

# SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER

## *New businesses and upgrades bring new life to Downtown Blue Ash*

Downtown Blue Ash is booming with new businesses, residents, traffic improvements, and Streetscape upgrades, which are creating a more pedestrian-friendly and eye-catching downtown for the citizens of Blue Ash and visitors alike.

### The Streetscape Project takes another step forward

More than \$7 million dollars has been invested over the past nine years in the **Downtown Streetscape Project**, and more upgrades are on the horizon.

Phase 6 is the next step of the project. It will include new lighting, trees, and sidewalks along the south side of Cooper Road between Railroad Avenue and Kenwood Road, and on the north and south side of Cooper Road between Hunt Road and Monroe Avenue, as well as sidewalk replacement on the north side of Cooper Road between Wynnecrest Drive and Cooper Lane.

There will also be new lighting and sidewalk replacement on Towne Square Avenue from Kenwood Road to the dead end at the Blue Ash Towne Square.

The Downtown Streetscape Project began in 2010 with the goal of creating a beautiful environment for outdoor activities, improving walkability and lighting, and to also remain in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.



Two more phases are anticipated, which may include a “gateway” sign and the restoration of decorative walls.

Also new for spring, Blue Ash curb signs are backlit to improve visibility and aesthetics.

The LED colors can be changed for the seasons or events.

For more news on Downtown Blue Ash visit [blueash.com](http://blueash.com) and follow The City of Blue Ash on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



### Residents flock to luxury living and amenities at 49Hundred:

- 266 units
- over 97 percent occupancy
- Blue Ash-based Hills Properties is family owned and operated
- Amenities include: salt water pool, chef-ready kitchens, and garages

*Blue Ash presents outstanding concerts and events*

For the best concerts and events— look no further than your own backyard. The **SummitFest Country Music Festival** (below) is coming up June 8th at Summit Park featuring country stars Tyler Farr and Lee Brice! In July, don't miss **Red, White, & Blue Ash** (right) featuring Kansas and one of the best fireworks shows in the country! Blue Ash is also pleased to announce the lineup for the **2019 Mio's Summer Concert Series** (see page 7).

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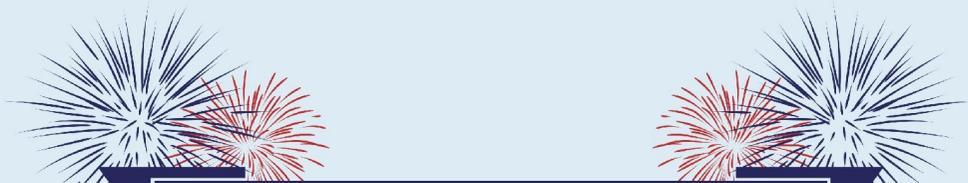
**SUMMITFEST**  
COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019**  
**2-11 PM • SUMMIT PARK**

**LEE BRICE WITH TYLER FARR**  
**6:30PM**



# RED, WHITE & BLUE ASH

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**JULY 4, 2019 • 4:00-10:35pm**  
**SUMMIT PARK**



**8:30pm**

**Natalie Brady & The Nite Owls- 5:30pm**

ARTHUR ROZZI PYROTECHNICS

**The Biggest & Best Fireworks - 10:00pm**



## Is your home ready for spring? Answer these questions to find out

Warm weather is upon us and, with it, a special need to review private property after the winter months. Please consider the following questions to determine if and what exterior repairs are needed in order to remain in compliance with the Blue Ash's Codified Ordinances.



### Yard

Are all weeds and grass less than eight inches in height?  
Is the yard free from overgrown, uncontrolled vegetation and from tree branches?  
Is the yard free from tires and other refuse?  
Are sidewalks clear of plant overgrowth?  
Are trash containers screened from view from the street?  
Are all vehicles licensed, operable, and parked on a paved surface?



### Gutters & Downspouts

Do they need to be painted or repaired?  
Do they direct water away from the primary building and away from neighboring buildings?

### Exterior Walls & Garages

Do they have any holes or cracks or are they in need of paint?  
Is siding in need of cleaning from algae, mildew, or mold?



### Driveway & Walkways

Are they free of potholes?  
Are they free from boxes, wires, storage containers, propane tanks, tires, and other refuse?

### Porches

Do the steps, railings, or floorboards need to be repaired or replaced?  
Is it free from boxes, storage containers, and other refuse?



### Accessory Buildings (sheds, fences, etc.)

Are fences and shed walls, doors, and roofs in good repair?  
Do sheds or fences need to be painted?

### Windows & Doors

Are they weather tight and operable?  
Is any glass broken or missing?  
Do the screens need to be repaired or replaced?  
Do the sashes and/or trim need to be repaired?

### Miscellaneous

Is the address visible from the street?  
Is the property free of standing or stagnant water?

## Roundabouts project open house

You're invited to an **open house** regarding the HAM-Plainfield Road Roundabouts project, hosted by the City of Blue Ash.



### Open House

June 18, 2019

6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Council Chambers Room, Municipal Building  
4343 Cooper Road, Blue Ash, Ohio 45242

Roundabouts are proposed to be constructed at the Plainfield Road and Hunt Road intersection, on Hunt Road at the Kroger entrance, and at the Plainfield Road and Peppermill Lane intersection.

Additionally, upgrades to the intersection of Plainfield Road with the eastbound ramps to the Ronald Reagan Highway intersection are proposed.

This open house is an opportunity for the public to view exhibits of the preliminary plans, ask questions, and comment.

## Kids have fun and learn how to ride safely at the bike rodeo



This year's **Bike Rodeo** at Summit Park is going to be bigger and better than ever.

On June 12 from 3:30 p.m.—7 p.m., children can test their bicycle skills on the obstacle course, learn how to ride safely, and get a free bicycle tune-up.

Free helmets will be provided by Children's Hospital, and one lucky winner will take home a new bike!

UC AirCare will also land at the event, and there will be other fun activities for children and families.

Food will be provided courtesy of Blue Ash Community Church.

## Memorial Day Weekend events in Blue Ash



This **Memorial Day weekend**, The City of Blue Ash honors fallen heroes with a parade, concerts, and more.

On Sunday, May 26th at 6 p.m., the **338th Army Band Concert** will be held at Blue Ash Towne Square.

On Monday, May 27th, Blue Ash holds the 67th annual **Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony**.

This event is the largest and most prominent Memorial Day event held in the Greater Cincinnati area. The parade will begin at 10:15 a.m. at Reed Hartman Highway and Cooper Road, and will conclude at the Blue Ash Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Blue Ash.

A special ceremony will be held beginning at approximately 11:15 a.m.

Then at 7 p.m. the **Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony's Memorial Day Concert** will be held at Blue Ash Towne Square.

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## Nature Playscape upgrades completed at Summit Park



Summit Park's newest feature, The **Children's Playscape** received improvements over the winter.

Just after the project was completed in 2018, the City of Blue Ash received a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources aimed at improving the ever-popular natural play area.

The timing was perfect as Park Managers had an opportunity to learn how families were using the space before deciding on how to utilize the funds.

It was decided that the focus would be on improving surfacing, re-planting the meadow areas, adding over 5,000 ornamental grass plugs, installing more boulders and improving drainage.

All in all, the features will help the Playscape last longer and function more efficiently.

### Don't get burned: fire pit safety tips from the Blue Ash Fire Department

- Use screens for your fire pit
- Cut logs no more than 3/4 the diameter of the container
- Never use accelerants to start the fire.

\*For more fire pit and open burn regulations visit [BlueAsh.com](http://BlueAsh.com)



## Touch-A-Truck and Farmers Market come together at Summit Park



The Blue Ash Public Works Department's Touch-A-Truck event, May 22 from 4 p.m.—7 p.m. at Summit Park (4335 Glendale-Milford Road), lets you and your family get up close and hands-on with the vehicles and equipment used to help make Blue Ash a great place to live, work, and play.

Get amazing photos of your children in street sweepers, wheel loaders, dump trucks, mini excavators, snow plows, fire trucks and more!

Plus, the whole family will learn more about the Public Works Department during National Public Works Week.

\*\*The event will be canceled in the event of rain.

The freshest, most delicious produce can be found at the Blue Ash Farmers Market at Summit Park Wednesdays from May 15th—October 2nd, from 3:30 p.m.—7 p.m.

The Farmers Market will offer sustainably grown foods and goods for sale from local vendors.

Each week will also bring a mix of fun and entertainment with music, guest vendors, and food trucks!



## Mark your calendar for more fantastic happenings in Blue Ash

May 15—September 25, Wednesdays: **Farmers' Market**  
3:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Summit Park. (see story above)

May 22: **Touch-A-Truck**  
4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Summit Park. (see story above)

May 23: **Blue Ash City Council Meeting**  
7:00 p.m. Blue Ash Council Chambers

May 25: **Pool opens**  
12:00 p.m. Blue Ash Recreation Center.

May 26: **338th Army Band Concert**  
6:00 p.m. Blue Ash Towne Square. Free and open to the public.

May 27: **Memorial Day Parade**  
10:15 a.m. Parade begins at Reed Hartman Highway and Cooper Road and ends at the Blue Ash Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park with a ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Free and open to the public. (see story page 5)

May 27: **Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra Memorial Day Concert**  
7:00 p.m. Blue Ash Towne Square. Free and open to the public.

June 8: **SummitFest**— presented by Toyota, MSA Design, Kroger, and Nash 94.1FM  
2:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m. Summit Park. Concert begins at 6:30 p.m. featuring Lee Brice with Tyler Farr at Summit Park. Free and open to the public.

June 12: **Bike Rodeo**  
3:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Summit Park. Activities for children and a bike safety obstacle course. Free and open to the public.

July 4: **Red, White & Blue Ash**— presented by Kroger, MSA Design, Toyota and Warm 98.5  
4:00 p.m.—10:35 p.m. Summit Park. Music kicks off at 5:30 p.m. with Natalie Brady, followed at 8:15 p.m. by Kansas. Arthur Rozzi Pyrotechnic Fireworks at 10:00 p.m. Free and open to the public.

\*See Summer Concert Series flier (right) for all of the upcoming free music entertainment events in Downtown Blue Ash.  
\*Visit [blueashevents.com](http://blueashevents.com) for updates and changes.

**POOL OPENS**  
May 25  
Noon  
Rec Center





**BLUE ASH**

# 2019 Blue Ash Summer Concert Series

**TUESDAYS  
7 - 9PM**

**BLUE ASH NATURE PARK**

June 4	The Klaberheads
June 11	Sycamore Community Band
June 18	Blair Carman & The Belleview Boys
June 25	UC Community Band
July 2	NO CONCERT
July 9	Ricky Nye Inc.
July 16	Mickey James & the Queen City Crew
July 23	Pete Wagner Band
July 30	Monday Night Big Band
August 6	Queen City Sisters
August 13	The Hot Magnolias
August 20	P&G Big Band

**FRIDAYS  
8 - 11PM**

**BLUE ASH TOWNE SQUARE**

June 14	Robin Lacy & DeZydeco
June 21	DV8
June 28	3 Piece Revival**
July 5	NO CONCERT
July 12	Forever Diamond
July 19	The Everyday People Band**
July 26	Hotel California
August 2	Cherry On Top
August 9	The Soul Pocket Band
August 16	The Sonny Moorman Group
August 23	The Remains

**\*\*Craft Menagerie Concert**

Along with the normal Friday Night Concert, art & craft vendors will be joining us beginning at 7PM to showcase their work.

**THURSDAYS  
6 - 8PM  
SUMMIT PARK**

September 5	Buffalo Wabs & The Price Hill Hustle
September 12	Tracy Walker
September 19	Anna & The Deeper Well
September 26	Honey & Houston

**SATURDAY  
AUGUST 24  
3-9PM**



All concerts are held outdoors, rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather, the event staff will determine if the concert should be cancelled. Cancelled concerts are NOT rescheduled or moved indoors.

## THE OFFICIAL CITY OF BLUE ASH SPRING NEWSLETTER

### City of Blue Ash Resident Beautification



Do you or someone else you know have a beautiful yard? Ever drive down a street and think, wow, that yard is so pretty?

Nominate them for a beautification award!

**ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS:  
May 12, 2019 - June 3, 2019**

Email [jwolf@blueash.com](mailto:jwolf@blueash.com) or call 513-745-8547

### *Congratulations Blue Ash Citizens Academy Grads*



Fourteen citizens graduated from the **Citizens of Blue Ash Academy** on May 1, 2019 in a ceremony held at Summit Park.

This was the first year for open enrollment for the program.

See the December newsletter for details about participating next year.