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Commissioners Again Teaming Up with Goodwill Columbus, Columbus Clippers for E-Waste Collection on April 25

The Franklin County Commissioners are once again working with Goodwill Columbus, the Columbus Clippers, WBNS-10TV, Sunny 95, and The Columbus Dispatch to help consumers responsibly recycle unwanted electronic waste.

The public is invited to donate unwanted computers, small appliances and other electronics on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. – Noon at Huntington Park, located at 330 Huntington Park Lane, for this e-Waste Collection.

"We are grateful to the Franklin County Commissioners for partnering with us for a third year to execute a successful e-Waste drive. Donated goods help sustain job training programs for individuals with disabilities and other barriers. We also proudly divert tons of waste from our landfills by using these items to create jobs," said Margie Pizzuti, President and CEO of Goodwill Columbus.

Event organizers hope to recreate last year's successful events at the ballpark, which drew in approximately 13 tons of electronic donations. This will be the only e-Waste drive cosponsored by the groups this year.

"In today's world where cell phones and computers become outdated quickly, e-waste has become a real concern," said Commissioner Marilyn Brown, President of the Board of Commissioners. "Properly recycling these electronic items is critical for our environment, and this county-wide e-Waste drop-off event and others like it offer residents a quick and efficient way to safely dispose of their unwanted items and feel good about doing it. Every donated item helps Goodwill Columbus create jobs and help those with developmental disabilities and other barriers. We encourage all Central Ohio residents to take this opportunity to do some spring cleaning and properly recycle their e-waste while helping their fellow residents obtain new skills and self-confidence."

"Huntington Park is very proud to be a part of this endeavor, which encourages recycling and helps to protect the environment, while offering the community the opportunity to help Goodwill Columbus," said Ken Schnacke, President and General Manager of the Columbus Clippers.

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Goodwill Columbus adheres to Responsible Recycling (R2) standards. Goodwill does not accept liability for lost or confidential data or software. Donors are responsible for backing up any valuable information and erasing sensitive data from computer hard drives before dropping them off.

Those who drop off electronics will receive a goody bag with items from event sponsors.

Items accepted:

DVD Players	Fitness machines	Digital cable boxes
VCRs	Connectors	MP3 players
Tapes/8 Tracks	Christmas lights	Video game systems
CDs	All cords	Stereo equipment
Computer components	Copiers	Audiovisual equipment
Stereos	Scanners	Small appliances (i.e. microwaves, fitness equipment, vacuums etc.)
PDAs	Fax machines	Desktop computers (including monitors)
Cell Phones	Ink and toner cartridges	Laptop computers
Telephones	Networking equipment (servers and routers)	Computer mice
Cameras	Cable cords and connectors	Vacuums
Chargers	Lithium Ion (rechargeable) batteries	
Power adapters		
Printers		
iPods		

Goodwill Columbus is unable to take televisions and large appliances at this time—particularly those containing Freon. For more information and a complete list of accepted items, please visit www.franklincountyohio.gov/ewaste.

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Goodwill Columbus has been proudly serving the local community for 75 years. Since 1939 the organization has dedicated itself to building independence, quality of life and work opportunities for individuals with disabilities and other barriers. Goodwill Columbus is the sixth largest nonprofit in central Ohio and is among the top 50 largest employers central Ohio. Goodwill Columbus provides nearly 1.2 million hours of service to more than 4,100 participants with disabilities and other barriers through day habilitation programs, community-based supported living services, employment training and job placement services. For more information on Goodwill Columbus, please visit our website at www.goodwillcolumbus.org.

For more information on the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, visit www.franklincountyohio.gov/commissioners.

For more information on the Columbus Clippers, and to purchase tickets for the upcoming season, visit www.ClippersBaseball.com.