



SUMMER 2013 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Community Calendar Contest



The City of Blue Ash is looking for creative and talented photographers to put together the official 2014 Community Calendar.

One of the City's largest and most popular communication efforts, the annual Community Calendar is also one of its biggest public relations undertakings, as it is mailed to over 7,000 resident and business addresses.

As the 2013 Community Calendar contest proved to be a huge success, the City is giving the community another chance to contribute to the final product.

Professional and amateur photographers are invited to submit their contest entries now through Friday, September 14 to enter the 2014 Calendar Contest. 13 photos will be chosen, one for each month and the cover shot. Photos taken within the last 2 years are suitable for submission, and several different categories of images will be considered (e.g. parks and recreation, holiday, patriotism, family, business, municipal service, seasons, landscapes). The 13 photos used in the 2013 calendar will not be considered if resubmitted.

Once all entries have been submitted, they will be uploaded to the City of Blue Ash's Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/BlueAshOhio>, where individuals can vote for photos by "liking" individual photos. The voting period will take place Monday, September 16 through Friday, September 27, and the most popular photos will then be considered for the 2014 Blue Ash Community Calendar. Winners will then be notified by Friday, October 4.

CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS

- Open to all photographers, both professional and amateur. Photographers do not need to be residents of the City of Blue Ash to participate.
- Digital photos from all seasons are suitable for the 2014 calendar. Photos must be taken within the last 2 years.
- The City of Blue Ash reserves the right to use submitted photos in the calendar as well as other promotional publications. The City also reserves the right to crop photos to fit the horizontal layout nature of the calendar as needed.
- To enter, photos can be emailed to calendarcontest@blueash.com. Be sure to include your contact information (name, phone number/email address) along with a title, brief description, and the location where the photo was taken.
- No financial compensation will be offered to the winning photographers; the photographer submitting the winning cover photo will receive a Blue Ash Prize Pack.
- Photos depicting imagery outside of Blue Ash city limits, as well as those featuring questionable imagery (violence/explicit and offensive language/mature themes, copyrighted material) will be disqualified.

Summit Park Construction Update

The City officially broke ground on Summit Park construction on June 13th. Currently, the earthwork continues on approximately 42 acres of Summit Park. The excavation contractor, Nelson Stark, is working to create portions of the future ponds and is placing fill around the great lawn. Nelson Stark began installation of the storm sewers in late July, along with the sanitary sewers in early August. To learn more about the park, visit www.blueash.com/summitpark.



(L-R) City Manager David Waltz, Public Works Director Gordon Perry, Councilman Jim Sumner, Councilman Rick Bryan, Councilwoman Stephanie Stoller, Mayor Mark Weber, Councilman Tom Adamec, Assistant City Manager Kelly Harrington, Councilman Jack Buckman, Vice Mayor Lee Czerwonka, and Parks and Recreation Director Chuck Funk commence construction at the Summit Park groundbreaking event on June 13th.

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Beautification Week Winners Announced



The Hughes Household of Edenton Avenue



The Bergman Household of Monroe Avenue



The Carreon-Chua Household of Tramwood Court

Four Blue Ash households have been recognized for their efforts to help make the City a beautiful place to live. The Hughes Household of Edenton Avenue, the Carreon-Chua Household of Tramwood Court, and the Bergman Household of Monroe Avenue have been named as the honorees of the 2013 Blue Ash Beautification Week. The annual Blue Ash tradition championed by Blue Ash Vice Mayor Lee Czerwonka, Beautification Week winning properties were chosen based on the type of plantings used (garden variety and color), lawn area/tree maintenance and overall appearance.

Also receiving honors is the Knauer Household of Village View Court, which was named as the Mayor's Choice 2013 Beautification Week winner. All of the awards will be honored at Blue Ash City Council's meeting at 7 PM on Thursday, September 12th Council Meeting.

Patient Returns to Thank EMS Providers

In mid-April, James Early suffered cardiac arrest while mowing grass at his daughter's residence in Blue Ash. A passerby saw Mr. Early lying in the yard and immediately called 9-1-1. Meanwhile, another Good Samaritan administered CPR to Mr. Early until EMS arrived. Blue Ash Paramedics then initiated advanced life support and regained a heart beat prior to transporting him to Bethesda North Hospital. On Friday, July 19, 2013, Mr. Early, his wife, daughter, and granddaughter visited the North Fire Department to personally thank the Paramedics who helped saved his life.



James Early (middle) thanks Blue Ash EMS for saving his life.

News from the Blue Ash Police Department

A few notes from Police Chief Paul Hartinger

School begins in just a few weeks. BAPD advises residents and corporate citizens to be careful of children present in the neighborhoods. Ohio Revised Code section 4511.75 describes rules about driving when school buses are picking up and dropping off children:

- You must stop for school buses receiving or discharging school children on undivided two-lane roadways, and remain stopped until the bus resumes motion or until signaled by the driver to proceed.
- If the roadway is divided into four or more lanes, such as Kenwood Road at Hunt Road, cars approaching from the opposite direction of the bus are not required to stop, only those cars overtaking (coming up behind the bus) shall stop.

Help BAPD keep your community safe by locking your cars, closing garage doors and taking your personal property into your house. Even small items such as yard tools are targets. GPS units, iPods and inexpensive items left visible in your car are all inviting to thieves as well.

As the daylight hours become shorter towards fall, there is sometimes activity in your neighborhood that looks suspicious, but you're not sure if you should call the police or not. Best thing to do: call and advise the police dispatcher of what you see. In fact, many times the police investigate crimes where the victims report that they saw something that just didn't look right, but didn't call the police. Remember, if it's a true emergency and you need help right away; dial 9-1-1. If you would like us to check something out or you just need to speak to an officer, call 745-8555.

Blue Ash Police is the head agency for the OVI Task Force. We proactively patrol for impaired drivers and prosecute offenders. Blue Ash encourages people to drive sober and get home safely. We also advocate for everyone to wear seatbelts in motor vehicles.

Here is a list of many programs, services and speaking engagements the police department provides to its citizens. Our officers are available to speak to you and your neighbors or groups about:

- Vehicle safety, driving safety
- Senior Driving Safety
- Crimes Against The Elderly
- Financial Crimes
- Identity Theft Prevention
- Cyber Crimes
- Neighborhood Liaison/Home Owners Association Talks
- Canine Demonstrations/Talks
- Safety and Awareness For Children
- Drug Awareness
- High School Career Days
- Scout tours (to fulfill Scouting Achievement Awards)
- Cyber Bullying
- Police Motorcycle
- A.L.I.C.E. (Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate) for Schools and Businesses

Sidewalk Construction

The City has begun construction on three sidewalk projects throughout Blue Ash:

- Cooper Road (Plainfield to Waxwing)
- Plainfield Road (Cooper to Glendale-Milford)
- Reed Hartman Highway (Osborne to Cornell)

These sidewalks will add connectivity to Summit Park and fill in several gaps in sidewalks that currently exist. For the Cooper and Plainfield sidewalks, the City asks that the public temporarily find alternate

routes and do not use the extended shoulders. As construction takes place, several types of hazards will exist throughout both of these projects. The City asks that everyone obliges to stay safe.



Carver Road Rehabilitation Project

The Carver Road Rehabilitation projects will begin shortly. Currently, the City plans on reconstructing one side of the road at a time. This will result in one-way traffic through the duration of this project. Please pay special attention to this area, as the City does not want anyone to drive in the wrong direction. To get updates and information about this project, please visit www.blueash.com/carverroadproject.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Many new, exciting events are happening around the City of Blue Ash in the upcoming months.

PAWS IN THE PARK

OCT 05 Saturday, October 5
1:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Summit Park

Calling all dog lovers! Come check out the new Blue Ash Summit Park with your four legged friends. City staff will be on hand with information about the development of the park, which includes a Dog Park. Bring your ideas with you to complete a questionnaire about future Dog Park amenities. There will also be a few “doggie” organizations on site:



Lisa Desatnik of So Much PETential Dog Training – Lisa will present a free bite prevention program for children called MY DOG’S SUPERHERO



Camp Bow Wow
a local doggie day care and boarding facility



Care Center
24/7 Emergency Vet Clinic,
the first in the tri-state



Circle Tail – this nonprofit provides service and hearing dogs for people with disabilities among many other services.

These organizations will be present to answer any pet related questions and share advice concerning dog obedience training, behavior management, pet educational programs, boarding services, and pet first aid. Circle Tail will demonstrate their service dogs and there will even be a few dogs available for adoption at the event!



MY DOG’S SUPERHERO BITE PREVENTION CLINIC



In a fun and engaging way, Lisa Desatnik will teach kids what it means to be their dog’s superhero. Included in her presentation will be the basics on the do’s and don’ts of playing appropriately with a dog, how to show responsibility and respect to the dog, and how dogs tell us when they are happy or want to be left alone. Presentation times: 1:30 PM and 2:30 PM



BEATS, ARTS & EATS

A Celebration of the Arts!

BEATS, ARTS & EATS

OCT 12

Saturday, October 12
5:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Blue Ash Towne Square

Blue Ash Beats, Arts and Eats is a new event production by the Parks & Recreation Department. This event will feature free entertainment and an opportunity to celebrate art through music, culinary experiences and exhibits. Craft beer, food, local art displays, music and wine tasting will be the focus of this new event. For more details of the event, please check our website: www.blueashevents.com

BLUE ASH FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSTS OPEN HOUSE

**OCT
10**

Thursday, October 10
5:00-8:00 PM
Blue Ash Fire Station North

The Blue Ash Fire Department will host an open house from 5 to 8 PM on Thursday, October 10 at the Blue Ash North Fire Station (10647 Kenwood Road). Station tours and a wide range of activities are planned for the occasion. This event is free and open to the public.

Check out the City's Facebook ([facebook.com/BlueAshOhio](https://www.facebook.com/BlueAshOhio)) for details closer to the event.

"Prevent Kitchen Fires" is the message of this year's Fire Prevention Week, which runs October 6-12.



PLAYHOUSE OFF THE HILL PERFORMANCE

**OCT
25**

Friday, October 25
6:30-8:30 PM
Blue Ash Rec Center



"Fake Flowers Don't Die" by John Yearley will be performed by Playhouse in the Park Off the Hill. This event is free, open to the public, and recommended for "tweens" (grades 3 and up). This world premier play tells the story of three students who discover a magic lamp that may or may not grant the finder three wishes.



Tuesday Evening Community Café Series: Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Blue Ash Café (Located inside the rec center)

Our Tuesday Evening Community Café Series is returning again this fall. We will be offering family friendly programs in October, November and December in the Blue Ash Café, located in the Recreation Center. Enjoy a snack or beverage from the Café while you attend one of these great programs. All presentation/programs begin at 7:00 PM and are open to the public.



KIDS HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN DECORATING PARTY

OCTOBER 29, 7:00 PM

We'll supply the pumpkins and,
you supply the creativity!
No fee or registration required



PARANORMAL CINCINNATI

NOVEMBER 19, 7:00 PM

Cornerstone Paranormal will present a discussion on paranormal in the Queen City. They will have some of the best evidence we have captured in the area. You will also meet Sophie, the canine investigator! This presentation is suitable for all ages. No fee or registration required



STAR GLAZERS POTTERY FOR FAMILIES (All ages welcome)

DECEMBER 3, 7:00 PM

Star Glazers is setting up a paint-your-own-pottery studio in the Blue Ash Café, just in time to make holiday gifts! There will be a variety of pieces to choose from.

Pre-registration required

Fee: \$10 and up per piece
(cash or check only)

Registration: Register by email
at ann@starglazers.com or call
(513) 474-6364

Taste of Blue Ash 2013



The City of Blue Ash's Premier Event featuring various types of cuisine from local restaurants, national, regional, and local entertainment, festival rides, games, teen area, and more!

PRESENTED BY



TOYOTA



The 28th Annual Taste of Blue Ash, presented by Toyota, Kroger and The Ohio Lottery, will take place on Friday, August 23 through Sunday, August 25 at the Blue Ash Towne Square (Hunt and Cooper Roads, downtown Blue Ash). Taste samples of over 20 local restaurants, enjoy the family fun zone, and relax to free local, regional and national entertainment that will be scheduled on two stages.

Admission is free and tickets are not required for musical entertainment. General Admission – setup of personal chairs/blankets, etc. to "reserve" a seating area is necessary. Personal items may not be setup prior to 7:30 AM the day of show.

FESTIVAL HOURS:

Friday - 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM
Saturday - 2:00 PM to 11:00 PM
Sunday - 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM

PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS

- Alfio's Buon Cibo
- Azad India Restaurant
- Bangkok Terrace
- Bistro @ DoubleTree
- Busken Bakery
- Café Mediterranean
- City Barbeque
- Culver's
- Graeters
- Firehouse Grill
- La Petite France
- Mecklenburg Gardens
- Puffins Bistro & Desserts
- Qdoba Mexican Grill
- Rascal's NY Deli
- Tandoor Restaurant
- Taste of Belgium
- The Cincinnati Grill
- The Melting Pot
- Vonderhaar's Catering

TASTE OF BLUE ASH ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE



THE POINTER SISTERS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23
9:00 PM • MAIN STAGE

The Pointer Sisters achieved success during the decades of the 1970s and 1980s with the top hits "I'm So Excited" and "Neutron Dance".



KENNY LOGGINS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24
9:00 PM • MAIN STAGE

Kenny is an American singer songwriter known for soft rock music during the 1970s, and later for writing and performing the hit songs "Footloose" and "Danger Zone".



RODNEY ATKINS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25
7:30 PM • MAIN STAGE

Rodney is an American Country Artist who's had six number one hits from his first three albums including "Cleaning This Gun" and "These Are My People".

Personal items may have to be moved to complete event setup and must be removed after the event to facilitate clean up. These items will be discarded by event staff upon clean-up. The City of Blue Ash is not responsible for property lost, stolen, damaged or left unattended.

National Artists prohibit photographs, audio or video recording of their concerts. Coolers, alcohol and pets are NOT permitted on the event site. Backpacks & oversized purses subject to search.



Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony News

The Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra will be finishing up 2013 with a flourish. The next concert will be the Labor Day Concert, featuring violinist Jackie Tso, a winner of the 2011 Young Artist Competition playing Tchaikovsky plus principal cellist Thomas Guth playing Two Rhapsodies for Cello and Orchestra by Jeffrey Mumford. The concert will be at the Blue Ash Towne Square on Monday, September 2 at 6:00 PM.

Applications for the 2013 Jack & Lucille Wonnell Young Artist Concerto Competition will be available in early September. Application forms and information can be downloaded from the Orchestra's website (www.bamso.org). The competition is open to student musicians 18 and under who have not yet graduated from high school.

On November 3, The Kenwood by Senior Star will be hosting a benefit for the Orchestra. Themed "Starry Night," the celebration will run from 5 until 8 PM and will feature fine wine, gourmet food stations, and plenty of live music, provided by Artistic Director Michael Chertock and other soloists, vocalists, and small ensembles from BAMSO and the Cincinnati community. There will also be a silent auction/raffle. Tickets, which may be ordered through the website (www.bamso.org), begin at \$50.

As in the past, the Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra will present its annual Kindel Memorial Holiday Concert on the first Sunday in December. This year's theme will be Christmas through the ages – from baroque through pops. This concert has become the traditional beginning to the holiday season for Blue Ash and Montgomery residents. It will begin at 7:00 PM on Sunday, December 1 at the Montgomery Assembly of God Church, 7950 Pfeiffer Road in Montgomery.

All concerts are free to the public. The Orchestra appreciates the support provided by the City of Blue Ash, the City of Montgomery, ArtsWave, the Ohio Arts Council, the Montgomery Women's Club and the Montgomery Arts Commission as well as that of its individual contributors.

Hunt House Open House

The Historical Hunt House will be open on Saturday, October 12th, from 1-4 PM. Information on the program will be posted on <http://blueashhistoricalsociety.org>.



Blue Ash Business Association

Chippin' In Fore Alzheimers Golf Outing

On Friday, October 11, the Blue Ash Business Association will hold a golf outing at the Blue Ash Golf Course to raise money for Alzheimers. Statistics show that by 2050, 50% of the elderly population will suffer from Alzheimers. There will be a hole in one contest, silent auction, door prizes and more. The cost is \$70 per golfer, which includes 18 holes/cart and dinner. Alcohol can be purchased at the Sandtrap Grill. To sign up, call Kevin Mitchell at (513) 985-2032.

Matthew 25: Ministries

Matthew 25: Rated Top Nonprofit

Matthew 25: Ministries was honored to once again be named a 2013 Top-Rated Nonprofit by Great Nonprofits.

Oklahoma Tornadoes Relief

Matthew 25: Ministries continues to respond with recovery and rebuilding supplies to tornado victims in Moore, OK. To date, Matthew 25: Ministries has shipped more than 500,000 pounds of food, beverages, tarps, blankets, personal care kits and products, cleaning supplies, baby supplies and paper products to the victims.

Expansion of Facility on Kenwood Road

Matthew 25: Ministries is expanding its facility on Kenwood Road to better serve the needs of the poorest of the poor and disaster victims. They will break ground this summer on a 40,000 square-foot addition, which will increase the total size of the facility to almost 175,000 square-feet. This expansion will greatly impact the efficiency of daily operations as well as allowing for increased disaster preparedness and expanded manufacturing operations.

Fighting Hunger 5K

The Fighting Hunger 5K benefiting Matthew 25: Ministries takes place on Saturday, November 9. The Race also kicks off Matthew 25's annual "Fighting Hunger" Food Drive which benefits food pantries and shelters in the Greater Cincinnati area. All participants are automatically registered to win one of dozens of fabulous door prizes. As always, the Fighting Hunger 5K afterparty will be fantastic, with donations from generous food sponsors, a chocolate fountain and live entertainment.

Sycamore Senior Center

Wounded Warriors at the Sycamore Senior Center

America's veterans have earned the right to spend their last days in comfort. The Veterans Liaison, VITAS team of experienced hospice professionals will address the potential effects of military service on veterans' end-of-life needs. Join us on Tuesday, August 27th, from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM for the "Wounded Warriors" presentation that will focus on veterans' unique needs for quality of life. Please call the Sycamore Senior Center's Welcome Desk at 513-984-1234 for a reservation for this program. The Sycamore Senior Center is located at 4455 Carver Woods Drive in Blue Ash.

Ten Mistakes to Avoid in Planning Your Final Life Event at the Sycamore Senior Center

One of the greatest gifts to give your family is pre-planning your funeral and cemetery services with the ability to freeze costs at today's prices and protect your family from the rising cost of services and products.

On Monday, August 26th from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM, representatives from the Spring Grove Family and Gwen Mooney Funeral Homes will be on hand at the Sycamore Senior Center to discuss these important issues with you.

The Center is located at 4455 Carver Woods Drive in Blue Ash. Please call 513-984-1234 to reserve a space for this decision-making event.

UC Blue Ash College – Muntz Hall Renovation Project

- A \$4.5 million project is being coordinated by the UC architects to address the need to re-design existing space and provide more room for the growing student population.
- Renovation began in fall 2012 and will be complete by the end of this summer (the only remaining part of the project under construction is the patio for the outdoor portion of the Commons).
- The renovation covers 22,000 square feet and includes the new Bleecker Street Café; a Community Commons with space inside and an outdoor patio for meeting, studying or just relaxing; a new state-of-the-art library; and a renovated Dean's Suite.
- The new Café and Commons are really transforming the campus and providing a new energy that is created as people are coming together to meet, study and collaborate.
- UC Blue Ash College has approximately 5,000 students, with another 1,000 who come from area colleges and universities to take classes. It is the largest regional college campus in Ohio.

“The new café and commons are designed with our students, faculty and staff in mind,” said Dr. Cady Short-Thompson, Dean of UC Blue Ash. “We wanted to provide a new, inviting and comfortable space where people can come together to meet, study or just take a break from a busy day. I believe this addition will really help transform our campus.”



The new UC Blue Ash Library includes state-of-the-art study rooms with TV monitors that can be used for meetings, presentations and reviewing educational DVDs.



The new Community Commons adds much-needed space for meeting, studying and eating.