

SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER



REACHING NEW HEIGHTS IN BLUE ASH *Observation Tower now open to the public*

Considered the most iconic element of Summit Park, the Observation Tower is now open to the public and offers breathtaking views of the surrounding areas.

The tower's glass elevator takes visitors to the 125-foot Observation Deck, where they are able to see downtown Cincinnati, the Eiffel Tower at King's Island, Top Golf and other familiar landmarks. For an excellent overview of the park, visitors can also choose to enjoy the lower Observation Deck at 26 feet. Both decks are secure with glass barriers and safe for children.

The Observation Tower is currently open limited hours from 12 p.m. - 9 p.m., however, the hours are expected to be extended in the coming months. Food, drink, pets and strollers are prohibited. There is no charge to visit the Observation Tower.



Observation Tower Fun Facts:

- The 125-foot Observation Deck is equivalent to the 27th floor of the Great American Insurance building in downtown Cincinnati.
- There are 9 levels and more than 200 stairs inside the tower.
- The Observation Tower (and Summit Park) is located on one of the highest points in Hamilton County.
- The tower serves as a divider between the social part of Summit Park to the east, and the natural part of the park towards the west.
- The total height of the tower is 153 feet.

Want to know more about Summit Park?

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



City Rolls Out Bike Share Program

Next time you're heading out in Blue Ash, take two wheels instead of four.

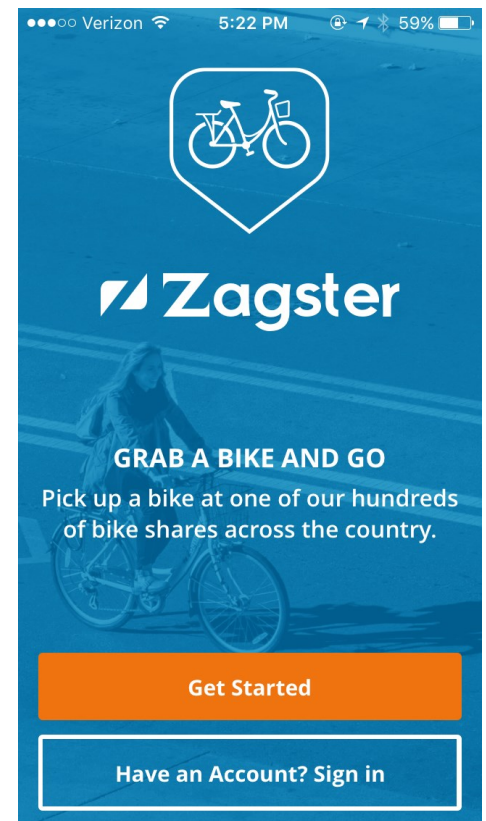
In June, the City of Blue Ash and Zagster, Inc. launched a local bike-share program to provide residents and visitors with a convenient, affordable and healthy way to get around town. This is the first bike share program available in a Cincinnati-area suburb.

Riders are able to hop on one of 50 bikes located across eight stations in Summit Park, downtown Blue Ash, the Rec Center and several employment centers. Riders must be at least 18 years old.

The City of Blue Ash offers more than 35 miles of connected pathways for walking and biking (see page 3 for map). Riders can download the free Zagster mobile app to view stations, unlock bikes and pay for a ride. While rides must begin and end at a station, the built-in lock on every Zagster bike allows for "stop overs" giving users the freedom to ride as long as they want, wherever they want. Riders can pay per ride for as little as \$1, or choose to pay for an annual or UC student membership.

The bike share program is sponsored by Landings Park, Vandercar, Al. Neyer, West Lake Center/Lake Forest Place and the City of Blue Ash.

More information about the program is found at Zagster.com.



-  Walking/Biking Paths
-  Bike Stations
-  Blue Ash Streets
-  Highways

1 Summit Park I Station

(located between the parking lot and Senate's patio)

2 Summit Park II Station

(located at the parking lot in front of Senate)

3 Landings Station

(located along Reed Hartman Highway, just south of the Landings entrance)

4 Lake Forest Station

(located along Reed Hartman Highway, just south of Lake Forest Drive)

5 Downtown Station

(located at the Cooper Road entrance to the Veterans Memorial)

6 Ethicon Station

(located along Reed Hartman Highway between the two Ethicon buildings)

7 Recreation Center Station

(located at the Cooper Road entrance of the Rec Center)

8 Creek Road Station

(located at the NE corner of Creek Road and Reed Hartman Highway in front of the Extended Stay America)



The City of Blue Ash Zagster bike share program is sponsored by:

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Summit Park's Nature Playscape Ignites the Imagination

Filled with the earth's elements and natural building materials, the Children's Nature Playscape at Summit Park isn't your average playground. Instead, the unique design is part of a new trend that encourages children to get outside, interact with nature and even get a little dirty!

The playscape, located on the western side of Summit Park, is scheduled to open to the public in September. The area leverages elements such as water, grass, sand, mud, sticks and timber instead of the metal, plastic and rubber found in traditional playgrounds. The non-traditional materials and unique designs found in natural playscapes have been proven to encourage social interaction, connect children with nature, evoke creativity and problem solving, promote independence and force imaginative play.

Children can let their imaginations run wild as they play in forts, explore an underground hobbit hole, climb the log jam, race down child-sized zip lines and jump into water play. The playscape is also the only children's area in Summit Park that has swings, as well as a dedicated play area for children under the age of five.



For more information on the playscape, visit SummitParkBlueAsh.com.

Local Businesses Shine at Blue Ash Business Awards

Blue Ash-based Fretboard Brewing, Graphic Village and Landrum & Brown received awards during the Blue Ash Business Reception on June 4th. 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.



Aspire: Fretboard Brewing

Awarded to businesses with extraordinary growth potential regarding new products or services.



Achieve: Graphic Village

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



Advance: Landrum & Brown

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

Welcome Home: Daventry Celebrates Grand Opening

Daventry at Summit Park, a single-family home development off Plainfield Road, celebrated the Grand Opening of its model homes in June. The project, which is part of the Neighborhoods at Summit Park mixed-use development, includes 104 homes on 33 acres. The development's first homeowners will begin moving in shortly.

The Neighborhoods at Summit Park development will also include restaurants, retail, apartments, senior-living, office space and more. Developer Al. Neyer is expected to begin construction on the mixed-use building in the next few months.



Blue Ash Schedules Roundabout Construction



In the coming weeks, Plainfield Road will be closed to through traffic from Glendale Milford Road to Cooper Road for construction of the City's second roundabout. The closure is expected to last an estimated 10 weeks.

The roundabout will be located at the new Plainfield Road and Parkview Drive intersection, which is the entrance to the Daventry neighborhood. The roundabout will accommodate two lanes of traffic, as well as pedestrians and bicyclists.

Visit BlueAsh.com for more information on the roundabout, road closure and roundabout safety tips.

New Faces in Blue Ash



You may see the City's new Community Development Assistant around town as he helps support Blue Ash's zoning and code ordinances. Paul Kleier is from the Bluegrass state and recently received his Masters of Public Administration from the University of Kentucky. He is thrilled to work in Blue Ash, and is looking forward to getting to know the community better! Want to know what Paul is looking for? Visit BlueAsh.com for a maintenance checklist to ensure your property is up to code!

Blue Ash Mayor Tom Adamec swore in new officer, Eric Bolser, in July. Officer Bolser is an experienced law enforcement officer with nearly twenty years of combined experience from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and the Norwood Police Department. He is also a Marine Corps veteran and is married with two children.



Event Calendar

All events are free and open to the public!



Blue Ash Farmers Market:

Wednesdays (through Sept. 26) from 3:30-7 p.m. at Summit Park

The Blue Ash Farmers Market offers sustainably grown foods and unique goods from almost 30 local vendors. The market also features live music, food trucks, free demos and more!

Police Department Open House:

September 19 from 5-8 p.m. at 4343 Cooper Road

The annual Blue Ash Police Department Open House includes 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 also be in attendance.

Fire Department Open House:

October 9 from 5-7:30 p.m. at 10947 Kenwood Road

Stop by to tour the fire station, take on mini obstacle courses, explore the trucks and meet fire department employees! The event ends with a controlled burn.

Halloween Walk in the Woods:

October 27 from 12-3 p.m. at the 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.



CELEBRATING THE LOCAL ARTS

The Blue Ash Beats, Arts & Eats is returning for the 2018 season! This event will feature **FREE** entertainment and an opportunity to celebrate the arts through the sounds of local music, culinary experiences and on-site exhibits.

Craft beer, wine, food, local art displays, and live music will be the focus of this event!

25 + ART & CRAFT VENDORS

Robot Inside / Sara Cole Art Designs
 Thimble Gardens / DD's Dezigns / The Craft / A Pile of Crafts / Cindy's Crafts / Cocktail Candles / Shelarious / Amy Gable Tie Dye / beccasblues / Geek 2 Glam / The Red Lotus Design / Bonadea Soaps / Cincinnati by Design / Alma Gems / Made by Mare / Pretty Henna / Personally Yours Crafts / Tiffany's Kitchen / Grip Wizard / Jim Conroy / Steve Petrosky / Pine Lane Soaps / The Memory Toolbox
 Keep it Wild Creations / Little Miss Bling / Fabric Crawl / Twisted Chaos

THE OFFICIAL CITY OF BLUE ASH SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Congratulations to our 2018 Beautification Award Winners!



Kaufman residence on Muirwoods Court



**Mayor's Choice
Award**
Hiudt residence
Tiffany Hill Court



Carreon residence on Tramwood Court

The annual City of Blue Ash Beautification Awards recognizes outstanding lawns and gardens at residences in Blue Ash! This year, the City received more than 40 nominations.

The landscaping was judged based on the type of plantings used, lawn area and tree maintenance and overall appearance. All winners will be honored during a Blue Ash City Council meeting in September.



Conley residence on Alpine Avenue