



# TOWNE SQUARE RENOVATION PROJECT UNDERWAY

Pardon our dust! The much-anticipated **Towne Square Renovation Project** is underway in downtown Blue Ash. Alpha Construction has been tapped to complete the project.

To make it easier for motorists to enter, exit, and park during construction, a new connector has been created between the parking lots for Park Pour and Sleepy Bee.

In addition, the City's property at the Kenwood/Cooper corner has been turned into free, temporary parking during the construction, and property at 4906 Cooper Road has been purchased for additional parking.

Use your phone's camera to scan the QR Code below to view a map of all of the available, free parking near Towne Square. All of the lots are within a five-minute walk to Towne Square businesses. To accommodate customers, lots closest to the businesses will be designated 2-hour parking.

The Towne Square Renovation Project is expected to be wrapped up in March of 2024.

Thank you for your patience as we make your vision of Towne Square a reality! Questions? Email [townesquare@blueash.com](mailto:townesquare@blueash.com).

See the award-winning designs for the project at [www.blueash.com/townesquare](http://www.blueash.com/townesquare).



### TOWNE SQUARE PARKING MAP, SCAN BELOW:



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# RED, WHITE & BLUE ASH



The City of Blue Ash is excited to announce the stellar live music lineup for **Fretboard Brewing Red, White & Blue Ash!**

Collective Soul, known for break-out, Billboard Award-winning rock hits like “Shine” and “December,” will headline the July 4th celebration at Summit Park, 4335 Glendale Milford Road, taking the stage at 8:15 p.m.

The up-and-coming, all-female rock band, Plush, will open the show at 6:00 p.m. Plush’s debut album featured the Billboard Top 40 charting singles “Hate” and “Better Off Alone.”

The concert will be followed by the biggest and best fireworks show by Arthur Rozzi Pyrotechnics, which will light up the sky, Observation Tower, and ground at 10:00 p.m.! The soundtrack will be simulcast on WARM 98.5.

“Fretboard Brewing Red, White & Blue Ash is truly an outstanding event that you don’t want to miss,”

said Blue Ash Parks and Recreation Director Brian Kruse. “It’s an honor to be able to bring world-class entertainment to our community to celebrate Independence Day.”

In addition to rocking live music and breathtaking fireworks, Fretboard Brewing Red, White & Blue Ash has family-fun festival rides, local food vendors, drinks, and more starting at 4:00 p.m.!

Fretboard Brewing Red, White & Blue Ash is sponsored by: Fretboard Brewing, Coca-Cola, Kroger, Toyota, MSA Design, Thomas & Galbraith, WARM 98.5, Cumulus Broadcasting, and Arthur Rozzi Pyrotechnics.

The event’s partners are Academy Rentals and Cincinnati Catering and Concessions.

Stay up-to-date on all of the exciting happenings at Fretboard Brewing Red, White & Blue Ash at [www.blueashevents.com](http://www.blueashevents.com).





# RED, WHITE & BLUE ASH

**JULY 4, 2023**

4-10:30PM | SUMMIT PARK

*FEATURING*

**COLLECTIVE SOUL | 8:15PM**

**PLUSH | 6PM**

**THE BIGGEST & BEST  
FIREWORKS**

*BY ARTHUR ROZZI PYROTECHNICS*

**10PM**

BLUEASH  
RECREATION



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# BLUE ASH SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



The City of Blue Ash is pleased to announce the lineup for the **2023 Summer Concert Series!**

You will get an exciting variety of performers on Tuesday nights at the Blue Ash Nature Park, 4337 Cooper Road, starting on Tuesday, June 6. All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m.

Concerts will only be held on Tuesday nights this year, due to the Towne Square renovation construction.

“We plan to bring the region’s best, free Friday night concerts back in 2024,” said Blue Ash Parks and Recreation Director Brian Kruse. “When the new, exciting venue is complete, we will continue our great live music tradition at Towne Square.”

In the meantime, the event staff is working on some surprises at other Blue Ash locations to keep you entertained all summer long including new nature programming at Summit Park provided by Great Parks of Hamilton County.

More details soon at [www.blueashevents.com](http://www.blueashevents.com).

*All concerts in the Summer Concert Series 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. Find more information on the Summer Concert Series and other events at [www.blueashevents.com](http://www.blueashevents.com).*

## 2023 BLUE ASH SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

**TUESDAYS 7-9PM**  
**BLUE ASH NATURE PARK**

JUNE 6	THE PROCTER & GAMBLE BIG BAND
JUNE 13	SYCAMORE COMMUNITY BAND
JUNE 20	MIAMI UNIVERSITY STEEL BAND
JUNE 27	OHIO MILITARY BAND
JULY 4	NO CONCERT
JULY 11	FIALLA
JULY 18	MONDAY NIGHT BIG BAND
JULY 25	PETE WAGNER BAND
AUG. 1	CINCINNATI BRASS BAND
AUG. 8	JUMP N JIVE BIG BAND
AUG. 15	THE NEW LIBERTY DANCE ORCHESTRA

SPONSORED BY:  

PRODUCTION PARTNERS:

**CONCERT AT 7PM**  
**BLUE ASH MONTGOMERY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

MAY 29 BLUE ASH NATURE PARK  
SEPT. 3 BLUE ASH NATURE PARK

  
*Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony Orchestra*

## PERFORMING ARTS

**SUMMIT PARK**

JUNE 2 DUSK	CINCINNATI OPERA SCREENING OF AWARD-WINNING OPERA FIERCE
AUG. 11 7-9PM	SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK PRESENTING THE COMEDY OF ERRORS



# CITY HIGHLIGHTS

- The **2023 Citizens of Blue Ash Academy** was a success! The six-week course gave residents a behind-the-scenes look at City Departments. Participants learned about first responder tactics, hopped in a Fire Truck, and drove Public Works vehicles! “I enjoyed all of the classes,” said Giles DeCourcy. “I feel that I learned and experienced many new things about my City.”



- Delegates from Blue Ash’s **Sister City, Ilmenau, Germany**, are in town from April 24 to May 1. You can meet the delegates at the *Israel at 75* event at Summit Park on April 30 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

- Congratulations to Blue Ash Police Dispatcher Katie Farmer! She received the **Bob George Communications Officer of the Year Award** from the Hamilton County Police Association. The award is given to a full-time dispatcher/communications officer who has demonstrated extraordinary professionalism and calm while handling a stressful call or radio run.



- **Neighborhood Clean-Up Day** is May 6. This service allows residents to bring their “spring cleaning” items to the Service Center at 6131 Interstate Circle for disposal. Electronics will not be accepted. More information: [www.blueash.com/publicworks](http://www.blueash.com/publicworks).

- The City of Blue Ash ranks fifth on the 2023 list of the **Best Places to live in Ohio!** That’s up three slots from the 2022 ranking. Blue Ash was awarded an overall grade of A+, according to Niche.com.

## PUBLIC WORKS WEEK FUN AND EVENTS

Touch-A-Truck, Name-A-Plow, and a Coloring Contest are just a few of the things in store for **Public Works Week May 21-27!**

Children can climb inside all of the awesome Public Works vehicles during the annual Touch-A-Truck event on May 24 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Summit Park.

You came up with some creative names again this year for the Name-A-Plow Contest! The winning name will be unveiled on the plow during the Touch-A-Truck event.

Children can win prizes in the Public Works Coloring Contest! More info, rules, and printable coloring pages can be found at [www.blueash.com/coloringcontest](http://www.blueash.com/coloringcontest). You can also pick up coloring pages at the Municipal and Safety Center, 4343 Cooper Road, or the Blue Ash Recreation Center, 4433 Cooper Road.

Entries will be accepted through May 10 via email to [communications@blueash.com](mailto:communications@blueash.com) or drop off at the Municipal and Safety Center front desk.



**Pictured: 2022 Coloring Contest winners Charli and Andi with Public Works Director Gordon Perry.**



# HOMEOWNERS' SPRING CHECKLIST

*Is your home ready for spring and summer?  
Here's a handy checklist to help you make sure  
your residence is in compliance with Blue Ash's  
Codified Ordinances.*



## YOUR YARD

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

## DRIVEWAY & WALKWAYS

- ☐ free of potholes
- ☐ free from boxes, wires, storage containers, propane tanks, tires, and other refuse

## PORCHES

- ☐ repair steps, railings, and/or floorboards, if needed
- ☐ free from boxes, storage containers, and other refuse

## GUTTERS & DOWNSPOUTS

- ☐ repair/paint, if needed
- ☐ appropriately directing water away from the primary building and away from neighboring buildings

## EXTERIOR WALLS & GARAGES

- ☐ repair/paint, if needed
- ☐ clean of algae, mildew, or mold

## ACCESSORY BUILDINGS (SHEDS, FENCES, ETC.)

- ☐ repair/paint sheds, fences, doors, roofs, if needed

## WINDOWS & DOORS

- ☐ weather tight and operable
- ☐ repair or replace glass/screens, if needed
- ☐ sashes and/or trim in good condition

## MISCELLANEOUS

- ☐ address visible from the street
- ☐ property free of standing or stagnant water

# MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CEREMONY

The City of Blue Ash invites you to the **71st Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony** on May 29, 2023!

The parade kicks off at 10:15 a.m. from Reed Hartman Highway and Cooper Road with entries from dozens of military and non-profit organizations, local businesses, and community groups.

The route will be a little different this year due to the Towne Square Renovation Project. The route will proceed east on Cooper Road to Monroe Avenue and end in the Cancer Support Community parking lot at 4918 Cooper Road.

A special ceremony will take place after the parade at approximately 11:30 a.m. in the Cancer Support Community parking lot with keynote speaker Captain Jeff Lamphear.

For more information on the parade route and road closures, visit [www.blueash.com/news](http://www.blueash.com/news).





# SIX NEW FIREFIGHTERS



The Blue Ash Fire Department held a **swearing-in ceremony** in January to welcome six new firefighters. David Sanderson, Hunter Knizner, Cameron Gephart, and Gabe Landers were sworn in as Firefighter/EMTs.

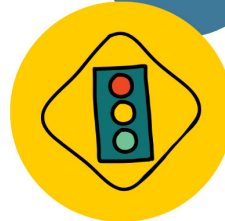
Doug Engled and Tyler Martin were sworn in as Firefighter/Medics. Mayor Marc Sirkin conducted the ceremony in front of friends and family members in City Council Chambers.

## ROUNABOUTS UPDATE

The third and final roundabout in the HAM-Plainfield Roundabouts project is currently under construction at Plainfield Road and Peppermill Lane.

Paving work is underway and island construction is next on the agenda.

The roundabout is expected to be finished in July.



**Problem pothole?  
Too many weeds?  
Traffic light not working?**

Report issues easily with  
**CAGIS** - the online service  
request portal at [blueash.com](http://blueash.com)

Now you can even  
upload a photo!



## Free Fitness 2023

**Tuesdays: Line Dancing  
with Erica**  
5:30pm | Canopy  
June 6 - September 26  
No class July 4

**Wednesdays: Yoga  
with Stacy**  
5:30pm | Great Lawn  
May 10 - September 27  
No class July 5

**Thursdays: Zumba  
with Jeannita**  
5:30pm | Canopy  
June 1 - September 28

**Sundays: Yoga  
with Holli  
from Body Alive**  
9:00am | Great Lawn  
June 4 - September 24  
No class July 2

**Zumba with Lori**  
10:15am | Canopy  
June 4 - September 24  
No class July 2

## BLUE ASH FARMERS MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

After careful consideration, the Blue Ash Events team has decided to dissolve the Blue Ash Farmers Market. The long-running event has seen a decrease in interested vendors and attendance since the pandemic and there weren't enough vendor sign-ups to make the market viable.

We want to thank our vendors and customers who made the Blue Ash Farmers Market an award-winning, fun, and friendly place to shop. It has been our pleasure to work with you through the years.



## THE OFFICIAL CITY OF BLUE ASH NEWSLETTER

### FREE CREATIVE AGING PROGRAMS

**Creative Aging** is bringing its unique blend of activities, art, and education to the Blue Ash Recreation Center! Sessions will take place on the first Thursday of each month. They are free and open to all adults, especially seniors.



The next event features guitar instrumentalist Brian Deyo on Thursday, May 4, in the Plainfield Room. Stop by for coffee at 10 a.m. The presentation begins at 10:15 a.m.

**Blue Ash** 

**Citizen Spotlight:**  
**Matt DeMaris**

*"My goal is to buy every veteran in the country a beer and once we've done that, we'll go for round two."*

Find out how his **Vets & Brews** idea became a regional phenomenon at [www.blueash.com](http://www.blueash.com)!

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- Tennis Assistants
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