

# WINTER 2019 NEWSLETTER

## Winter fun at Summit Park



### Warm98.5 Summit Park Ice Rink

Pre-Holiday Hours  
November 16 - December 13

MONDAY-THURSDAY	5pm - 9pm
FRIDAY	5pm - 10pm
SATURDAY	12pm - 10pm
SUNDAY	12pm - 5pm

Exceptions November 28: CLOSED (Thanksgiving)  
November 29: 12pm - 10pm

Holiday Hours  
December 14 - January 5

MONDAY-THURSDAY	12pm - 9pm
FRIDAY	12pm - 10pm
SATURDAY	12pm - 10pm
SUNDAY	12pm - 8pm

Exceptions December 24: 12pm-5pm (Christmas Eve)  
December 25: CLOSED (Christmas Day)  
December 31: 12pm-5pm (New Year's Eve)  
January 1: CLOSED (New Year's Day)

**Rink Status Line: (513) 745-6259**  
**Website: [www.summitparkblueash.com](http://www.summitparkblueash.com)**

Enjoy affordable fun with your family and friends at the Warm 98.5 Ice Rink at Summit Park.

The ice rink is now open through January 5, with expanded hours starting December 14 (see schedule left).

With the new Warm 98.5 partnership visitors and radio listeners can expect special surprises, appearances, and giveaways all season long!

Admission to the ice rink is \$6 per person, a group of three or more is \$5 per person – including skate rental! For those who need a little help on the ice, skate aids are available at no charge. All ages are welcome.

And the fun doesn't stop there!

Get cozy with a hot chocolate from Nanny Belle's and stay warm by the large, outdoor fire pit.



On snowy days, grab your sled and head to the hill behind the Observation Tower for an awesome sledding experience.



You can also take a trip to the top of the Observation Tower to check out the amazing views of Blue Ash and beyond, and explore a woodsy, winter wonderland on the Summit Park trails.

Summit Park also features four restaurants – Brown Dog Café, Nanny Belle's, Senate and Tahona – so you can experience an exciting, all-day, winter adventure like no other in the Tri-State!

## City Council Corner

### New Councilmembers officially on the job

The new Blue Ash Council Members, **Katie Schneider**, Council (Ward 1) and **Nikki Yasbeck-Schwieter**, (At-Large), and were sworn in at a ceremony on December 2.

They join re-elected Vice Mayor Pramod Jhaveri (Ward 3), re-elected Mayor Marc Sirkin (Ward 5), and council members Joe Leet, Lee Czerwonka, and Jeff Capell on Blue Ash City Council.

The new Council will participate in a strategic planning retreat on January 23 and 24 at the Summit Park Community Room.

### Council Highlights

Construction continues to progress on the **Neighborhoods at Summit Park**.

As completion approached the halfway mark on Daventry, M/I Homes purchased the remaining 12 acres of land for its final 36 lots from Al. Neyer.

City Council approved the final plat for this section of Daventry at its October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

City Council also approved a revised **senior housing development** with 200 living units and varying levels of care for residents at its August meeting.

Substantial progress has been made on **The Approach** (pictured middle right) and the first building will be open by Spring of 2020.

After numerous complaints were received about an Airbnb in Blue Ash, City Council voted in September to prohibit single-family homes and condos from being rented for less than thirty days.

As for **downtown**, City Council has been discussing revisions to the zoning code for several months.

A moratorium on development remains in effect.

At the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, City Council motioned to remit the topic to Planning Commission for review.

### Seeking volunteers

Help to shape a bright future in Blue Ash by volunteering for a spot on a board or commission!

Visit our website to learn more or send an email of interest to: [administration@blueash.com](mailto:administration@blueash.com).



Katie Schneider, Council (Ward 1)



Nikki Yasbeck-Schwieter, Council (At-Large)





## Join the Citizens of Blue Ash Academy



The **Citizens of Blue Ash Academy**, or COBA, is an exciting educational way to learn more about the City of Blue Ash.

During each class, participants take part in behind-the-scenes activities with each City Department.

Suit up and hop in a fire truck, learn about investigations with the police department, explore city services, learn about parks, and much more.

To be considered for participation, please send an email of interest by January 17 to:

[Administration@blueash.com](mailto:Administration@blueash.com)

Do you want an exciting, educational look behind-the-scenes of your City?

### Class Schedule:

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 p.m.  
2/13, 2/20, 3/5, 3/26, 4/2, 4/16

## JOIN THE CITIZENS OF BLUE ASH ACADEMY!



# Save The Date

January 21, 2020 | 5:00pm-7:00pm



We encourage you to join us for this special occasion!  
The Cooper Creek Open House is a great opportunity to meet all of our preferred vendors, taste the delicious cuisine of our three caterers and see just why this is the perfect venue for any occasion!



### Did you know?

There is a new 360° 3D virtual tour of the beautiful Cooper Creek Event Center. Check out the new feature created by Three Sixty Pro at [CooperCreekBlueAsh.com](http://CooperCreekBlueAsh.com)



## The 2019 Blue Ash Safety Award winners



The Annual Blue Ash **Safety Award** winners received recognition for their dedication and service at the October 10 City Council meeting.

The Top Firefighter for 2019 is **Rob Suder** (right). A full-time firefighter since 2008, Suder takes a proactive approach towards bringing mental health awareness to the department.

The Top Police Officer for 2019 is **Michael Jackson** (left). The military veteran began his career in law enforcement in 2006 and is a member of the Hamilton County Police Association's Special Weapons and Tactics Team.

The Safety Awards are sponsored by American Legion, NE Post 630 in Blue Ash and presented by Commander Jim Meyers (center).

## Veterans Honored in Blue Ash



The 27th Annual **Blue Ash Veterans Day Program** took place on November 11 at the Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park.

United States Senator Rob Portman (left) was among the many dignitaries who took part in the ceremony honoring veterans from all branches of service.

Thank you, veterans!



## Sister City visit a success

Sister City Delegates from Ilmenau, Germany had a whirlwind week in Blue Ash in September.

They met with city leaders in one-on-one sessions, toured Blue Ash-area businesses, visited Sycamore Schools, and attended local events.

The **Sister City Program** gives government, business, and educational leaders a unique perspective on ways to provide service to citizens, allows for a distinctive cultural exchange, and fosters lifelong friendships.

Ilmenau, Germany, is a community 20 square miles in size with a population of 36,000. The City of Blue Ash and Ilmenau are celebrating 17 years as Sister Cities.

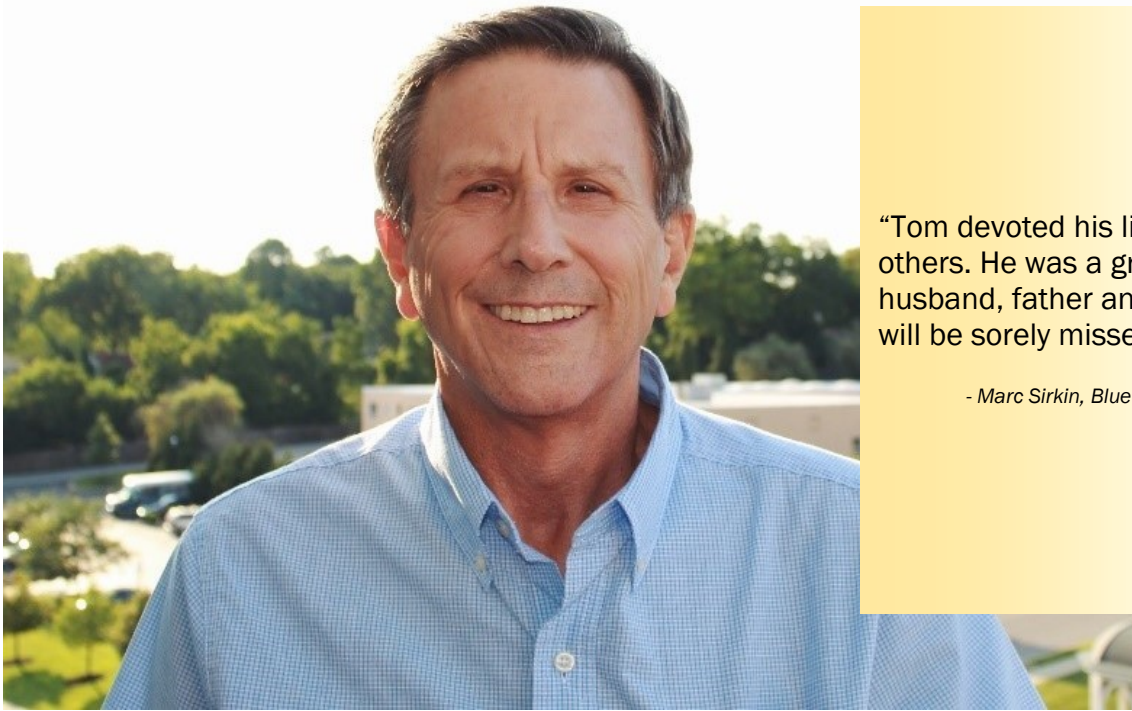


### Did you know?

Before you rake and bag the leaves in your yard, take a moment to consider if all that hard work is truly necessary. EPA research data shows yard waste and leaves account for 13 percent of all waste generated, and eight percent of all waste in landfills. What should you do instead? Mulch in place by mowing over the leaves with a mulching blade about once a week.



## In Memory: Mayor Thomas C. Adamec 1953–2019



“Tom devoted his life to serving others. He was a great friend, husband, father and mayor, and will be sorely missed.”

- Marc Sirkin, Blue Ash Mayor

## Police and Fire raise funds for No Shave November



Police Chief Scott Noel, Lt. Roger Pohlman, Sgt. Jun Cho, and Officer Dustin Moore

Before the beards! Blue Ash Firefighters and Police Officers are growing beards and moustaches for **No Shave November**. They've already raised hundreds of dollars for charity. Stay tuned for the “after” photos in December on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



Fire Chief Chris Theders and Fire Marshall Heath Waxman

## In the community: Public Works



Blue Ash Public Works Director Gordon Perry helped students in the **First LEGO League Team** for Blue Ash Elementary. This Year's challenge theme is “City Shaper.”

## At a Glance: Community Calendar

**January 1: New Year's Day**  
No waste pick up—delayed one day the remainder of the week.

**January 4: Part-Time Job Fair**  
1:00–4:00 p.m. Blue Ash Recreation Center.

**January 11: CPR/AED Class**  
8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. North Fire Station.

**January 21: Cooper Creek Event Center Open House**  
5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Cooper Creek Event Center.

Events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.  
Visit [blueashevents.com](http://blueashevents.com) for updates and changes.



## Welcome to Blue Ash—K9 Ruby!



# IT'S A GIRL!







Join Blue Ash Police as we welcome our new arrival!  
This friendly girl will be hitting the streets with Blue Ash Officer Erik Nelson in October as part of the new Community Impact Unit!



If you've been online lately, you've probably come across this new social media sensation!

**Ruby**, or Ruby-Roo, is the new K9 in the Blue Ash Police Department.

She and her partner, Officer Erik Nelson spent several weeks training together at Shallow Creek Kennels in Pennsylvania, before returning to the City in October to begin patrols as part of the Blue Ash Police Department Community Impact Unit.

Ruby is a 19-month old, friendly Dutch Shepard with a nose for crime fighting. She is specifically trained to detect narcotics, and detected some suspected cocaine on her first day on the job!

Officer Nelson calls Ruby "a hardworking and curious" partner, who is eager to explore new areas and meet new people.

Welcome to Blue Ash, Ruby!



AN UPDATE FROM TRAINING SCHOOL:

## Ruby and Officer Erik Nelson

*"Ruby and I are becoming very close. Ruby and I start training everyday with a big hug and a long run to the police car. Ruby has an incredible nose and has made my job as a handler very easy."*

- Officer Nelson









## Oakwood Park construction in progress



Construction crews have begun working on the **Oakwood Park** improvement Project at Oak Avenue and Idalia Avenue in Blue Ash.

The approximately \$400,000 park improvement project will include a new community shelter and playground.

The photo above gives an aerial overview of the entire park, which will feature an updated basketball court, new grills, new restroom facilities, and additional parking.



A grand opening ceremony and celebration will be held when the Oakwood Park project is completed.

Funding for the renovation comes from BARI and the Greater Cincinnati Foundation.

You can see a drone video of the construction of Oakwood Park, as well as other City videos at YouTube. Search for the "City of Blue Ash."



### ***Roundabout near Summit Park***

The roundabout at the intersection of Glendale-Milford Road and Lake Forest Drive at the Summit Park/Summit Place entrance opens in December, ahead of schedule.

For videos and tips on navigating this roundabout and others, please visit our website: [blueash.com](http://blueash.com).

### ***Pipeline project approved***

On November 21, the Ohio Power Siting Board approved the alternate route for the natural gas pipeline project from the Mason area to the Norwood area.

Portions of the 13-mile Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project will be located in Blue Ash.

For more information contact Duke Energy at (513) 287-2130 or visit the website at [bit.ly/2qtFZt8](http://bit.ly/2qtFZt8).

### ***Public Works keeps roads safe in winter***



When winter weather strikes, the Blue Ash Public Works Department springs to action to clear streets of snow and ice.

How you can help:

- Avoid shoveling snow from your driveway or sidewalk onto the street.
- In the event of snow or a snow emergency, avoid parking on any City streets.

### ***Blue Ash Job Fair coming soon***

A poster for a Job Fair. The top half has a green background with the words "Job Fair" in large blue letters. Below this, in smaller blue text, it says "Maintenance, Golf Course, Aquatics, Concessions, and more!". A dark blue banner in the middle contains the text "1-4 PM JANUARY 4, 2020" and "BLUE ASH RECREATION CENTER" in yellow. The bottom half of the poster features a stylized illustration of a person in a red swim cap and blue swimsuit swimming in a pool, with a red flag on a yellow pole in the background. The Blue Ash logo is at the bottom, with the tagline "ASPIRE. ACHIEVE. ADVANCE." below it.

Get your resume ready!

Blue Ash is hosting a part-time job fair on Saturday, January 4, from 1:00–4:00 p.m. at the Blue Ash Recreation Center.

Seasonal positions are available in Grounds Maintenance, Parks Maintenance, Landscaping, Aquatics, Concessions, Tennis, Customer Service and the Golf Course.

Information will also be available for Volunteer opportunities with the Blue Ash Recreation Department.

This event is free and open to the public.

The City of Blue Ash is an equal opportunity employer.