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**Free Lunchtime Entertainment Returns
to Downtown's Courthouse Square Tomorrow**

The Square Is Where ... programming is a key strategy in the Greater Downtown Dayton Plan.

Dayton, May 15, 2013 — [The Square Is Where ...](#), downtown Dayton's free lunchtime entertainment program at Courthouse Square, kicks off from **11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 16**. The Beatles tribute band Beatlejuice will perform, and a variety of games will be available, including three holes of golf, a giant mat for playing chess and checkers, and cornhole.

Follow [The Square Is Where ... on Facebook](#) or check the [DDP's website](#) for info on scheduled entertainment and special events, such as cornhole tournaments and other activities, as well as any changes to the schedule due to weather.

Games will be available every day, and other special events and activities will take place throughout the season. The Square Is Where ... runs weekdays through late September.

The Square Is Where ... was launched as a pilot program two years ago after requests from numerous downtown businesses for an outdoor lunchtime program. The program will be bigger and better this year, with a larger variety of entertainment, more games and activities, and new food vendors and seating options.

"We invite everyone who works or enjoys being downtown to visit Courthouse Square during their lunch hour," Downtown Dayton Partnership President Sandy Gudorf said. "They can grab lunch from one of several food vendors on the Square, get carryout from one of downtown's many eateries, or even brown bag it and enjoy their lunch at one of the new patio tables on the Square while taking in some quality entertainment."

The Square Is Where ... also is a key strategy in the Greater Downtown Dayton Plan, an economic development blueprint for the future of Dayton's center city. The Plan calls for creating active, vibrant public spaces at such locations as Courthouse Square through programming and special events.

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“People tell us one of the best things about working downtown is being close to so many amenities, including multiple dining options and interesting public places. This means having an exciting lunchtime program on Courthouse Square in the heart of our downtown helps make our center city an even better place to work,” Gudorf said. “Today, more and more employers want to locate where their employees want to be, so programs such as this are an important strategy in long-term efforts to grow and strengthen downtown as a place to do business and invest.”

To help develop programming that will appeal to downtown employees, the DDP has formed the Square Squad, a group of fun, creative downtown employees. The Square Squad’s members are helping organize business competitions and tournaments on the Square. Other planned events include fitness classes and special themed programming, such as a cultural arts week.

In addition, the DDP is working with Montgomery County to make some aesthetic improvements to the Square that will make the space more inviting and accommodating. Several plaza tables with umbrellas have been added to the Square, and new, larger planters will be filled with flowers to brighten the Square.

The Square Is Where ... is presented by the [Downtown Dayton Partnership](#) and [Montgomery County](#), with support from [KeyBank](#), [Fifth Third Bank](#) and [PNC Bank](#).

The Downtown Dayton Partnership’s website, www.downtowndayton.org, has a complete list of downtown businesses and events, as well as a list of arts and cultural amenities, a dining guide, parking map, and much more. [Follow the Downtown Dayton Partnership on Facebook](#) to keep up with downtown events and news. Download the Find It Downtown mobile search tool for smartphones at <http://mobile.downtowndayton.org>.

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