

Picnic with the Pops will be even better

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I have read several online comments and letters to the editor expressing dissatisfaction about the Columbus Symphony's Picnic with the Pops moving from the lawn of Chemical Abstracts Service to Columbus Commons (Dispatch article, July 29).

People have said, "It won't be the same!" No, it won't. I expect it will be better. Why?

* I am a firm believer that regional attractions should be centralized. Downtown, also known as the Central Business District, is about as central as it gets.

* The Columbus Symphony receives part of its funding from public dollars. Why not complement a public park with the public's orchestra?

* Patrons at the Columbus Commons site might frequent nearby businesses before, during or after the performance.

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