



NEWS RELEASE

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CHANGES ANNOUNCED FOR THE 18TH SUMMER FESTIVAL

The Council for Older Adults will host its 18th annual Summer Festival at the Center for Older Adults, 800 Cheshire Road in Delaware. This event, presented by Haller Financial Services, will be held, for the first time, on a Saturday - June 12 from noon to 8 p.m., and is organized to serve primarily as an outreach event designed to create awareness about services available for older adults and their families. Formerly held at the county fairgrounds, moving it to the Center for Older Adults will allow the public to enjoy the inside of the beautiful facility as well as the 12 acre grounds. Tours of the facility will be provided by volunteers from the Senior Citizens, Inc. of Delaware County.

“The Summer Festival is the single largest event for older adults and their families in Delaware County,” said Donna Meyer, associate director of communications for COA. About 3,000 people are expected to attend. Admission and parking are free with lots of handicap spaces in front of the facility.

To ensure that there will be adequate parking for the event, Glenn Parkway will be closed and used for parking between the roundabouts at OhioHealth Blvd. and Cheshire Rd. Parking will also be available at the new Grady Medical Center at 801 OhioHealth Blvd., and a free service provided by DATA will shuttle visitors the short distance to and from the event. Passenger golf carts will transport visitors from the handicap parking area to the main attractions.

An outdoor stage will showcase all-day entertainment for the whole family. First on the stage from

12 -1 p.m. are Frank McDonnell and The Golden Buckeyes followed by Erica Blinn from 1 – 2 p.m. Then from 2 - 4 p.m. will be John Schwab (from McGuffey Lane) followed by Island Breeze Steel Drum Band from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Rounding out the event will be Burning Diesel from 5:30 – 8 p.m. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and relax on the lawn in front of the stage. This years' entertainment is sponsored by the Delaware County Bank & Trust Co.

Kidz Zone, sponsored by Dr. James Homon, DDS, will feature lots of fun for the younger crowd. Big Mac's train will tour the grounds. Kids can play in the bounce house or on the 35-foot obstacle course. Snickers the Clown, Doodles the Clown and Dr. Eldoonie will entertain everyone. The Humane Society will be on hand showcasing lovable animals that need new homes.

The Business Expo, sponsored by Willow Brook Christian Communities, will allow exhibitors to provide information about services for older adults and their families. Also included will be arts and crafts vendors and in-home vendors.

The Health Fair, sponsored by Grady Memorial Hospital/OhioHealth will offer free health screenings throughout our air-conditioned building. This service is one of the most important aspects of the festival, Meyer said. "We've tested people who had no idea they were at risk for heart disease or a stroke. Once they got the results from the screenings, they were linked up with healthcare services." The free screenings are especially useful for seniors who are struggling to pay for medical care in today's tough economic climate, she added.

In addition, the perennial favorite will be back - the Pig and Corn Roast, sponsored by the Hiram Masonic Lodge # 18 F. & A.M.. Pig Roast tickets are \$6 in advance, on sale now at many Delaware County Bank & Trust branches, Sunbury Cleaners, the Center for Older Adults – 800 Cheshire Rd. in Delaware, or on our website – www.growingolder.org or may be purchased for \$7 at the event. Several youth groups will be holding their own fund-raising bake sales.

Funds raised through the Summer Festival will support home-based services for adults 60 years of age or older. For more information, call COA at (740) 363-6677 or 1-800-994-2255 or visit www.growingolder.org.

