



## WINTER 2022 NEWSLETTER

### CHILL OUT AT THE WARM 98.5 ICE RINK AT SUMMIT PARK

Have fun and chill out at the Warm 98.5 Ice Rink at Summit Park now through January 8!

Skate sessions are only \$7 per person – skates included. Children three years old and under are free.

The ice rink is located underneath Summit Park's glass canopy, 4335 Glendale Milford Road.

"This year we have even more exciting theme nights and activities," said Margaret O'Gorman, General Manager of Programs and Events in the Blue Ash Parks and Recreation Department. "Our popular Chuck-A-Duck game will be back with great prizes and we'll have some on-ice games in addition to fun theme nights!"

For inexperienced skaters, free skating aids are available for each session while supplies last.

After a spin on the ice, grab a hot chocolate, a DORA beverage, or a meal from one of the four on-site restaurants or the nearby Neighborhoods at Summit Park.

Plus, you can bring a sled when there's a nice coating of snow on the ground to enjoy the sledding hill behind the Observation Tower!



The Warm 98.5 Ice Rink will be open daily through January 8, with the exception of holidays. Operating hours vary and may depend on weather conditions. To check on the rink's operating status, visit [www.summitparkblueash.com](http://www.summitparkblueash.com). If the rink is temporarily closed, you will see a pop-up alert on the homepage.

**Warm 98.5**  
*Ice Rink at Summit Park*

**Admission & Skate Rental:**  
\$7 per person

**November 12-December 16\***  
Monday-Friday: 5-8pm  
Saturday & Sunday sessions:  
12-2pm, 3-5pm, 6-8pm

**December 17-January 8\***  
Everyday sessions:  
12-2pm, 3-5pm, 6-8pm

**\*Holiday Hours**  
November 24: Closed  
November 25: 12-2pm, 3-5pm, 6-8pm  
December 24: 12-2pm, 3-5pm  
December 25: Closed  
December 31: 12-2pm, 3-5pm  
January 1: Closed

DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

**BLUEASH SUMMIT PARK**

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# LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023



2023 is going to be an exciting year in the City of Blue Ash. Residents can look forward to the completion of the **HAM-Plainfield Roundabouts Project**. The construction of the three roundabouts at Kroger/Hunt, Plainfield/Hunt, and Peppermill/Hunt will increase safety and traffic flow through the busy corridor. If you need help navigating roundabouts, you can find educational videos and safety information at [www.blueash.com/roundabouts](http://www.blueash.com/roundabouts).

The **Neighborhoods at Summit Park** will also be the site of some exciting projects next year. Construction is underway on the Arabella townhome development, the Nobis rehab hospital will be completed, and residents will enjoy the much-anticipated addition of Sugar n' Spice, a colorful casual diner specializing in stellar breakfasts.

The **BLUE** project concept at the Kenwood/Cooper corner was approved by City Council in September. The next step will be the submission of a final development plan.

The **Towne Square redesign and the Observation Tower improvement projects** are out to bid. The Towne Square Project will create an inviting, green space for year-round use and events, and a touching, user-friendly, walk-through of the Bicentennial Veterans Memorial. As for the Tower, visitors will see enhancements to the flooring and railing. It's anticipated that both of these projects will get underway in 2023.

Next year will also be filled with **exceptional events and programs** that only Blue Ash can provide. Red, White & Blue Ash, Summer Concerts, Summit Cinema, Free Fitness, and the 2nd annual Brew Ash are just a few of the free, fun, family-friendly, happenings the Parks and Recreation Department is already planning. One note for 2023, there will be no Friday Concerts at Towne Square due to construction, however, limited alternatives are being considered. Any updates will be posted at [www.blueashevents.com](http://www.blueashevents.com).

## CITY HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to Blue Ash Mayor Marc Sirkin (top left) for being one of the **top 500 most influential executives in Ohio**, according to Ohio Business Magazine.

The Blue Ash Police Department has **promoted several officers**. Lieutenant to Captain: Rob Gerhardt (bottom left) and Roger Pohlman (bottom right). Sergeant to Lieutenant: Pete Ballauer and Jason Swartwout. Detective to Sergeant: Dane Baumgartner. Patrol Officer to Sergeant: David Dungan.

The Blue Ash Fire Department has repurposed old firehoses into **devices to protect children**. In the case of an active shooter, they can be slid onto the classroom door swing arm, preventing the door from being opened.





# OPEN HOUSES FOSTER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

The Blue Ash Police and Fire Departments connected with children and the community at their **Open Houses**. The Police Department event in September featured drone and K9 demonstrations, and a new dunking booth with Chief Scott Noel and Captain Rob Gerhardt. The Fire Department Open House in October had fun obstacle courses, a fire hose activity, and a live burn demonstration.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Fall curbside leaf pickup ends on December 9, but before you grab the rake and start bagging the leaves in your yard next year, 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 besides raking and bagging? Experts say you should mulch in place by mowing over the leaves with a mulching blade about once a week.

# SISTER CITY TRIP HIGHLIGHTS HEALTHCARE



(Pictured top left: Mayor Marc Sirkin speaks at the welcome event. Top right: delegates tour the Ilmenau Police Dispatch Center. Bottom left: Demonstration of new surgical technology. Bottom right: Ken Toko, US Consul General Leipzig (center) speaks during a roundtable event.)

City of Blue Ash officials and staff along with local education, healthcare, and business leaders, continued an over two-decades-long exchange of educational and cultural experiences during a trip to **Sister City, Ilmenau, Germany**, in September.

The trip focused on exchanging ideas and best practices in the field of healthcare. The group also celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Sister City partnership and recommitted to the union with a proclamation.

Get an exciting, educational look behind-the scenes of your City!

## JOIN THE CITIZENS OF BLUE ASH ACADEMY!

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# WINTER WEATHER SAFETY

When **winter weather** strikes in the City of Blue Ash, residents should follow Hamilton County guidelines and recommendations to stay safe. Under Ohio Law, the Hamilton County Sheriff has the responsibility to monitor snow conditions and to declare a “Snow Emergency” when it has been determined that use of highways/roadways by motorists is a threat to maintaining the public peace. There are three levels that may be issued:

1. **Snow Alert Level One:** Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be icy. Motorists are urged to drive very cautiously. No roadways are closed but unnecessary travel is discouraged.
2. **Snow Advisory Level Two:** Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be very icy. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roads. All employees should contact their employer to see if they should report to work.
3. **Snow Emergency Level Three:** Ice, blowing and drifting snow has created extremely hazardous road conditions. Low visibility, extremely low temperatures, and worsening road conditions have caused the closing of all or certain County roads to all but emergency and essential persons. No one should be on roadways unless absolutely necessary. All employees should contact their employer to see if they should report to work. Those traveling on the roads may subject themselves to arrest.



Here are the ways you can find out when these snow levels have been issued:

- **Sign up for Alert HC.** This is highly recommended. Alert HC is a notification system provided by the Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency. Sign up at [www.alerthc.org](http://www.alerthc.org).
- **Follow the Hamilton County EMA** on Facebook and Twitter.
- **Tune in to local news** media sources (TV, radio) and/or follow local news sources on social media.



## When it snows:

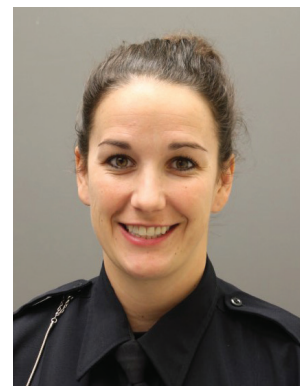
- Avoid parking on the streets
- Don't shovel or plow into streets
- Don't pass a snowplow
- Don't crowd the plows
- Slow down and take your time



**Have a safe and happy winter season!**



The City of Blue Ash has ranked at the **top of another prestigious list!** Blue Ash is one of the top 15 U.S. cities primed to attract companies to set up their corporate headquarters, according to an analysis by The Boyd Company. Find more economic development and business news at [www.blueashadvance.com](http://www.blueashadvance.com).



The **2022 Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year** were recognized at the November City Council meeting. Congratulations to Firefighter Courtenay Brooks and Officer Abby Ballman! The Blue Ash Safety Award winners are given a plaque and their names are added to a Perpetuity Award displayed in City Council Chambers.