



## **NFL to honor Dayton as one of its 'Original Towns' during 'NFL100' centennial celebration**

- City to host live event to announce 2019 NFL Draft pick -
- Community invited to join in celebration April 27 at Triangle Park -

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The NFL is celebrating the 13 communities, including Dayton, that were home to the teams of its inaugural season 100 years ago.

'NFL100' is a year-long commemoration of the league's centennial season, bringing together generations of football fans, players, communities and the league's 32 current clubs for a unique line-up of programming and activities.

The City of Dayton will join in the celebration by hosting the Draft Day Family Football Experience on April 27 at Triangle Park, a community event leading up to a live NFL Draft pick. The event runs from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Dayton is one of eight NFL 'Original Towns' outside the current NFL markets that will announce a Draft pick via live telecast, with Mayor Nan Whaley announcing a 6th round Cincinnati Bengals pick.

This family-friendly event will feature current NFL players and legends, youth flag football, inflatables, football-themed games and activities, giveaways, food vendors, and more. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Guests are encouraged to bring sports seating if desired (no pets or tents, please).

Attendance is free, but a ticket is required for admission. Tickets will be available at the City of Dayton's three recreation centers beginning Monday, April 22, while supplies last.

"There's no better way to bring the League's hundred years of history full circle than to partner with these communities and recognize their important place in history as part of the NFL's centennial celebration," said NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

As part of the centennial year, the NFL has also announced it will sponsor construction of a new professional-quality turf football field at Triangle Park. Construction is expected to begin April 29.

"This is a really special moment for our city," said Mayor Whaley. "We're excited that the NFL is recognizing the places that were there in the very beginning and that they are celebrating Dayton's special history with a donation that will leave a lasting impact in the community."

For more information, please contact 937-333-8400.

The 13 NFL Original Towns are:

- \* Akron, Ohio (Akron Pros)
- \* Buffalo, New York (Buffalo All-Americans)
- \* Canton, Ohio (Canton Bulldogs)
- \* Chicago, Illinois (Racine Cardinals, Chicago Tigers)
- \* Cleveland, Ohio (Cleveland Tigers)
- \* Columbus, Ohio (Columbus Panhandles)
- \* Dayton, Ohio (Dayton Triangles)
- \* Decatur, Illinois (Decatur Stanleys)
- \* Detroit, Michigan (Detroit Heralds)
- \* Hammond, Indiana (Hammond Pros)
- \* Muncie, Indiana (Muncie Flyers)
- \* Rochester, New York (Rochester Jeffersons)
- \* Rock Island, Illinois (Rock Island Independents)

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