

Golden Hobby Shop

Programming Location Update

Columbus Recreation and Parks Department programming serves as a vital resource to keep residents engaged, active and healthy. This includes arts programming that provides a creative outlet for residents as well as adds to the vibrancy of our community. After an evaluation of current facilities, it became clear that the former location of the Golden Hobby Shop (630 S 3rd St, Columbus, OH 43206) was not sustainable due to high capital costs. The department sold the building and has temporarily found a more sustainable location for programming. Effective January 2021, the department will work with the members of the Golden Hobby Shop to transition programming to the Columbus Performing Arts Center (CPAC).

Many event venues, like CPAC, have remained closed over the last several months in compliance with Ohio's Stay at Home order. However, the department aims to resume programming during the first quarter of 2021 and leverage all usable space within the building to continue its mission.

CPAC presents a unique opportunity for Golden Hobby Shop programming to continue, while the department works to secure a permanent space. Please refer to the attached Frequently Asked Questions for more information and contacts for specific questions.

Frequently Asked Questions

[Is there a permanent location for the Golden Hobby Shop?](#)

To best serve residents and promote vital programming, Columbus Recreation and Parks Department purchased the former Douglas Alternative Elementary School located at 51 S. Douglass St. in Old Towne East. Columbus Recreation and Parks selected the location because it reflects the diversity of the community, and it will complement programming at the nearby Beatty and Blackburn community centers.

Plans are to create a mixed-use campus that would house a variety of programs and features. One proposed feature is a forward-thinking senior creative campus and community arts space that would also house the Golden Hobby Shop and the Martin Janis Center. This would serve an identified need in the community and create a natural synergy across several programs.

Public input is critical to creating a special place that welcomes residents and strengthens the community, and residents will be asked to share input to help shape the programs and features that will be offered at this new space.

The planning phase for the mixed-use campus is just beginning. The first steps will include a needs analysis and feasibility studies. Watch for more information about this long-term project, including progress and how to share your input.

[Is CPAC Permanently Closed Due to Roof Issues?](#)

Many event venues have been closed over the last several months in compliance with Ohio's Stay at Home order, including the CPAC. During this time, the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department completed routine maintenance and inspections during the closure and discovered that there are some structural weaknesses in the roof over the Shedd Theatre patron seating area. While there was no immediate risk to public safety, CATCO and Columbus Recreation and Parks made the difficult decision to close the patron seating area until repairs can be completed.

While the patron seating area will remain closed, this does not affect the Shedd Theatre stage, Van Fleet Theatre and other spaces at the Downtown arts complex.

Who do I contact for more information?

If you have general questions, please contact Geoff Martin (Arts Administrator at Columbus Recreation and Parks Department) at 614-645-7527 or GAMartin@columbus.gov.)