & Risk Management

Upon completion, graduates receive an incentive of \$252 and a certificate. Please complete our online interest form: <https://franklintondevelopment.org/flsp>.



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Student Success
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Morral Produce Market
@ 1-5PM, St. Stephen's
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GHAC Zoning
Committee @ 6:30PM,
Hilltop Library

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Midsummer Festival
& Produce Giveaway
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Free Collage
Workshop @ 3-
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To see more details on the events listed visit:
<https://hilltopusa.org/resources/events/>.

Questions? Comments? Call us at 614-636-3644,
or send us an email at info@franklinton.org.

