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Rolling in the Flavor: Columbus Food Truck Festival Doubles the Delicious Delight in 2024 with Events in Both Downtown Columbus and Hilliard!

Nationally Recognized Festival Celebrating 13 Years of Culinary Delight and Community Spirit.

Columbus, OH – January 3, 2024 – After a brief hiatus in Downtown Columbus and a successful relocation to the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Hilliard for the 2021, 2022, and 2023 events due to pandemic-related challenges, the Columbus Food Truck Festival is ecstatic to announce its triumphant return to not just Downtown Columbus, but also the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Hilliard. The festival, now in its 13th year, will mark the occasion by taking place in two vibrant locations, showcasing the best of Ohio's food truck scene during separate weekends this summer. The last time the event graced Downtown Columbus was in 2019.

Named Best Foodie Event in the state by Ohio Magazine in 2017, the Columbus Food Truck Festival has earned acclaim for its commitment to delivering an exceptional culinary experience. The festival features the best mobile food vendors from throughout the region, along with arts and crafts vendors, and dozens of bands on two stages.

"We're thrilled to be back in Downtown Columbus where the festival first began its journey. At the same time, we are immensely grateful for the warmth and support extended to us by the Hilliard community during our time at the Franklin County Fairgrounds. This dual-location setup for 2024 represents a significant milestone in the festival's history, and we can't wait to celebrate our 13th year with our loyal patrons," says Chas Kaplan, Co-Founder and Co-Organizer of the Columbus Food Truck Festival.

Mike Gallicchio, Co-Founder and Co-Organizer, adds, "The return to Downtown Columbus and the continuation of our presence in Hilliard are testaments to the resilience and adaptability of our festival. We are deeply thankful for the support we've received, and we are excited to continue the tradition of bringing together the best food trucks, live music, and a community-driven atmosphere."



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This year's Downtown edition of the Columbus Food Truck Festival will take place on Friday, July 12, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, July 13, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Hilliard edition is scheduled for Saturday, August 17, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Admission Details:

- Downtown Columbus Event: Free admission.
- Hilliard Event: \$5 per person presale (TBD) and \$10 per ticket day of event. Children 12 and under are free with an adult 18 years of age and older. Tickets are only required for the Hilliard event reflecting its unique and intimate venue and first come, first served parking setup which differs from the expansive setting of the Scioto Peninsula.

While the festival's mission is to support food tourism in the Central Ohio area and support small businesses, another very essential component to the festival is to help build awareness and support local non-profit organizations that serve the Central Ohio community. Since the festival's inception in 2010, over \$97,000 has been donated to local charitable organizations.

This year, the festival is thrilled to announce Music Loves Ohio has been named as one of the nonprofit partners. Stay tuned for more exciting partnerships and announcements in the coming weeks.

The festival also extends sincere appreciation to community partners, including the Center of Science and Industry (COSI) and the Junto Hotel, for their invaluable support. The Junto Hotel will be offering special room rates in conjunction with the festival, and details will be posted on the Columbus Food Truck Festival website soon.

For the latest updates on the Columbus Food Truck Festival's events in both Downtown Columbus and Hilliard, including ticket presale details for Hilliard, vendor lineups, activities, musical performances, and more, please visit the official festival website at columbusfoodtruckfest.com or follow @cbusfoodtruckfest on Facebook and Instagram.



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About Columbus Food Truck Festival:

The Columbus Food Truck Festival, now in its 13th year, is an iconic celebration of Ohio's vibrant food truck scene. Born in Downtown Columbus, the festival has become a major culinary and community event, drawing national attention and contributing over \$97,000 to local charities since its inception. With a commitment to supporting small businesses, the festival showcases the best of Ohio's food trucks by offering a delectable array of culinary delights complemented by live music, arts and crafts, and family-friendly activities.

Website: columbusfoodtruckfest.com

Social Media: Facebook, Instagram - @cbusfoodtruckfest

Be Part of the Excitement:

Discover opportunities to be a part of the excitement! If you're interested in joining us as a food vendor, entertainer, or artisan/crafter for the event, simply visit columbusfoodtruckfest.com. For those looking to support the festival through sponsorship, download the [sponsor deck](#). Don't miss your chance to be a key player in this year's Columbus Food Truck Festival!

Festival Images for Media Use:

Please credit **David Heasley** for the [Hilliard edition Columbus Food Truck Festival images](#) and **Cori Erin** for the [Downtown Columbus Images](#). If you require unwatermarked images or have additional questions, please contact [Sheila Rossiter](#).

About the Scioto Peninsula

At the convergence of Downtown's central business district and the historic Franklinton neighborhood, The Scioto Peninsula brings together the best of all worlds - just around the bend of the Scioto River.



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The Columbus Food Truck Festival will take place specifically along the west side of the Center of Science and Industry, COSI, along the Scioto River.

For more information about the Scioto Peninsula visit the [Columbus Downtown Development Corporation](#).

About the Franklin County Fairgrounds

The Franklin County Fairgrounds is operated by the Franklin County Agricultural Society. The objectives of the Society are the improvement of agriculture, horticulture, better livestock, uniform domestic science and art, and the promotion of youth activities, and the general community betterment together with all other industrial, commercial, and educational interests of the County.

The Franklin County Fairgrounds is located at 4951 Northwest Parkway, Hilliard, OH 43026. For more information about the Franklin County Agricultural Society and the Franklin County Fairgrounds visit them online at fcfair.org.

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