



SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER

FRETBOARD BREWING RED, WHITE & BLUE ASH

The City of Blue Ash is pleased to announce the return of live music to **Red, White, & Blue Ash** this July 4 at Summit Park with multi-platinum artist Gavin DeGraw! It is also a pleasure to welcome Fretboard Brewing as the event's title sponsor for 2022!

A stellar singer, songwriter, and performer, DeGraw is known for smash hits including "I Don't Want to Be," "We Belong Together," "Not Over You," and the Grammy-nominated "We Both Know." DeGraw will take the stage under the Summit Park Observation Tower, 4335 Glendale Milford Road, at 8:15 p.m.

Cincinnati's own Blessid Union of Souls will open the show at 6:00 p.m. with hits like "I Believe," "Hey Leonardo (She Likes Me for Me)," and "I Wanna Be There."

At 10:00 p.m., Fretboard Brewing Red, White & Blue Ash will delight audiences by lighting up the night sky and the Observation Tower with the region's biggest and best fireworks show from Arthur Rozzi Pyrotechnics! The score will be simulcast on WARM 98.5 (see poster on page 4).

In addition to outstanding live music and fantastic fireworks, Fretboard Brewing Red, White & Blue Ash has family-fun festival rides, local food vendors, drinks, live character performances, and more!

Fretboard Brewing Red, White & Blue Ash 2022 is sponsored by: Fretboard Brewing, Coca-Cola, Kroger,



"Offering a full-scope event once again is a wonderful sign of progress for our community and worth celebrating alongside our independence."

-Brian Kruse, Blue Ash Parks and Recreation Director

Toyota, WARM 98.5, Cumulus Broadcasting, Arthur Rozzi Pyrotechnics, and Molson Coors. The event's partners are Academy Rentals, and Cincinnati Catering and Concessions.

More details about Fretboard Brewing Red, White & Blue Ash will be released in the coming weeks at www.blueash.com/rwba.

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the BLUE



The BLUE is a mixed-use development proposed by Circle Development for the Kenwood/Cooper corner in downtown Blue Ash.

the BLUE will have an inviting, modern façade of ground-floor restaurant/retail, a plaza, a center park, and upper-level office space at the corner and along Kenwood Road, with the residential units, amenities, and parking tucked behind.

Circle held a well-attended open house in March to answer questions and hear resident feedback about the project.

The developer is currently conducting a traffic study in the area surrounding the proposed development.

Follow news about the BLUE online:
www.blueash.com/ongoing_projects/

CITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Dan Johnson has been named the City's new **Economic Development Director**. Johnson (pictured) takes over the role vacated by the retirement of Neil Hensley in March. Johnson previously served as the Community Development Director.



- Blue Ash City Council has approved a **DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) for Summit Park**. Council approved the DORA at the April 14 Council meeting. A public hearing regarding the DORA was held on March 24. Planning is underway to launch the DORA on June 1. More information can be found at www.blueash.com/dora.
- Blue Ash Police Chief Scott Noel has received a **Patriotic Employer Award** from the Office of the Secretary of Defense for supporting employee participation in the National Guard and Reserve Forces.



- The new **Fire Department Captain's vehicle** (pictured above) is now in use. The Ford F150 truck serves as an on-site command center during fires and other emergencies.
- Blueash.com has a new feature that can help keep you informed of urgent news and important updates in the City of Blue Ash. **E-Notify** is a sign-up subscription service that will allow you to receive emails and/or text messages when a pop-up alert has been posted to the website. Learn more at www.blueash.com/news.

70TH MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONY



You're invited to the 70th Annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony in Blue Ash on May 30.

The parade will begin at 10:15 a.m. at Reed Hartman Highway and Cooper Road, proceeding east on Cooper to Kenwood, south on Kenwood to Hunt, and east on Hunt before ending at the Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park at Blue Ash Towne Square.

Dozens of military and non-profit organizations, local businesses, and community groups will participate in the parade.

A special ceremony will take place after the parade at approximately 11:30 a.m. at Blue Ash Towne Square with keynote speaker Lt. Col. Dan Meyers.

SUMMIT PARK NEWS



Treat yourself to the freshest seasonal fruits and veggies, aromatic baked breads, spices, gourmet treats, crafty creations, and so much more every at the **Blue Ash Farmers Market!**

The market is held every Wednesday from May 11 through September 28, 2022, from 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Summit Park.

See the full vendor list at www.summitpark.com.



The Ohio River Foundation (ORF), Summit Park employees, and community volunteers worked together last year to **remove more than 40,000 invasive plants at Summit Park**, and plan to continue to expand that work this year.

An invasive plant species is a non-native plant that has a tendency to spread and cause damage to the local environment by taking up space and inhibiting the growth of native species in the area.

RED, WHITE & BLUE ASH



**GAVIN
DeGRAW**
8:15PM

**BLESSID
UNION
OF SOULS**
6PM

FIREWORKS
10PM

BLUEASH
RECREATION

SPONSORS & PARTNERS



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Warm98.5
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BLUE ASH SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Get ready to get your groove on! The City of Blue Ash is pleased to announce the artist lineup for the 2022 Blue Ash Summer Concert Series!

2022 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

BLUEASH EVENTS

TUESDAYS 7-9PM

BLUE ASH NATURE PARK

JUNE 7	SYCAMORE COMMUNITY BAND
JUNE 14	OHIO MILITARY BAND
JUNE 21	THE NEW LIBERTY DANCE ORCHESTRA
JUNE 28	MIAMI UNIVERSITY STEEL BAND
JULY 5	NO CONCERT
JULY 12	PETE WAGNER BAND
JULY 19	UC ALUMNI COMMUNITY BAND
JULY 26	KLABERHEADS
AUGUST 2	FIALLA
AUGUST 9	RICKY NYE INC.

FRIDAYS 8-11PM

BLUE ASH TOWNE SQUARE

JUNE 10	THE SOUL POCKET BAND
JUNE 17	FINAL ORDER
JUNE 24	3 PIECE REVIVAL
JULY 1	NO CONCERT
JULY 8	THE STAGGER LEE BAND
JULY 15	FOREVER DIAMOND BAND
JULY 22	ELEMENTREE LIVITY PROJECT - REGGAE NIGHT
JULY 29	THE EAGLES PROJECT
AUGUST 5	SECOND WIND
AUGUST 12	THE REMAINS

CONCERT AT 7PM

BLUE ASH MONTGOMERY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

MAY 30	BLUE ASH TOWNE SQUARE
SEPTEMBER 4	BLUE ASH TOWNE SQUARE



Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony Orchestra

Tuesday & Friday night concerts are held outdoors, rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances the event staff will determine if the concert should be canceled. Canceled concerts are not rescheduled or moved indoors.

JOB OPENINGS! JOIN A GREAT TEAM!

The City of Blue Ash is currently **hiring for a number of positions!**

Join a stellar team in Parks and Recreation by becoming a lifeguard, a parks maintenance landscaper, a concession stand staffer, a fitness aide, and more.

The Parks and Recreation Department is currently hosting Employment Pop-Ups in various locations in Blue Ash. Follow Blue Ash Recreation on Facebook and Twitter for dates and locations.

The City of Blue Ash is also making it easier for people to find out about open positions and apply online. The QR Code to the right can be scanned with your phone camera, and it will take you directly to the employment page!

You can also find detailed job descriptions and apply online at www.blueash.com/jobs.

JOIN THE BLUE ASH TEAM!



- have a rewarding experience!
- meet great people!
- learn and grow!
- thrive in a supportive environment!
- have fun!

Apply now to:

SCAN **HERE** TO APPLY
OR VISIT: WWW.BLUEASH.COM/JOBS



HAM-PLAINFIELD ROUNDABOUTS UPDATE



The **HAM-Plainfield roundabouts project** is underway.

The Hunt/Kroger roundabout is now in operation (pictured left), with a few minor updates and cosmetic changes still to come.

Work is ramping up on the Hunt/Plainfield roundabout. Lane restrictions have begun on the off-ramp of Ronald Reagan Highway and on Hunt Road. Also, PNC Bank's Hunt Road entrance is closed to allow for excavation work on the former Speedway site (pictured left).



All work is weather permitting. Remember to drive safely and slowly through the construction zone.

Do you have questions about the project? Email: PlainfieldRoundabout@primeeng.com.

Follow updates online at www.blueash.com/roundabouts.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK & PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

The City of Blue Ash Public Works Department created engaging and fun activities in the weeks leading up to **Public Works Week, May 15-21.**

The Name A Snow Plow contest had resident's submitting creative names like "Snow-B Wan-Kenobi", and "The Blue Blade".

A Coloring Contest for children up to 12-years-old was also held.

The named snow plow and the creative coloring entires by kids, will be revealed at Touch-A-Truck at on May 18 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Summit Park.



The Blue Ash Fire Department (BAFD) has been awarded the distinction of housing the **Ohio Honor Log**, which is designed to honor the sacrifice of the nation's fallen heroes.

The Honor Log, provided by Carry On, is a beautifully carved piece of lumber by artist Cameron Dockery.

The Honor Log is on display at the Blue Ash Recreation Center.

Carry On is a non-profit that honors the nation's fallen military, law enforcement, fire-fighters, and EMS.



The City of Blue Ash is once again one of the top ten **Best Places to Live in Ohio** and one of the top five in the Cincinnati Region!

Blue Ash ranked number 8 in the state and number 3 in the region and was awarded an overall grade of A+, according to Niche.com.

Niche creates the annual Best Places to Live rankings by using data from the U.S. Census, FBI, BLS, and CDC combined with millions of resident reviews.

The company considers factors such as affordability, the local housing market, neighborhood diversity, area public schools, walkability, and more, according to Niche.com.

THE OFFICIAL CITY OF BLUE ASH NEWSLETTER



BLUE ASH POLICE DEPARTMENT

BIKE RODEO!



**FAMILY
FUN!**

FREE BIKE HELMETS!*
**While supplies last*
BIKE OBSTACLE COURSE!
LEARN SAFETY SKILLS!

JUNE 1 | 3:30-7:00 P.M.

Summit Park, 4335 Glendale Milford Road, Blue Ash



Mayor Marc Sirkin and Tom Bell officially cut the ribbon to reopen the Hunt House on April 9.

The historic home, located at 4364 Hunt Road, was renovated to fix damage from wood-boring beetles.

Schedule a small group tour by emailing Tom Bell at tomnkt421@aol.com.