

## WINTER 2015 NEWSLETTER

# BLUEASH SUMMIT PARK

Progress at Summit Park continues into Phase 2 as development presses forward on what will be the heart of the entire park project. Phase 2 is impactful because it will serve as the “front door” to the park and highlight some of the most vibrant elements of the park.

The Glass Canopy, which looks out onto the Great Lawn, has been a spectacle to watch grow as the steel framework begins to show off the massive 1/3 acre span. The canopy sits between the Community Building (North) and Restaurant Building (South), and features an impressive array of colored glass panels. On the east side of the canopy, near the entrance, there will be a flag pole to display the country’s colors. The North Building, the one closest to the playground, will serve as the home to Brown Dog Café and feature additional park restrooms and a rentable meeting/social room.

Rentals for this space will be handled by Cooper Creek Event Center Staff and will use catering from Brown Dog Café. The vision for this room is to be occupied by business lunches, group meetings, birthday parties, or maybe a small rehearsal dinner.

Brown Dog Café is still open at its original location (5893 Pfeiffer Road) until January of 2016. “We are excited about the new place, we just feel bad customers are showing up at Summit Park and calling us to tell us we’re closed. Stop by and say goodbye to the old dog, we’ll let you know when the puppy arrives,” says Shawn McCoy, head chef at Brown Dog.

The Restaurant Building, the one closest to Glendale-Milford Road, is being constructed to suit two or three additional restaurants, which will also face out towards the Great Lawn. The City is seeking a variety of cuisines and price points which will complement Brown Dog Café.

A main walkway dubbed “Main Street” will lead visitors to the canopy and playground area, passing by the beautifully designed hardscape/landscapes within the central area of the park, called the Plaza.



*Most recent developments at Summit Park include the canopy and the two buildings.*

## QUICK RESPONSE, CPR/AED TRAINING SAVES LIFE AT REC

Just like every other Tuesday and Thursday, Dan Doepke and his buddies took to the court for their lunchtime basketball league.

He'd just finished his game, and decided to take a seat on the bench because he was feeling a little light-headed. The next thing Dan remembers is waking up on the court, surrounded by Blue Ash firemen and EMTs.

The lifetime basketball player had three main artery clogs, two of which were 100% blockages, and the third was 95% blocked. Simply because of genetics, the cardiologist called Dan a

"massive heart attack waiting to happen." After a triple bypass, Dan has now returned to perfect health.

The parts of the story that Dan is unable to recall are the parts that Kelley Zureick, Tiphonie Crane, and Dan Guthrie will remember for the rest of their lives. As soon as Dan hit the ground, his teammates jumped to action. One player immediately ran across the parking lot to the fire station to get the EMTs while another friend notified the front desk. Because the South Fire Station was out on another call, the fire chief, Rick Brown, and assistant fire chief, Chris Theders, responded to the call within a few minutes.

Dan's heart had stopped pumping blood to his body. Dan, Kelley, and Tiphonie applied the AED machine, and performed CPR on the 15-year Recreation member and friend. Conveniently, the AED machine is kept about 20 feet from where Dan collapsed. The combination of the CPR and AED is what kept him alive. He is well today because of the speed and urgency that the first responders used in caring for him. The CPR got oxygen to all of his organs and muscles, while the AED was shocking his heart back into a rhythm. It took four surges from the defibrillator for Dan to respond. By then, Chris and Rick had arrived to tend to Dan's health. After the AED had started his heart, Dan looked around and asked, "Is all of this really necessary?"

And of course, it was necessary. According to assistant chief Theders, most "v-fib" (ventricular fibrillation) patients will struggle to maintain a healthy pulse until they are stable in a hospital. The paddles used in the AED stayed on Dan's chest until the ambulance took him to the hospital so that he could be shocked again if his heart did not keep the regular pattern.

September 24<sup>th</sup> will be a day for the books in the Doepke family, and for these three heroes at the Recreation Center. Dan's heart attack has opened up doors for his friends and family to show how much they care. His teammates have taken care of all the family's yardwork for the fall, and they have winterized the yard and garage. Dan's wife, Treva, said she didn't have to cook dinner for weeks afterwards because of the generosity of their friends.

She credits the Blue Ash Recreation Center not only for keeping her husband alive, but for fostering a community that will care for one another when it matters. The deep friendships forged from the basketball court were purposeful, and enduring.

The Doepke family believes that their dad has more to do on the earth before his time here comes to an end. Mrs. Doepke said, "I wasn't ready to be a widow. These three (Kelley, Dan, Tiphonie) kept him alive. And I am so grateful."





## LEARN BEFORE YOU BURN INDOOR FIRES

Autumn brings on a cool crispness, perfect weather for ghost stories around the campfire, tailgating at college and professional football games, and homecoming bonfires. As winter draws near, many homeowners are getting their fireplaces ready to burn on a cold night.

Fire provides a natural source of warmth and a wonderful ambiance, both indoors and out. However, the smoke from fire contains particulate matter that can bring on temporary respiratory irritation and cause breathing challenges for those with asthma and other pulmonary illnesses.

There are easy guidelines one can follow to burn as clean of a fire as possible:

- Whether it is an outdoor fire pit or an indoor fireplace, always burn dry, seasoned wood because wet logs generate more smoke.
- Outdoor fires must not exceed three feet wide and two feet high.
- Be sure to fully extinguish your fire.

Check with your local fire department or visit this website, [SouthwestOhioAir.org/openburning](http://SouthwestOhioAir.org/openburning) for more information.

## POLICE DEPT. LAUNCHES RAIDS-ONLINE CRIME TRACKING



In 2015, the City of Blue Ash entered into an agreement with BAIR Software to provide Blue Ash crime data to the public, using Google Maps' well-known, intuitive mapping interface. Through RAIDS Online, citizens can view basic information on crime reports made in Blue Ash since January, 2012. The crime type, street-level address, address name (when appropriate), traffic crash date, and time are displayed for the users. The information can be viewed in a variety of formats and sorted on different criteria.

According to the RAIDS website, the purpose of this transparency is very clear. "Providing crime mapping and tips to the community helps law

enforcement keep the public aware of crime, it builds trust with their citizens and it improves communication between the public and law enforcement. By allowing law enforcement to provide these services to the public at no cost through RAIDS Online, BAIR reduces any barriers for law enforcement to use public crime mapping as a crime reduction strategy."

Data is uploaded twice daily by our officers and includes all crimes occurring in Blue Ash. Currently, there are almost 10,000 reports uploaded to the site. Citizens can report anonymous tips to the police department by clicking on any incident and submitting the tip through CrimeStoppers. Sign up for Crime Alerts that notify you by email when a report occurs nearby. Anyone with questions or comments is welcome to e-mail the Crime Analysis Unit at [kdeye@blueash.com](mailto:kdeye@blueash.com).

## SNOW PLOW DRIVERS TRAIN FOR UPCOMING WEATHER



The Public Works department runs training courses for the snow plow drivers in the parking lot of Crosley Field, off of Grooms Road so that the crews don't get rusty during the snowless months. Traffic cones are set up to mimic narrow streets with cars parked on both sides, mailboxes that lean into the street, parallel parked cars, and many other treacherous situations that the trucks may encounter. Toward the end of the course, the drivers must weave in and out of 6 linear cones, which sounds challenging in itself, but then the truck is thrown in reverse and they do the same backwards. All the while, they are being timed and pitted against each other for bragging rights for the rest of the year.

The Blue Ash Public Works Department has 6 snow routes and 12 drivers. There are two snow shifts, and each shift is 12 hours long. In addition to these drivers, there are also 3 mechanics who are available to fix anything that may go awry during the shifts. The Parks Department also has 1 snow route. During each of these routes, 160 miles of roadways are cleared. They use 12 vehicles set up for snow removal, and salt purchased from the City of Cincinnati.

This season, we are expected to have a slightly milder winter with less snow and higher temperatures. It's also predicted that the most severe weather will come later in the season, around February.

## Helpful Tips for Residents

For crews to do their jobs the best they can, we ask residents to help in these ways:

1. Remove parked cars from the street when it snows
2. Be patient when following a plow, and do not follow too closely behind it
3. Refrain from clearing the end of the driveway until crews have cleared the street
4. Do not place any snow into the street while clearing your driveway or sidewalk





Blue Ash,  
Ohio

Blue Ash has developed a sister city relationship with a community in Germany - Ilmenau (pronounced "ill' - men - ow"). Blue Ash's first visit to Ilmenau was in February 2000, and the latest trip happened this fall.

During that visit, the Blue Ash delegation was given the opportunity to see Germany celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of reunification. Blue Ash representatives also had the privilege to see Blue Ash Park dedicated in Ilmenau. Delegates representing Blue Ash area IT companies met with Ilmenau IT startups to exchange ideas. The city of Ilmenau is very similar to Blue Ash in population, economic development, and education.

One of the key members of the 2015 delegation was Blue Ash resident, Sal Wertheim. He has served the program as an interpreter, organizer, host to many German visitors, and active participant on all levels. He was awarded the Order of Merit, the highest tribute the German government can pay to individuals.

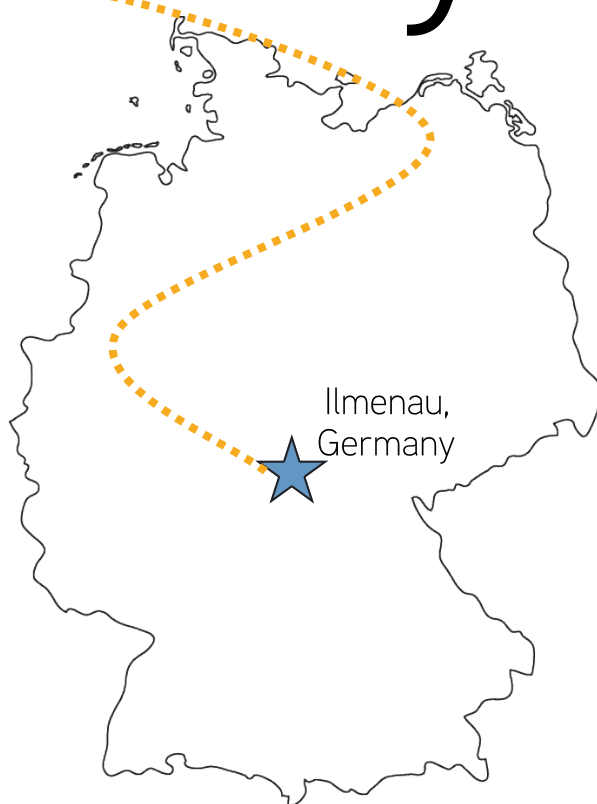
Bodo Ramelow, Minister-President of Thuringia, presented the award on behalf of Germany's President. In presenting the Order of Merit, Ramelow acknowledged the close relationship between Germany and the United States.

Ilmenau, Germany

# Sister City



Sal Wertheim receiving the Order of Merit, the highest tribute the German government can pay to individuals



Ilmenau,  
Germany



## JOB FAIR AT THE RECREATION CENTER

Saturday, January 23

11:00 AM—1:00 PM

Recreation Center

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Seasonal part-time positions will be available in the Parks Department, Golf Maintenance, Recreation, and Golf. This is a great opportunity to meet potential future employers face-to-face. Come with questions about the jobs and an updated resume.

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

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Saturday, January 23

6:00 PM—9:00 PM

Recreation Center

The Recreation Center will be open to all members for this fun event. There will be interactive activities with the Fitness Staff, face painting, fabulous magic, a Bounce House, and more!



## CAFÉ SERIES: GETTING YOUR DOG TO LISTEN

Tuesday, January 19

7:00 PM—9:00 PM

Recreation Center

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If you have an unruly dog, pet trainer and training coach Lisa Desatnik will cover basic information about how animals learn, motivation, and how to use positive reinforcement effectively.

## ST. PATRICK'S DANCE (21 yrs and older)

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Saturday, March 12

6:00 PM—9:00 PM

Recreation Center

Join us as we celebrate the wearing O' the Green with live music, prizes, and tasty food! Price includes catered sandwiches and music. Beverages will be available for purchase.





# ECONOMIC UPDATE



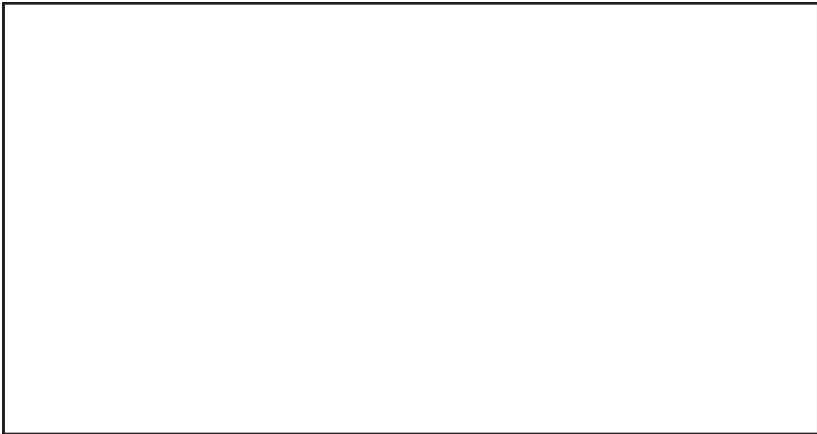
City Officials break ground at Landings Park.

It's been an incredible year for Blue Ash's economic development team. The City has recorded more new job announcements this year than in the past two years combined. In the first 10 months of 2015, companies in the City have announced plans to create 1,394 jobs and lease or purchase more than 1 million square feet of office and industrial space. As one of the most successful years to date, Blue Ash attributes a lot of this success to the general upswing in the United States economy and the Greater Cincinnati economy. This region was the fastest growing large metro economy in the Midwest in 2014, which beat Chicago, Minneapolis, Columbus, and Cleveland.

A more magnified analysis of these numbers shows that within Greater Cincinnati, Blue Ash has done well because of the central location in the region. Easy access for companies with frequent visitors, and for employees who commute is important. No matter where you are located in the City, you are never more than a mile from a major highway. There is also a lower cost of doing business than other major business centers in the region. Our earnings tax is 1.25%, which is significantly lower than other important business centers in the region.

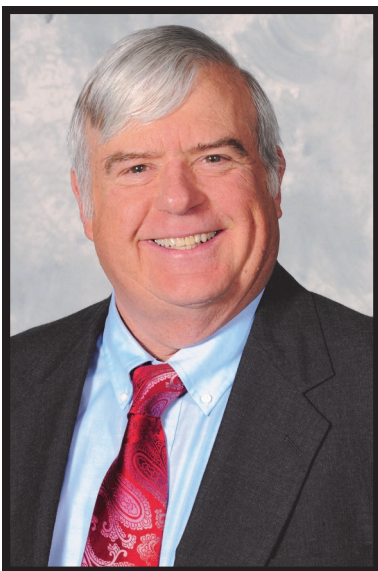
In addition to Blue Ash being centrally located, and relatively inexpensive, we are home to some of the fastest growing companies in the nation. Greater Cincinnati is home to 47 **Inc. 5000** companies, and 12 of those are in Blue Ash. **Inc. 5000** is a list compiled of the 5000 fastest growing companies in the country. No other City in the Greater Cincinnati Area had nearly as many as Blue Ash.

Blue Ash is a community associated with a professional, high quality business image, which is why high-profile companies choose to move their headquarters here. Companies also like to locate offices near amenities like Summit Park and our first-class Recreation Center. The perks that Blue Ash offers make it easier for successful companies to recruit the workforce they need to continue their growth. The City looks forward to continuing this growth in 2016 with the development of even more Class A office space.



## THE OFFICIAL CITY OF BLUE ASH WINTER NEWSLETTER

# MEET YOUR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS



**Rob Ryan**  
**Ward 1**

As of December 1, Rob Ryan and PJ Jhaveri will be active members of the Blue Ash City Council. They represent Ward 1, and Ward 3 respectively, and are looking forward to serving this community.

**Rob Ryan:**

"I am honored and deeply appreciate the residents of Ward 1 electing me to Blue Ash City Council. As the representative for Ward 1 and as part of the City Council team, I intend to keep Blue Ash moving forward in a responsible and respectful manner. Best wishes to you and your loved ones for a wonderful holiday and thank you for electing me to Blue Ash City Council."

**PJ Jhaveri:**

"I am so happy and humbled that you have given me a chance to represent Ward 3. Thanks for your trust and your vote to make me your councilman. I look forward to serving you on Blue Ash City Council. Happy Holidays to you and your family."



**Pramod "PJ" Jhaveri**  
**Ward 3**