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PUBLIC SKATING ON FOUNTAIN SQUARE TO MAKE ROOM FOR BROOMBALL Popular Recreational League Begins January 8

Public skating on the Fountain Square ice rink will close at 5:30 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from January 8 through February 21, to make way for the popular but unusual sport of broomball.

Broomball combines elements of soccer and hockey. Players wear soft-soled shoes, not skates, and use short sticks with a small, broom-like head to pass the ball and score goals.

The public is invited to watch the games from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. A six-week season will lead to playoffs and a championship game on Friday, February 23.

Although 60 teams came forward for 24 spots, organizers decided not to expand the league and even moved games from Friday to Tuesday nights to minimize the impact on public skating.

Days affected by the change are Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, when public skating will be open from 11 am to 5:30 pm. Concessions will remain open until 8:30 pm. The rink could close early on some Thursday evenings for make-up games, depending on the weather.

Fountain Square Management Group is a private, nonprofit corporation that plans and produces public events on Fountain Square, in support of the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation's mission to develop Cincinnati's center city as a regional center of



high value employment and real estate sustained by a diverse mix of housing, culture and entertainment.

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