



### DORA NOW OPEN AT SUMMIT PARK

The **DORA** is officially open at Summit Park! Now you can purchase an alcoholic beverage in a designated DORA cup from a participating establishment and walk around with it in Summit Park and certain retailers.

#### DORA BASICS:

**WHAT** = DORA stands for Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area

**WHEN** = 10 am - Midnight, Monday - Sunday

**WHERE** = Summit Park, 4335 Glendale Milford Rd., and surrounding retail establishments

**WHY** = to help achieve the City of Blue Ash's goal of a fun, "Alive after 5" atmosphere and to incentivize more businesses and restaurants to locate in the area

Scan the QR Code to learn more and view the map, or visit [www.blueash.com/dora](http://www.blueash.com/dora).



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# the BLUE PROJECT RECEIVES PUBLIC HEARING

Reztark Design Studio presented updated concepts for **the BLUE** project at the August 11 City Council meeting during a public hearing for concept-level Planned Unit Development (PUD) approval.

The new designs included modifications to access roads to improve traffic flow and the inclusion of modern art sculptures at key locations.

Several residents spoke during the public hearing portion of the meeting, with a majority expressing concerns about traffic near the proposed mixed-use development.

City leaders said their concerns were heard and will be taken into consideration as the planning phase continues.



A second reading and vote on the PUD legislation is scheduled for the September 8, 2022, Council meeting.

Follow news about the BLUE at [www.blueash.com/theblue](http://www.blueash.com/theblue).

## FRETBOARD BREWING RED, WHITE & BLUE ASH NAMED TOP 5 SHOW IN THE U.S.



**Fretboard Brewing Red, White & Blue Ash** has been named one of the top five fireworks shows in the nation by Vents Magazine.

The spectacular show by Arthur Rozzi Pyrotechnics on July 4 at Summit Park featured a dizzying array of fireworks from the sky, ground, and Observation Tower,

with a synchronized soundtrack from Warm 98.5.

The free event included a concert from Gavin DeGraw with Blessid Union of Souls.

Prior to the concert, attendees enjoyed rides, games, jugglers, and dozens of food and drink vendors.



# BLUE ASH IN PICTURES PHOTOBOOK ON SALE

The brand new **Blue Ash in Pictures** photobook from the City of Blue Ash is the perfect conversation piece for your coffee table or book collection.

The book takes you on a journey through the beautiful sites of the City including Summit Park, the Blue Ash Golf Course, Towne Square, the Sports Center, and much more.

It features the exceptional work of local photographer Mark Garrett, photos by City staff, and even a stellar golf course spread taken by former Local 12 Meteorologist Scott Dimmich.

In the forward City Manager David Waltz writes:

“From awe-inspiring snapshots of award-winning Summit Park to touching photos of the Bicentennial Veterans Memorial, this photobook captures the unique beauty and vibrancy of our City. In the past 10 years, the City has added even more breathtaking civic spaces. We thought we’d celebrate those spaces with you. As we look to the



future I offer you this freeze-frame of Blue Ash as it is now. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do and share it with your family, friends, and loved ones.”

*Blue Ash in Pictures* is available now for purchase at the North Fire Station, 10647 Kenwood Road, and the front desk of the Municipal and Safety Center, 4343 Cooper Road, for \$20.

## CITY HIGHLIGHTS

- An original member of the Recreation Board was honored with the title of **Chairman Emeritus** at the June 9 City Council Meeting. Tom Stone has retired from the board after serving for decades. He has been an integral part of making the Parks and Recreation Department what it is today. Thank you, Tom, for your many years of service to Blue Ash.
- Blue Ash Police Officers have been named **Officers of the Month** by the CCPA. Congratulations to Community Impact Unit members K9 handler Erik Nelson and Det. Brendan McKinney, along with Criminal Investigation Section Det. Dane Baumgartner, Det. Mark Niehaus, and Det. Jeff Lewis. They were recognized for their work on the recent mail theft arrests and indictments.
- Blue Ash Mayor Marc Sirkin gave remarks and presented a proclamation during the open ceremonies of the **Ohio Elks Convention** on June 9. The 102nd annual convention took place at the Embassy Suites in Blue Ash.





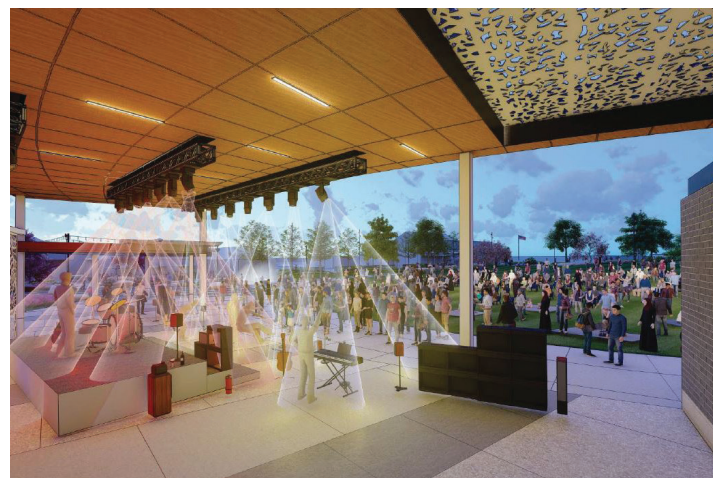
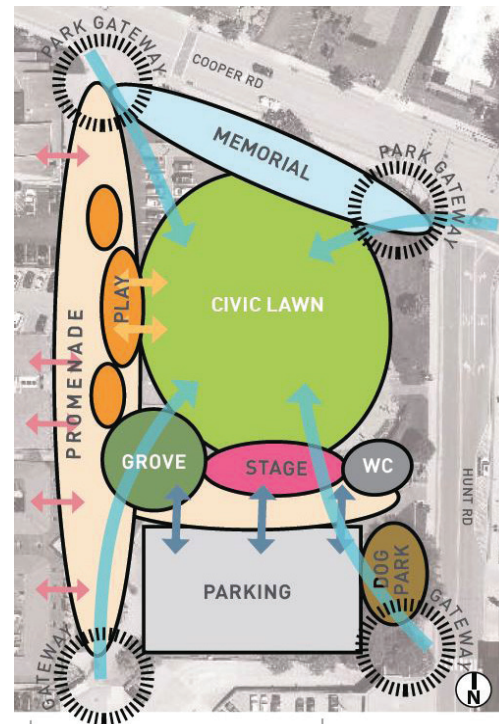
# TOWNE SQUARE PROJECT TAKES SHAPE

City Council received an update on the **Towne Square** design at the June 9 meeting.

Steve Barber of BHDP Architects presented a series of new design concepts and a new fly-through video.

The update included more details on the children's areas including a climbable play structure and an interactive water feature along the Promenade and Grove, expanded retail patios fronting the Promenade, and details on how the current brick pavers will be preserved and repurposed into the new Veterans Memorial.

See the project update flyer and watch the video at [www.blueash.com/townesquare](http://www.blueash.com/townesquare).







# 2022 BEAUTIFICATION AWARD WINNERS!



**Rhodenbaugh Household**  
**9508 Lansford Drive**



**Mayor's Choice**  
**Kaufman Household**  
**5133 Muirwoods Court**



**Bork Household**  
**10243 Kenwood Road**



**Hughes Household**  
**4418 Edenton Lane**

## Congratulations Blue Ash residents!



In 2021, you diverted 1,522 tons of metal, glass, plastic, paper, and yard trimmings.

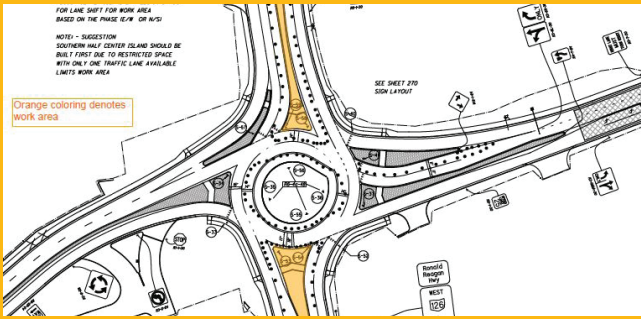
Residents saved resources, conserved energy, and reduced pollution by recycling.

On average, each household in Blue Ash diverted 1,076 pounds in 2021. That's 25.29% of all the waste generated.

Want to start recycling? Call 513-745-8538 to request your recycling cart today.



# ROUNABOUTS PROGRESS



The **HAM-Plainfield Roundabouts** project is over halfway completed.

The Hunt/Kroger roundabout has been in use since February 2.

The Plainfield/Hunt roundabout has been switched over to a single-lane roundabout configuration while island construction continues.

The Plainfield/Peppermill roundabout will be the third to be constructed. The project completion date has been moved to early 2023. Learn more at [www.blueash.com/roundabouts](http://www.blueash.com/roundabouts).

# CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT



**Steve Armsey** is a friendly face that you might see around the Blue Ash Recreation Center.

“It’s a comfortable place to come for a guy that kind of likes to work out but doesn’t really like to work out,” Armsey said with a chuckle. “So being a social creature - I enjoy it here.”

Armsey was nominated for the Blue Ash Citizen Spotlight due to his love for Blue Ash and the community.

Read more about Armsey and his new volunteer role with the City at [www.blueash.com/news](http://www.blueash.com/news).

# CONNECTIVITY PLAN UPDATE

Blue Ash Public Works Director Gordon Perry gave Council Members an update on **roadway improvement plans, traffic signal system upgrades, and connectivity plans** at the July 14 City Council meeting.

The plans outline short- (1-2 years), medium- (2-5 years), and long-term (5+ years) goals and projects that will improve city streets, sidewalks, and traffic signals.

The Roadway Plan will ease congestion, increase safety, and make it easier to travel within the City.

The Central Traffic Signal System is a modern fiber optic system with newer adaptive technology that will connect all the traffic signals in the City.

The Connectivity Plan focuses on pedestrian, bicycle, and Metro improvements to increase safety and access. The short-term goal is the completion of sidewalks within the Neighborhoods at Summit Park and installation of wide shoulders along Alliance Road similar to those along Malsbary Road. The medium-term goals are to complete sidewalks on Grooms Road, McKinley Road,



Cornell Park Drive, extend the Hunt Road sidewalk to Waxwing Drive in Reading, and add sidewalks to the east side of Reed Hartman Highway between Glendale-Milford Road and Creek Road. The long-term goals are to complete the Osborne Road and Grooms Road connector sidewalks and complete the Rails-to-Trails corridor if the opportunity ever arises.

Read more, see the maps and plans, and view the presentation at [www.blueash.com/connectivity](http://www.blueash.com/connectivity).



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 9/11

8 a.m. BLUE ASH FIRE DEPARTMENT 9/11 STAIR CLIMB, SUMMIT PARK, 4335 GLENDALE MILFORD RD.



## 9/14

4 - 8 p.m. BLUE ASH POLICE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE, 4343 COOPER RD.



## 10/11

5 - 7:30 p.m. BLUE ASH FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE, NORTH FIRE STATION, 10647 KENWOOD RD.



## 10/22

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. BLUE ASH POLICE DEPARTMENT DRUG TAKEBACK DAY, 4343 COOPER RD.



## &

12 - 3 p.m. HALLOWEEN WALK IN THE WOODS, NATURE PARK



## 11/11

10:30 a.m. VETERANS DAY CEREMONY, TOWNE SQUARE  
12 p.m. VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON, BLUE ASH RECREATION CENTER

The public is invited to the largest Veterans Day Ceremony in Southwest Ohio on Friday, November 11, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., at the Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Blue Ash.

The free event features a memorial ceremony, tolling of bells, music from the Ohio Military Band, student essays, and keynote speaker Jim Meyers.

The program is organized by the Blue Ash Veterans Day Committee and is funded through sponsorship ads and donations

Following the ceremony, the public is invited to a luncheon at the Blue Ash Recreation Center, 4433 Cooper Road.

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## THE OFFICIAL CITY OF BLUE ASH NEWSLETTER



Grab a DORA beverage and head over to the Canopy at Summit Park for some fun trivia in September and October!

Summit Park Trivia Nights hosted by Last Call Trivia are free and open to the public.

More information at [www.blueashevents.com](http://www.blueashevents.com).



Grab the family, a blanket or chairs, and find a spot on the Great Lawn for Summit Cinema Movie Night!

Enjoy the classic movie Beetlejuice under the stars at Summit Park on Friday, October 7, at dusk.