

## SPRING 2021 NEWSLETTER

### 2021 SPRING AND SUMMER EVENTS!

“After a challenging year due to COVID-19, the City is thrilled to be getting back to some of our roots with a series of well-thought out summer events.”

- Parks and Recreation  
Director Brian Kruse



From fabulous fireworks, to summer concerts, and movies under the stars, the City of Blue Ash is pleased to announce a **2021 events schedule** aimed at bringing fun back into your summer plans.

With thoughtful planning, Blue Ash is ready to provide a series of events, taking into consideration current state and local health department guidelines.

On July 4, the City of Blue Ash will be bringing back **Red, White & Blue Ash** as a fireworks-only event (see the flyer on page 6).

The **Summer Concert Series** returns with Tuesday Night Concerts at the Blue Ash Nature Park and Friday Night Concerts at Towne Square (see schedule on page 5).

The **Blue Ash Farmers Market** 2021 season at Summit Park is underway every Wednesday, from now through September 29, 3:30-7:00 p.m.

Also at Summit Park, the **Summit Cinema** will be showing movies on a giant screen on the Summit Park Great Lawn and **Free Fitness** has returned (see schedules on page 6).

There are also amazing new events coming to Summit Park – the Cincinnati Opera’s **Summer at Summit** and the **O.F.F. Market** (page 5).

For the very latest on upcoming events visit **blueashevents.com**.

**BLUEASH**  
**EVENTS**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING DOWNTOWN?

## HOSBROOK CORNER

While there are currently no official development plans for the Hosbrook property at the northwest corner of Kenwood and Cooper Road in Downtown Blue Ash, a developer who controls the adjacent properties recently presented an informal development proposal to City Council.

In 2020, Blue Ash City Council authorized the purchase of the 2.5-acre Hosbrook property (shown in blue). The City has completed demolition of the structures located on this property to remove the dilapidated buildings and minimize liability.

The adjacent 3.8-acre property (shown in orange), which includes the former Blue Ash Chili and Ringo Lanes, is controlled by Circle Development Company. The developer is planning to demolish the structures on the property at a later date.

Circle Development has expressed an interest in working with the City to develop both pieces of land as one cohesive development.

At the April 8, 2021, City Council Meeting, Circle Development gave an informal presentation with conceptual designs for the site and answered questions from Council Members. The meeting minutes are available at [blueash.com](http://blueash.com).

The design proposal included a mixed-use develop-



ment with office, retail, restaurants with outdoor dining options, a 250-unit apartment complex, a 75-85 room boutique hotel, a 600-space parking garage, and an outdoor gathering space.

At this time, there is no formal approval timeline or process in place, and Council has not made any decisions.

When the time comes, there will be a public input process and a formal zoning approval process. Residents will be able to stay informed about these steps at [blueash.com](http://blueash.com).

Any development plans will be guided by the City's downtown strategy plan.

## BLUE ASH TOWNE SQUARE

### DESIGN PROJECT SCHEDULE\*



The City is turning your **Towne Square** vision into a reality. Using survey feedback, the City has a design project schedule in place.

APRIL  
2021



Design firms submit qualifications; City will evaluate submissions and create a shortlist of firms

EARLY MAY  
2021



City will interview shortlisted firms and recommend best qualifying firm to Council

MID-MAY  
2021



City Council will review the recommended firm and award the design project contract

MAY-SEPTEMBER  
2021



Using the Public Input Survey as a guideline, the City will hold multiple design meetings with the selected firm

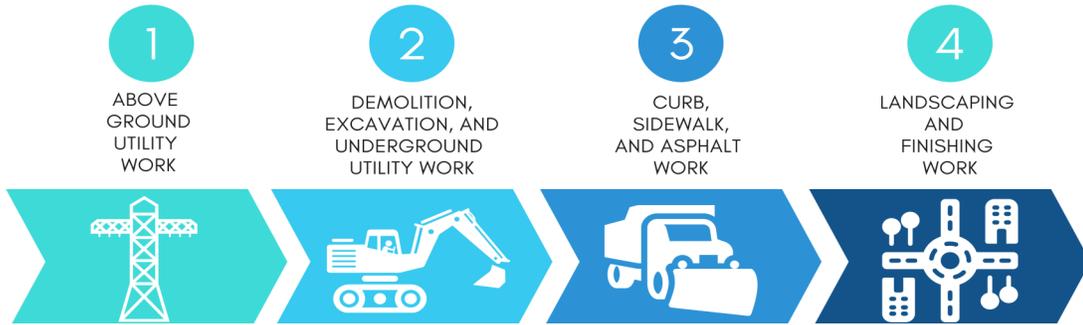
LATE SEPTEMBER  
2021



Completed designs and construction documents will be presented

\*All dates are approximations and subject to change

## HAM-PLAINFIELD ROUNDABOUT UPDATE



The City of Blue Ash is about to begin construction of **three roundabouts** that will help improve safety and ease traffic congestion through the City.

At the May 13 City Council meeting, Council unanimously awarded the bid for the project, dubbed the HAM-Plainfield Road project, to R.B. Jergens Contractors, Inc. Construction is expected to begin in the next few months.

Under the current plan, the roundabouts will be constructed in this order:

- **Kroger entrance on Hunt Road**
- **Plainfield Road and Hunt Road**
- **Plainfield Road and Peppermill Lane**

You may see work simultaneously at the different sites as crews prep the areas.

Currently, Duke Energy and other utility providers are in the process of relocating above-ground utilities at the intersection of Plainfield Road and Hunt Road to make way for the project.

During the next step of the project, crews will be demolishing the Speedway and Marathon gas stations at the corner of Plainfield and Hunt.

Traffic will be maintained during the construction process, though there may be lane closures from time to time. The only road closure is expected late this year and/or early next year when Peppermill Road will be shut down at Plainfield Road. Updates will be posted at [blueash.com](http://blueash.com).

The total cost of the project from engineering to completion is approximately \$15 million, with \$11 million, or 73%, of the funding provided by federal grants.

Thank you for your patience as the City of Blue Ash completes this project. These roundabouts will greatly improve safety at these intersections and ease traffic congestion well into the future.

The roundabouts are scheduled to be completed in October of 2022.



The City of Blue Ash Public Works Department is the winner of a **Donald C. Schramm Transportation Improvement Award** for the roundabout project at Glendale-Milford Road and Lake Forest Drive near Summit Park.

“We are honored to be recognized for this project,” said Blue Ash Public Works Director Gordon M. Perry, P.E. “Blue Ash is very appreciative for the efforts of our team which included Blue Ash Project Coordinator Ryan Noland, (left) Blue Ash Engineering Technician Will Davis (right), American Structurepoint, Ford Development, and Al Neyer.”

## CENTRAL CORRIDOR PIPELINE

Duke Energy has begun construction of the **Central Corridor Pipeline** in Blue Ash.



One of the most notable road closures during this project is expected in June when Glendale Milford Road will be shut down to westbound traffic at Plainfield Road.

To see the latest traffic information for Blue Ash visit the Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Project website and then select the PDF labeled “Blue Ash.” The PDF is expected to be updated by Duke Energy as the project progresses through the City.

If you have questions, you can visit the Duke Energy Field Office at 4766 Cornell Road, call 513-287-2130, or email [CentCorridorPipeline@duke-energy.com](mailto:CentCorridorPipeline@duke-energy.com).

Meanwhile, the joint appeal filed by the City of Blue Ash and other municipalities continues.



RED, WHITE &  
**BLUE ASH**

**fireworks**

PRESENTED BY



**TOYOTA**

SUNDAY JULY 4, 2021

SUMMIT PARK

Fireworks begin at 10pm

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## 2021 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

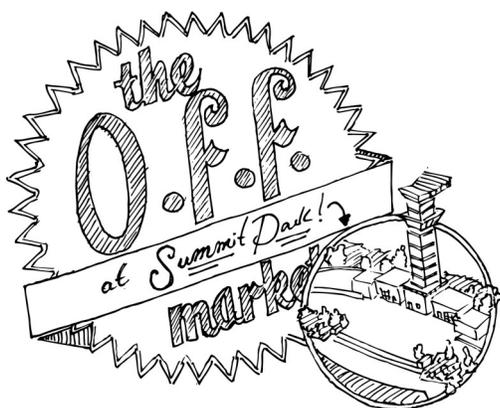
### TUESDAYS NATURE PARK

JUNE 29	THE NEW LIBERTY DANCE ORCHESTRA
JULY 6	MIAMI STEEL DRUM BAND
JULY 13	MONDAY NIGHT BIG BAND
JULY 20	NO CONCERT
JULY 27	THE HOT MAGNOLIAS
AUGUST 3	PETE WAGNER BAND
AUGUST 10	COMET BLUEGRASS ALL STARS
AUGUST 17	THE KLABERHEADS
AUGUST 24	RICKY NYE INC.
AUGUST 31	SYCAMORE COMMUNITY BAND

### FRIDAYS TOWNE SQUARE

JULY 9	FOREVER DIAMOND
JULY 16	FINAL ORDER
JULY 23	THE MCCARTNEY PROJECT
JULY 30	3 PIECE REVIVAL
AUGUST 6	JERSEY
AUGUST 13	STAGGER LEE
AUGUST 20	THE REMAINS
AUGUST 27	MODEL BEHAVIOR
SEPTEMBER 3	THE SOUL POCKET BAND

All state and local health guidelines will be followed. **Additional details to be released before event date.** All concerts are held outdoors, rain or shine.



The **O.F.F. Market** is a monthly marketplace that brings together small businesses, artisans, brewers, bakers, and farmers to provide a unique shopping experience that supports strong community connections and strives to grow a hearty local economy.

Visit the O.F.F. Market at Summit Park in Blue Ash on June 12, July 10, August 14, and September 11 from 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.



Get swept away this summer by the return of live opera in magical, must-see performances under the stars.

At the **Cincinnati Opera's Summer at Summit**, you'll experience all the hallmarks you've come to love in a Cincinnati Opera event—glorious singing, inspiring storytelling, and enchanting music from internationally renowned guest artists, the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, and the Cincinnati Opera Chorus.

Visit [cincinnatiopera.org](http://cincinnatiopera.org) for the schedule and ticket information.



WEDNESDAYS  
MAY 12-SEPT. 29  
3:30-7PM  
SUMMIT PARK  
For updates, check our  
Facebook page or  
summitparkblueash.com

**2021 SEASON**

**Oakwood Park**

May 6 & September 2  
4-5:30PM

June 3, July 1 & August 5  
10-11:30AM

**Hunt Park**

April 15, May 13 & September 9  
4-5:30PM

June 10, July 8 & August 12  
10-11:30AM

**Nature Park**

April 22, May 20 & September 16  
4-5:30PM

June 17, July 15 & August 19  
10-11:30AM

**POP UP  
IN THE PARK**




**TOYOTA  
PRESENTS**




**SUMMIT CINEMA  
@ SUMMIT PARK**

**A Bug's Life - Wednesday, May 19**  
**Space Jam - Wednesday, June 16**  
**Up - Wednesday, August 18**  
**Big Hero 6 - Wednesday, September 15**

**Movies start at dusk on the Great Lawn**  
Registration is not required. More details to be announced on  
the Summit Park social media pages and website.





**BLUE ASH  
SUMMIT PARK**

**FREE FITNESS 2021**

**SPONSORED BY:**



**Sundays: Yoga with Body Alive @ 9:00AM**  
**Great Lawn**  
June 6 - September 26, no class 7/4

**Zumba with Lori @ 10:15AM**  
**Canopy**  
June 6 - September 26, no class 7/4

**Tuesdays: Line Dancing with Erica @ 5:30PM**  
**Canopy**  
June 8 - September 28

**Wednesdays: Yoga with Stacy @ 5:30PM**  
**Great Lawn**  
May 12 - September 30

**Thursdays: Zumba with Jeanita @ 5:30PM**  
**Canopy**  
June 10 - September 30



**BLUE ASH  
GOLF COURSE**

**JUNIOR  
GOLF CLINICS!**

7-12 year olds can learn  
golf fundamentals with  
Assistant Golf Pro Kirk Mason  
in four fun lessons

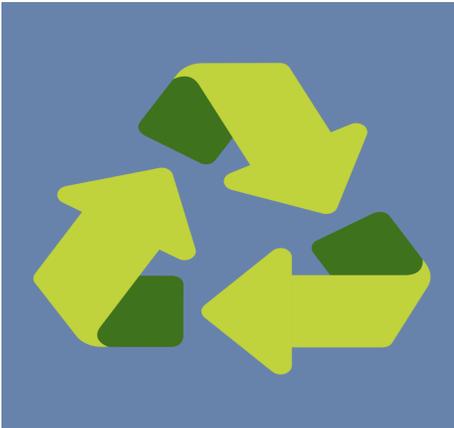
**CALL THE  
PRO SHOP  
FOR INFO:  
513-686-1280**



Join us for  
**FAMILY GOLF NIGHTS!**  
Every Sunday - 4-6 p.m.  
Memorial Day thru Labor Day  
**ONLY \$25** for one adult and one child under 14  
9 holes plus cart!



## BLUE ASH RANKS #1 IN RECYCLING!



Residents' efforts have landed Blue Ash in the top spot for recycling in the region once again.

With a 67 percent diversion rate, Blue Ash won **the 2020 Best City Waste Diversion Rate Award** from the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District.

This is the highest diversion rate of any community in all of Hamilton County.

Robust yard trimmings collection options helped the community divert a staggering 7,935 tons of yard trimmings away from landfills in 2019.



You'll soon see a **new Blue Ash Fire Department medic vehicle** around town. It was built in Grove City, Ohio, and took five months to construct.

The City of Blue Ash is ranked #3 in the "**2021 Top Places to live in the Cincinnati Region**," according to a Niche.com study released in March. Thanks in part to resident reviews, Niche gave the City an overall grade of A+ in 2020 and 2021.



The **2020 Blue Ash Annual Report** is now available for you to view online at [blueash.com](http://blueash.com).

Each year, the City Manager and Administration present an annual report to City Council.

The Annual Report summarizes the major activity which occurred during the reporting year and features highlights for each department and division of the City.

### **AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT COVID-19 UPDATES AND INFORMATION:**

Due to the ever-changing planning and action being taken due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Blue Ash is encouraging residents to follow updates on Blue Ash social media, websites and e-newsletters. You can easily sign up for e-newsletters by using the instructions below.

**Join the Blue Ash E-newsletter mailing list!**

**Just send your email address by text message:**

Text  
**BLUEASHNEWS**  
to **22828** to get started.



Message and data rates may apply.

## THE OFFICIAL CITY OF BLUE ASH SPRING NEWSLETTER



# RUBY'S TUESDAY!

*Check out the Blue Ash Police Department Facebook and Twitter pages for new Ruby content every Tuesday!*

The Blue Ash Police Department has introduced **Ruby's Tuesday**, a social media spotlight feature about K9 Ruby and her partner, Officer Erik Nelson.

Every Tuesday, the BAPD Facebook and Twitter pages will feature photos and videos of Ruby crime-fighting, training, meeting new people, and having fun in the City.



RECEIVE A FREE CINCINNATI REDS T-SHIRT WHEN YOU DONATE!

# BLOOD DRIVE

## HOXWORTH MOBILE UNIT

BLUE ASH MUNICIPAL  
& SAFETY CENTER  
4343 COOPER ROAD



## JUNE 15

9 a.m.-11 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.-3 p.m.

REGISTER: [HOXWORTH.ORG/GROUPS/BLUEASH](http://HOXWORTH.ORG/GROUPS/BLUEASH)