

SUMMER 2017 NEWSLETTER

NATURE PLAYScape MOVING FORWARD

The playscape is an integral part of Phase III at Summit Park



The Blue Ash City Council has approved preliminary designs for the Children's Nature Playscape at Summit Park. The project, which is part of Phase III development at Summit Park, is slated to begin construction this fall following the bidding process.

What is a nature playscape?

A nature playscape utilizes the earth's elements and natural building materials to influence unstructured play in a secure and untraditional environment. These playgrounds are proven to encourage social interaction, connect children with nature, evoke creativity and problem solving, encourage independence, teach risk taking, and force imaginative play.

The unique designs for Summit Park's playscape will leverage materials such as water, grass, sand, mud, sticks, and timber. According to the current design plan, children will be able to play in forts, explore an underground hobbit hole, race down child-sized zip lines, and engage in shallow water play. Additional elements may include a net canyon, log jam, waterfall, and much more!



Rendering of the water feature area

The playscape is expected to be complete in early 2018 and will be free and open to the public.

Want to know more about Summit Park?

Visit SummitParkBlueAsh.com for more information on the development, activities, events, and restaurants!

Developer Breaks Ground on Former Airport Runway



Blue Ash City Council at the May groundbreaking.
Photo Courtesy: Joe Simon

The month of May brought a big milestone for the City of Blue Ash and the Al. Neyer/Vandercar development team. The developers broke ground on the 98-acres of land located next to Summit Park for a mixed-use development called “The Neighborhoods at Summit Park”. The developers closed on the former airport runway parcel in May 2017.

“The Neighborhoods at Summit Park” is still in the planning stages, but is expected to include single and multi-family residential, office space, commercial space, retail, hotels, and other infrastructure.

The first phase of the project, called Daventry at Summit Park, is the construction of 104 single-family homes on 33 acres of the property. M/I Homes is the homebuilder for the project. The plans include a wide variety of home styles to make the neighborhood look and feel unique. The homes will range between 3,300- 4,800 square feet and will be within walking distance of the park and all of its amenities. M/I Homes began clearing and grading the land in June.



Rendering provided by M/I Homes

Additional development of the 98-acre property is still going through the approval process.

Wading Pool Opens to Members

The Family Wading Pool is now open to members of the Blue Ash Recreation Center!

Here are just a few of the things that make the re-developed Family Wading Pool so special:

- The “wet bubble” was imported from Sweden. There are only two other wet bubbles in the entire United States.
- Most of the spray features are considered “super” interactive. That means they not only spray, they have the ability to swivel at the base giving them the ability to spray 180 degrees or more!
- The “labyrinth” feature is a water manipulation station that is perfect for the 1-3 year old age groups. Children have the ability to dam the water, have races through the maze, and use a button to “super boost” their toy through the maze.
- The big green turtle has two little dump buckets that hold about a gallon of water each.
- There are a total of 12 shade structures around the pool, which is 9 more than the previous pool. Some of the water is now shaded.



Regular hours for the Family Wading Pool are 12-8PM Monday-Friday, 11AM-8PM Saturday and 11AM-6PM Sunday.

Police Department Welcomes New Officers

Mayor Lee Czerwonka swore in Mike Jackson and Mark Niehaus as Blue Ash police officers in June. The two new officers bring years of law enforcement experience with them and are both Marine Corps veterans. Officer Jackson and Officer Niehaus were chosen out of a pool of 200 candidates because of their integrity, courage, and compassion.



Officer Mark Niehaus shakes hands with Mayor Lee Czerwonka



Police Chief Paul Hartinger (center) welcomes Officer Michael Jackson (left) and Officer Mark Niehaus (right).



Mayor Lee Czerwonka swears in Officer Michael Jackson

Fire Department Receives New Engine

The fire department received a new fire engine this summer to replace a truck from 1993.

Careful thought and consideration were put into the design and engineering of the pumper in order to accommodate the specific needs of the Blue Ash community and for the safety of the personnel. The truck's features include a 1500 gallon a minute pump with a 750 gallon water tank, 30 gallon foam tank and a Compressed Air Foam System, an LED light tower, and a remote master stream device that can spray 1000 gallons a minute!

Did you know you can tour the fire department?
Tours of the fire department and equipment can be scheduled by calling (513) 745-8533.



Volunteers Install Plants at Summit Park

More than a dozen volunteers from the Ohio River Foundation, Melink Corp., and Sogeti, Inc., took part in Restoration Planting Day on June 15th. The group spent an afternoon installing wetland plants at a creek being restored at Summit Park.



The creek is being restored thanks to funding support from a Clean Water Act section 319(h) grant from the Hamilton County Storm Water District, Ohio EPA and U.S. EPA. The creek restoration is in conjunction with the creation of stormwater collection ponds. These natural features will serve to mimic wetlands function in filtering stormwater before re-use on site. The ponds and creek will also reduce erosion and pollution into downstream receiving waters. In conjunction with the habitat restoration elements of this project, a series of workshops are being provided at Summit Park. See the events calendar (page 7) for more information.

Blue Ash Businesses Receive Special Recognition

Three businesses received awards during the Blue Ash Business Reception on May 18th. The winners were selected for exemplifying one aspect of the City's motto: Aspire, Achieve, Advance. The Blue Ash Business Reception was hosted by the Blue Ash Business Committee of the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber.

Congratulations to the winners!



Aspire: SellYourMac.com
Awarded to businesses with extraordinary growth potential regarding new products or services.



Achieve: Ascendum Solutions
Awarded to established businesses demonstrating success through sales, growth, product/service improvements, effective business practices and more.



Advance: Neyer Properties
Awarded to businesses with significant accomplishments resulting in major advances for their industry or the City.

Photo Courtesy: Ross Van Pelt

New to Town

The City of Blue Ash Office of Economic Development is proud to announce two major corporations have chosen to expand in Blue Ash.



Dover Business Services will open its North America shared services center in Blue Ash Corporate Center on Glendale Milford Road. The state-of-the-art office space will house 80 DBS employees. DBS is a business unit of Dover, a global manufacturer on the Fortune 400 list.

Charter Communications (formerly Time Warner) signed a lease for more than 100,000 square feet of office space on Kenwood Road. The location will be home to the company's centralized field operations and 400 employees. Charter Communications expects to be settled into the space by the end of the year.



Did you hear?

Kohl's is moving into the empty space previously used by Kmart on Hunt Road. The retailer expects to open in October.



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BLUE ASH FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Presented by



TOYOTA
Let's Go Places

The City of Blue's Ash Premier Event featuring a variety of food, music all day & family fun!

August 25 & 26, 2017

Noon-11PM

Summit Park

Friday, August 25

9:00PM LOVERBOY

6:30PM Blessid Union of Souls

Saturday, August 26

9:00PM BIG & RICH

with Cowboy Troy

6:30PM Halfway to Hazard

FOOD VENDORS

THE MELTING POT

BUSKEN BAKERY

NANNY BELLE'S

CITY BBQ

BANGKOK TERRACE

LE'S PHO AND SANDWICHES

TAHONA KITCHEN + BAR

DELICIO COAL FIRED PIZZA

GRAETER'S

C'EST CHEESE

RED SESAME

ADENA'S BEEFSTROLL

REMI J'S Barbecue

FLAVOR PUNCH

SWEETS & MEATS BBQ



POLICE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Sept. 13th, 5-8PM

4343 Cooper Road

The annual event will feature police station tours, crime prevention information, equipment and K9 demonstrations, and police vehicle displays. TriHealth Safe Communities, the Hamilton County OVI Task Force, the Hamilton County SWAT and Bomb Squads, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol will be in attendance. The event is free and open to the public!



BLUE ASH FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays through October 4th,
3:30-7PM
Summit Park

The Blue Ash Farmers Market offers sustainably grown foods and unique goods from almost 30 local vendors. The market also offers live music, happy hours, food trucks, free demos, and more! The Blue Ash Farmer's Market is open each Wednesday from 3:30 - 7:00PM through October 4th.



BEATS, ARTS & EATS

Sept. 16th, 3-9PM
Blue Ash Towne Square

Taste the flavors of local foods, wine, and craft beer while enjoying local art! The event is free and open to the public.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

October 10th, 5-7:30PM
10647 Kenwood Road

The Blue Ash Fire Department annual open house will include tours of the building, mini obstacle courses, time to explore the trucks, and opportunities to meet fire department employees! The event ends with a controlled burn. The event is free and open to the public.



HALLOWEEN WALK IN THE WOODS

Oct. 28th, 12-3PM
Blue Ash Nature Park

Get dressed up for Halloween early this year and spend the afternoon trick-or-treating at the Blue Ash Nature Park! The park is filled with our animal friends and hopefully they give you more treats than tricks. The event is geared towards children 10 and under, and is free and open to the public!



Home Habitat Workshops

Summit Park Community Room

August 19th, 10:30AM-12:00PM

September 14th, 1:00-2:30PM

September 19th, 7:00-8:30PM

All seminars will cover the following topics:

- Fall pollinator gardens
- Invasive species control
- Reducing your water bill by gardening with rain barrels



For more information about events, visit BlueAshEvents.com and SummitParkBlueAsh.com!

THE OFFICIAL CITY OF BLUE ASH SPRING NEWSLETTER



McFarland residence on Tiffany Ridge Lane



Fink residence on Tiffany Ridge Lane



Phillips residence on Muirwoods Court

Congratulations to our 2017 Beautification Award Winners!

Thank you for making Blue Ash a beautiful place to live!



Mayor's Choice

Ennis residence
Bellevue Avenue