

SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER

HAM-PLAINFIELD ROUNDABOUT PROJECT UPDATE

You will see an increase in activity as the HAM-Plainfield Roundabout Project ramps up in Blue Ash.

Several steps need to be completed before the road construction work begins in September.

Demolition of the Speedway and Marathon Gas Stations at the corner of Plainfield Road and Hunt Road is expected to begin in late July/early August and should take several weeks to complete.

Lane closures and some night work will take place as Duke Energy work is completed on Hunt Road.

Cincinnati Bell is installing underground conduit in front of the Marathon Gas Station and Evans Auto, then crews will install overhead cable on the new Duke Energy Utility poles along Hunt Road.

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

Once complete, these roundabouts will greatly improve safety and ease traffic congestion well into the future.

Thank you for your patience during construction. Stay up-to-date on the project at blueash.com.



SOLDIER'S NAME ADDED TO MEMORIAL STONE

Staff Sergeant William "Billy" Hoeb's name has been added to the Memorial Stone outside of the Bicentennial Veterans Memorial in Blue Ash.

During WWII, Hoeb's B-26 went down, and all of the crew, including Hoeb, were killed.

It was recently discovered that Hoeb had lived in Blue Ash.

The announcement of the addition of Hoeb's name was made during the Memorial Day Ceremony on May 31.

BLUE ASH GOLF COURSE HELPS THREATENED BUTTERFLIES

The Blue Ash Golf Course has joined a nationwide effort to help save threatened monarch butterflies.

In partnership with the USGA and Audubon International, the golf course is now a part of “Monarchs in the Rough,” a project to increase pollinator habitat on golf courses throughout the U.S.

Over 700 golf properties, including the Blue Ash Golf Course, have committed 1,020 acres to creating new plantings of the milkweed plants these butterflies need to survive.

“The Monarch population has declined rapidly,” said Scott Kincaid, Blue Ash Golf Course Superintendent. “I felt we were well suited to help restore some habitat that would benefit their return.”

There are two areas on the Blue Ash Golf Course that are part of the project: between the 1st and 18th hole and behind the 8th green. You can view the pollinator areas while playing a round of golf.



CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT: MAGGIE NEUMANN

“She believed she could, so she did.”

That’s Maggie Neumann’s motto and she lives up to it in her work and deeds.

The 22-year-old did something that many people would have found incredibly daunting during a pandemic.

She started her own business, Maggie’s Marvelous Mini Cheesecakes, in June of 2020.

Even more inspiring, she donates 20 percent of her profits to organizations that help the community, like Operation Giveback (OGB) in Blue Ash.

“I did that because they donate food for people who don’t have a lot of food,” said Neumann, adding that she was especially happy to have helped OGB provide toys to children for the holidays.

OGB volunteer Don McClure said Maggie’s generosity is amazing.

“She has done wonderful things for OGB,” McClure said. “She has given us some of her money from her



business but more importantly, she brings our students cheesecakes and they love them!”

Read more and watch a video about Maggie at blueash.com.

If you want to be showcased in the next Citizen Spotlight, or if you would like to nominate someone, send an email to communications@blueash.com.

PLANNING A GARAGE SALE? DON'T FORGET A PERMIT

Garage and yard sales are a great way to make some money for items you no longer want or need but before you host a sale at your Blue Ash residence there are a few things to know.

To have a garage sale in the City you need to apply for a permit. There is no cost. You can find the form at blueash.com and email it to the Community Development Department at CDPermits@BlueAsh.com.

Garage sales are limited to two per calendar year per residence and can only be two days in length.

The permit holder is responsible for making sure customers follow parking laws.

Garage and yard sale signs must not be placed on utility poles or in the public right-of-way.

If you have any questions call the Community Development Department at (513) 745-8520.



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: VACO

Businesses in Blue Ash have taken extraordinarily creative steps to overcome the challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the Economic Development Business Spotlight Series, find out what these businesses have accomplished, why Blue Ash is the place for entrepreneurs and businesses to thrive, and why business owners still see a bright future ahead.

Q & A with Joe Laugherty, Managing Partner, Vaco Cincinnati

Q: How did the COVID-19 pandemic impact your business?

A: Lots of organizations were critically impacted by COVID-19. Although Vaco was influenced by specific clients in industries that are affected the most, our team worked diligently to rebalance our efforts and to identify the organizations that were expanding in response to the pandemic, including call centers, supply chain, etc. During every step of the journey, we followed the need.

Read the full Q & A with Joe Laugherty, Managing Partner, Vaco Cincinnati at blueashadvance.com.



HANGING BASKETS BRING JOY

You've seen the beautiful hanging baskets all over Blue Ash, but did you know there are 140 of them in the City?

The flowers are Petunias and Supertunias and crews water them every day to keep them flourishing.

Flower basket prep starts in December when City landscapers order small plugs.

They are planted in pots in mid-March in the City greenhouse.



2021 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

BLUEASH EVENTS

TUESDAYS 7-9PM

BLUE ASH 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

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FRIDAYS 8-11PM

BLUE ASH 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

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SUNDAYS 7PM

BLUE ASH MONTGOMERY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

AUGUST 15	BLUE ASH TOWNE SQUARE
SEPTEMBER 5	BLUE ASH TOWNE SQUARE

BAM

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.

RED, WHITE & BLUE ASH WOWS THE CROWD

Red, White & Blue Ash made a spectacular comeback on July 4 at Summit Park!

After being canceled in 2020 due to the pandemic, this year's show wowed crowds with a visually stunning drone and fireworks show by Arthur Rozzi Pyrotechnics.

Thank you to all who attended and thank you to the sponsors of the event, Toyota, Coca-Cola, and Kroger, and partners at WARM 98.5 and Cumulus Radio.



SUMMER AT SUMMIT WITH THE CINCINNATI OPERA



The Cincinnati Opera's Summer at Summit performances in July were touted as "outstanding," "amazing," and "beautiful," by attendees.

World-class performers were tapped to present *Carmen*, *Tosca*, and *The Barber of Seville*.

The elaborate stage under the Observation Tower took three days to build.

The unique setting and stellar shows even got a mention in the July/August issue of *Martha Stewart Living* magazine!

Can't wait to see the latest Blue Ash news?

Check out our website newsfeed at blueash.com/newslist.php and sign up for the City e-newsletter by texting BLUEASHNEWS to 22828 to get started.

***message and data rates may apply.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



The Blue Ash Fire Department has sworn in a new Firefighter/EMT. Corey Bauer (center) started working full-time for Blue Ash in early April. His swearing-in ceremony was postponed to May 28 due to COVID-19 safety precautions.



A bunny was rescued June 14 by the Blue Ash Fire Department. Firefighter/Paramedic Scott Reed made a small snare to rescue the rabbit from a pipe behind a business on Carver Woods Drive. See video of the rescue on the Blue Ash YouTube channel. Reed was also instrumental in the May rescue of a man from a fire at the Cooper Trace Skilled Nursing Facility.



The Police and Fire Departments have achieved Lexipol Gold Level status for excellence in policy management.

POLICE DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

The Blue Ash Police Department Dispatch Office has undergone a much-needed renovation. The Dispatch Office was last updated over 20 years ago. planning for upgrades began over three years ago and resulted in a long list of improvements outlined at blueash.com.



The First Annual Blue Ash First Responders Youth Fishing Tournament was held in June at Summit Park. Winners met Police Chief Scott Noel and received trophies. All participants received Dairy Queen gift cards.



NAMI In Our Own Voice

An interactive presentation to change attitudes, assumptions, and stereotypes about people with mental health conditions

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021
7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

NORTH FIRE STATION TRAINING ROOM
10647 KENWOOD RD., BLUE ASH

Free and open to the public

The City of Blue Ash in partnership with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Southwest Ohio will present 'NAMI In Our Own Voice,' an interactive presentation to change attitudes, assumptions, and stereotypes about people with mental health conditions.

The free event is open to the public and will take place on September 14, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the North Fire Station Training Room, 10647 Kenwood Road.

'NAMI In Our Own Voice' combines video and trained NAMI presenters who will talk about their mental health journey.

The presenters humanize the misunderstood, highly stigmatized topic of mental illness by showing that it's possible—and common—to live well with a mental health condition.

This presentation also provides:

- A chance to ask presenters questions, allowing for a deeper understanding of mental health conditions and dispelling of stereotypes and misconceptions.
- The understanding that every person with a mental health condition can hope for a brighter future.
- Information on how to learn more about mental health and get involved with the mental health community.

'NAMI In Our Own Voice' is a NAMI National signature program and has been presented to faith communities, businesses, university classes, and first responders.

Presented by:



**POP UP
IN THE PARK**



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



2021 SEASON

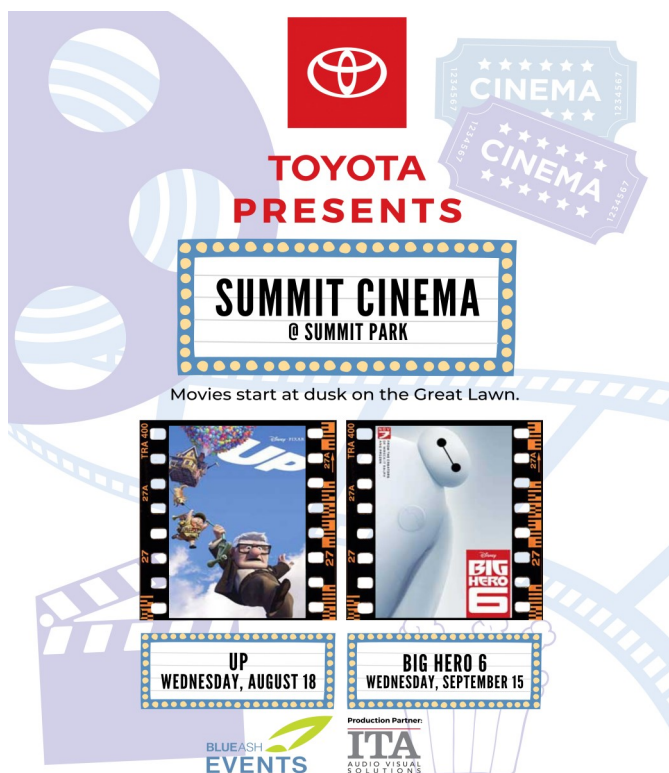
WEDNESDAYS
MAY 12-SEPT. 29

3:30-7PM

SUMMIT PARK

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Facebook page or
summitparkblueash.com

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TOYOTA PRESENTS

SUMMIT CINEMA
@ SUMMIT PARK

Movies start at dusk on the Great Lawn.

UP
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

BIG HERO 6
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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BLUEASH SUMMIT PARK

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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 Jeannita @ 5:30PM
Canopy
June 10 - September 30