

SUMMER 2015 NEWSLETTER

SUMMIT PARK UPDATE

Summit Park continues to move full steam ahead!

Pet owners will be happy to know that Section I of the dog park was recently completed. The dog park is about an acre in size and is located west of the Great Lawn. In future phases of Summit Park's development, the dog park will be expanded to include an additional section and more amenities.

The Community Building is 60 percent complete, including the roof decking, masonry insulation and stone exterior. The Brown Dog Café is scheduled to begin its build-out in mid-July and the entire building is expected to be completed this fall.



Left: Summit Park's new Dog Park; Right: The Community Building

Building B, which is a mirror image of the Community Building, is opposite of the Glass Canopy and will house a number of restaurants in the future. Building B is scheduled to begin in August and will be completed in early 2016.

Construction has begun on the Glass Canopy with the excavation of the foundations. Work will begin on the main structure of the canopy in September and will be completed in early 2016.

The Phase 2 Site Landscape and Hardware package is currently underway. Earthworks, utilities and installation of the Main Street seat walls will be completed in October. The remainder of the pavers under the Glass Canopy will be completed in early 2016.

Check out what's open now
at Summit Park!

www.blueash.com/summitpark

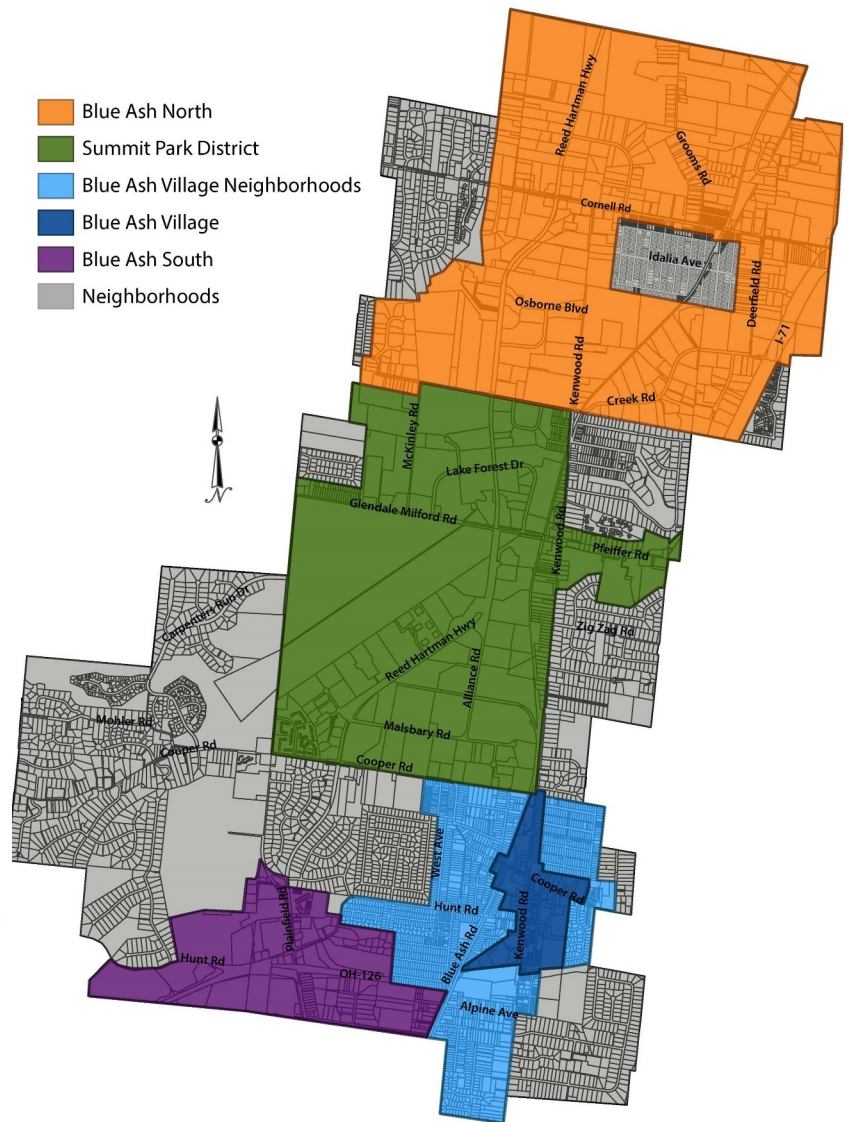


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COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

On June 11, 2015, Blue Ash City Council approved the City's 2015 Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The plan is a guiding document that serves as the overall development and redevelopment plan for the City and influences land use decisions and City investments. The updated plan promotes mixing of uses, transitional developments to protect existing neighborhoods, connectivity, and quality of design. It also divides the City into six new planning areas:

- Blue Ash North: Employment district with supportive retail
- Summit Park District: A mixed-use area of integrated commercial, housing and office
- Blue Ash South: A commercial district with the majority of the City's retail, supporting residents and corporate citizens
- Blue Ash Village Neighborhood: A neighborhood with a focus on preservation of character while promoting redevelopment and infill development
- Blue Ash Village: A mixed-use destination containing retail, restaurant, multi-family, and public amenities within a walkable district
- Neighborhoods: The City's stable neighborhoods with a focus on preservation and protection as well as the addition of quality public amenities



STREETSCAPING AND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

The City is beginning Phase II downtown streetscaping improvements. Due to ongoing damage which has occurred to sidewalks, streets and curbs along Kenwood and Cooper Roads in downtown Blue Ash, the current unhealthy street trees will be replaced with new trees that will be planted behind the sidewalks. The Parks Department evaluated the possibility of replanting existing trees behind the sidewalk, however, due to their shallow root systems, they would not survive the move. The new trees will help create safer driving areas and sidewalks that are more walkable and have specially designed cells for the trees to grow in which will reduce maintenance in the future. Additional improvements include removing pavers and old fieldstone walls that are failing, installing concrete and new lights, and fixing curb and catch basins. The project will begin in late July/early August and will be completed in three to four months.

Several streets are slated to be paved by mid-August. They include Lansford, Chesswick, Longren, Fallson, Linfield, Wynnecrest, Doughman, Ridgecrest, Kenview Hills Subdivision, Hagewa, Williamson, Cornell Woods, and Jardin. Construction is currently underway in Ravenwood and will move from subdivision to subdivision. The first phase will consist of curb and catch basin repair and the second phase will include grinding, base repair and paving. A sidewalk will also be constructed on Plainfield Road from Foxhollow to the Sharonville corporate limit this fall and will be completed in spring 2016.

CODE ENFORCEMENT MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

The City's ordinances are designed to keep Blue Ash looking great. Please use this helpful checklist to recognize potential violations and take corrective action to preserve the value of your property as well as your neighborhood.

- ✓ **Gutters:** Pull leaves and debris from gutters and downspouts. Reattach gutters that have pulled away from the house. Run a hose on the roof and check for proper drainage. If leaks exist, dry the area and use caulking or epoxy to seal the leak.
- ✓ **Grass, Weeds & Other Vegetation:** Maintain premises and exterior property free from weeds and grass in excess of eight inches, including any right-of-way/easement bordering or crossing the property.
- ✓ **Yard Waste including Fallen Tree Limbs & Debris:** Collect and properly remove from the premises.
- ✓ **Refuse, Rubbage & Garbage:** Keep exterior property and premises free from accumulation of refuse, rubbish and garbage. Dispose of refuse properly. Garbage and refuse items should be placed at the curb no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the day before your collection day and no later than 7:00 a.m. the morning of your collection day. Trash containers should be removed from the curb by 9:00 p.m. the evening of your collection.
- ✓ **Storage of Trash Containers:** Trash containers kept between a structure and a public street must be completely screened from view from the street. Trash containers located in a side or rear yard area are not required to be screened, but should be maintained and stored in a clean and orderly manner.
- ✓ **Outside Storage:** Landscape materials, tools, mowers, trimmers, or the like stored outside must be fully screened on all sides so as not to be seen and placed behind the front building line of the house by a wall, storage cabinet, fence, or landscaping.
- ✓ **Siding:** Clean siding with a pressure washer to keep mold from growing. Check wood surfaces for weathering and paint failure. If wood is showing through, sand the immediate area and apply a primer coat before painting. If paint is peeling, scrape the loose paint and sand smooth before painting.
- ✓ **Exterior Caulking:** Inspect and replace if deteriorating. Scrape out the eroding caulk and recaulk the area.
- ✓ **Window Sills, Door Sills & Thresholds:** Fill cracks, caulk edges, repaint or replace if necessary.
- ✓ **Windows & Door Screens:** Clean screening and check for holes. If holes are bigger than a quarter, bugs can climb in; patch or replace the screen. Save the bad screen to patch holes next year. Tighten or repair loose or damaged frames and repaint. Replace broken, worn or missing hardware. Wind can ruin screens and frames if they are allowed to flap and move so make sure they are securely fastened. Tighten and lubricate door hinges and closers.
- ✓ **Foundation:** Check foundation walls, floors, concrete, and masonry for cracking, heaving, or deterioration. If a significant number of bricks are losing their mortar, call a professional. If you can slide a nickel into a crack in your concrete floor, slab or foundation, call a professional immediately.
- ✓ **Roof:** Inspect surface flashing, eaves and soffits. Check flashings around surface projections and sidewalls.
- ✓ **Decks & Porches:** Check decks, patios, porches, stairs, and railings for loose members and deterioration. Open decks and wood fences need to be treated every four to six years, depending on the amount of sun and rain exposure. If the stain doesn't look correct or water has turned some of the wood a dark grey, hire a professional to treat it.
- ✓ **Landscape:** Cut back and trim vegetation and overgrown bushes from structures. Limbs and leaves can cut into your home's paint, requiring repainting. A little trimming can save money and time. Have your lawn mower serviced and blades sharpened before your first cutting for a healthy growth of grass.

See a Property Maintenance Code Violation? Report it!
Please contact Richard Dole at rdole@blueash.com or 745-8542.

WATER SAFETY TIPS

Water safety is something everyone should be concerned about all year long. It takes only a few inches of water for a small child to drown. Taking extra safety steps at home and around pools, spas and all bodies of water can prevent drowning incidents.

RULE #1: NEVER LEAVE A CHILD UNATTENDED AROUND A POOL, SPA, BATH TUB, OR ANY BODY OF WATER

- Teach children basic water safety skills.
- Learn how to swim and ensure your children know how to swim.
- Avoid entrapment by keeping children away from pool drains, pipes and other openings.
- Have a phone close by at all times when visiting a pool or spa.
- If a child is missing, look for them in the pool or spa first, including neighbors' pools or spas.
- Share safety instructions with family, friends, babysitters, and neighbors.

IF YOU HAVE A POOL

- Install a four-foot fence around the perimeter of the pool and spa, including portable pools.
- Use self-closing and self-latching gates. Ask neighbors to do the same if they have pools or spas.
- If your house serves as the fourth side of a fence around a pool, install and use a door or pool alarm.
- Maintain pool and spa covers in good working order.
- Ensure any pool or spa you use has compliant drain covers and ask if you do not know.
- Have life saving equipment such as life rings, floats or a reaching pole available and easily accessible.



FACTS

- 1.** The majority of deaths and injuries in pools and spas involve children between the ages of one and two and occur in residential settings.
- 2.** Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death to children between the ages of one and four.
- 3.** Drownings occur when there is a short lapse in adult supervision.
- 4.** Little children drown quickly and silently.



AT HOME

- Keep young children within arm's reach in a bathtub. If you must leave, take the child with you.
- Do not leave a baby or young child in a bathtub under the care of another young child.
- Never leave a bucket or basin containing even a small amount of liquid unattended. Always empty and store buckets in a place where young children cannot reach them.
- Consider placing locks on toilet seat covers in case a young child wanders into the bathroom.



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Let's Go Places



August 28, 29 & 30, 2015

The City of Blue Ash's premier event featuring various types of cuisine from local restaurants, national, regional & local entertainment, festival rides, games and more!

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

Fri, August 28
6PM-11PM

6:30PM
Hotel California

9PM
.38 Special

Sat, August 29
2PM-11PM

6:30PM
After Midnight

9PM
Third Eye Blind

Sun, August 30
2PM-9PM

5PM
Clayton Anderson

7:30PM
Thompson Square

Alfio's Buon Cibo • Bangkok Terrace • The Bistro @ DoubleTree
Budina Noodle and Rice • Busken Bakery • Café Mediterranean
The Cincinnati Grill • City BBQ • Culvers • Delicio Coal Fired Pizza
El Pueblo Mexican Restaurant • Graeters • J. Gumbos • Mama Mimi's • Melting Pot
Qdoba Mexican Grill • Rusty Bucket • Sammy's Gourmet Burgers and Beer • Vonderhaars



Blue Ash Events



Summit Park



blueashevents.com



MIO'S BLUE ASH CONCERT SERIES

**AUG
14**

August 14–25

Don't miss out on these free end-of-summer concerts every Tuesday and Friday evening through August 25!

TUESDAY NIGHT CONCERTS IN THE PARK

7:00 PM @ Blue Ash Nature Park
Amphitheatre (4433 Cooper Road)

August 18: Ohio Military Band

August 25: Ricky Nye Inc.

FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERTS ON THE SQUARE

8:00 PM @ Blue Ash Towne Square
(Hunt & Cooper Roads)

August 14: Ooh La La

August 21: The Remains



FARMER'S MARKET

Wednesdays through October 28

3:30–7:00 PM

Summit Park

**AUG
19**

Head over to the Farmer's Market at Summit Park each Wednesday for a mix of fun and entertainment, including music, guest vendors, food trucks, free demos, and classes.

BLUE ASH/MONTGOMERY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**SEP
7**

Monday, September 7

6:00 PM

Blue Ash Towne Square

Take a musical journey with "Imaginary Journeys"! An American in Paris, The Italian Girl in Algiers and Lieutenant Kijé will all be on hand for your entertainment. Rain site: Sycamore Junior High, 5757 Cooper Road.



BLUE ASH POLICE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE



Wednesday, September 9

5:00–8:00 PM

Blue Ash Police Department
(4343 Cooper Road)

**SEP
9**

The open house will feature station tours, crime prevention information, vehicle displays, equipment demonstrations, Hamilton County SWAT and Bomb Squad, TriHealth Safe Communities, K-9 demos, and food compliments of Donatos Pizza on Kenwood Road and Whit's Frozen Custard! It's free and open to the public.

BEATS, ARTS & EATS

**OCT
3**

Saturday, October 3
5:00—10:00 PM
Blue Ash Towne Square

Enjoy a relaxing evening in an intimate setting at this 3rd annual grassroots event. Taste the flavors of local food, wine and craft beer and experience local art through the music and displays of area artists who will also be selling their wares. This year's Event will have the biggest vendor turnout with nearly 30 artists, food trucks and music! Due to the scale of the event, the stage location will be moved from the lawn to the Towne Square Amphitheatre. The City is still accepting applications for artists. For more information, please visit www.blueashevents.com.



PLAYHOUSE IN THE PARK

Saturday, October 3
6:30—8:30 PM
Blue Ash Rec Center, Blue Gym

**OCT
3**



Don't miss *High School Alien*, a charming world premiere of the play by Allyson Currin. Performed by Playhouse in the Park, Off the Hill Productions, the play is about Maddie, an eager freshman who is determined to change her image, join the coveted ranks of the A-team and regain the attention of her former friend Robyn. But the everyday challenges of fitting in takes on a new meaning when an alien refugee from outer space enrolls at school, and Maddie must decide if achieving popularity is worth compromising her true personality.

Free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Curtain time 7:00 PM. Recommended for ages 7 and up. Please register at the Welcome Desk or call 745-8550.

HALLOWEEN WALK IN THE WOODS

**OCT
24**

Saturday, October 24
12:00—3:00 PM
Blue Ash Nature Center
(4343 Cooper Road)

Children ages 10 and under are invited to trick-or-treat their way through the Blue Ash Nature Park and along a path of fun, non-scary, Halloween-themed booths. Free and open to the public. For more information, call the Blue Ash Recreation Center at 745-8550.



LATE SUMMER & EARLY FALL FUN AT SUMMIT PARK

Visit www.blueash.com/calendar.php for a full listing of additional events like free fitness and dancing classes, movies on the Great Lawn, and more!

THE OFFICIAL CITY OF BLUE ASH SUMMER NEWSLETTER

CONGRATULATIONS 2015 BEAUTIFICATION WINNERS!

The City received 37 nominations for this year's Beautification Awards and has selected four winners. Congratulations to the owners of these lovely homes and a big thanks for making Blue Ash a beautiful place to live!



Above: Bush Household of Edward Avenue. Top right: Hankinson Household of Railroad Avenue, Middle right: Peters Household of Wengate Lane, Bottom right: Detmer Household of Aldine Drive.