

THE CITY OF BLUEASH



WINTER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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ENJOY THE ICE RINK AT SUMMIT PARK

Make warm memories at the coolest place around - the **Warm 98.5 Ice Rink at Summit Park presented by Medpace!**

Skate sessions are only \$7 per person and skates are included. Children three years old and under are free. The rink is located underneath the glass canopy, 4335 Glendale Milford Road, Blue Ash.

Don't know how to skate? No problem! Free skate aids are available for each session while supplies last.

Plus, don't miss exciting Warm 98.5 Ice Rink events like Chuck-A-Duck, mascot appearances, and figure skating demonstrations! See the full schedule on page 4 or visit www.blueash.com/icerink.

"We are thrilled to bring this affordable and fun activity to Summit Park each year. With trails, playgrounds, restaurants, sledding, and ice skating – Summit Park truly is a year-round destination for families looking for an all-day adventure!"

- Margaret O'Gorman, General Manager of Programs & Events, Blue Ash Parks and Recreation Department

PROJECT UPDATES



TOWNE SQUARE

The construction team finished site prep and is putting down concrete in the park. The exterior of the restroom and services building is almost finished. City workers, designers, and construction managers are working together to plan the next steps, which will include the final grading, landscaping, and installing the playground and dog park.



OBSERVATION TOWER

Contractors began work at the Summit Park Observation Tower in October. The enhancements will consist of hand rail repair, observation and platform level paver system upgrades, and additional safety features. The work is expected to be completed in early 2024.



MADTREE

Construction will begin soon on the new Madtree Parks & Rec at Summit Park. Lease details were finalized in October followed by a request for bids. Madtree will be using the former hangar, recently occupied by Parks and Recreation staff. Planning for the new staff location is underway.



TENNIS/PICKLEBALL COURTS

The tennis/pickleball courts at the Blue Ash Recreation Center recently received an upgrade. New surfaces were installed on all of the courts in October.

CITY HIGHLIGHTS

- City Council has selected **Jill Cole (left) as Mayor** and **Katie Schneider (right) as Vice Mayor**. Cole, Schneider, Pramod Jhaveri, and Marc Sirkin all won their re-election bids in November.



- Are you curious about what happens behind the scenes in the City of Blue Ash? We want to show you! Join the **Citizens of Blue Ash Academy (COBA)** in 2024 for an exciting, hands-on experience. Learn more at www.blueash.com/news.

- The Blue Ash Fire Department **promoted** Jake Bresnan from Lieutenant to Battalion Chief and Scott Reed from Firefighter/Medic to Lieutenant.

- The American Legion held its annual **Safety Award Ceremony** at the November 9 Council Meeting. The Firefighter of the Year Award was presented to Firefighter/EMT John Anderson and the Police Officer of the Year award was presented to Detective Jeff Lewis.

- The Blue Ash Fire Department has added **two new bikes** to its Special Events Bike Medic Program. The additional bikes allow Blue Ash Medics to increase response times in areas not accessible by fire/EMS vehicles and golf carts during the many special events around the City.



PUBLIC WORKS IS PREPPED FOR WINTER

The Blue Ash Public Works Department is always prepped and ready when **winter weather** strikes.

Did you know? For a typical snowfall of less than four inches, all streets within the City should be plowed within 24 hours after snow ceases to fall.

To help the crews clear the roadways of snow and ice:

- Keep a safe distance from snowplows
- Shovel snow to the sides of your driveway, not into the street
- Don't park your car on the road during snowfall

2022 BY THE NUMBERS:

7 weather callouts

17.5 inches of snow

2,450 tons of salt applied

13,036 gallons of Beet Heat applied



NAME-A-PLOW

The City of Blue Ash Public Works Department has two snow plows named and voted on by you! The winning name in the 2023 contest was Blizzard, submitted by brother and sister, seven-year-old Lexi and nine-year-old Jake. In 2022, the winning name was CTRL, SALT, DELETE, submitted by Michele Sikes. Be sure to say hi to the crews driving Blizzard and CTRL, SALT, DELETE this winter!

NEW WAYS TO RECYCLE

Recycle more than ever before!

Rumpke is expanding what can be recycled by implementing a new program called Hefty ReNew™.

Hefty ReNew™ is a hard-to-recycle plastics recovery program that offers residents and businesses served by Rumpke Recycling a convenient way to divert more waste from landfills, according to a news release.

Blue Ash residents, and residents throughout greater Cincinnati, will be able to place egg cartons, chip bags, plastic utensils, and more, in Hefty ReNew™ orange bags. The bags can then be placed in your Rumpke Recycling bin.

The acceptable items are listed below.

Hefty ReNew™ bags will be available for purchase at Kroger stores or at Kroger.com.

Learn more at Hefty.com.

Warm98.5 Ice Rink at Summit Park

presented by **MEDPACE**

Admission & Skate Rental:
\$7 per person

November 11-December 15*

Monday-Friday: 5-8pm

Saturday & Sunday sessions:
12-2pm, 3-5pm, 6-8pm

December 16-January 7*

Everyday sessions:

12-2pm, 3-5pm, 6-8pm

***Holiday Hours**

November 23: Closed

November 24: 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**

ReNew™ PROGRAM

Check this list for the many hard-to-recycle plastics that can go in your Hefty® ReNew™ orange bags. All items must be clean, dry and free of foil lining:



PLASTIC PACKAGING - NO FOIL LINING

- See-through chip bags
- Snack food bags
- Plastic pet food bags
- Fresh/frozen vegetable & fruit bags
- Salad bags
- Shredded cheese packages
- Cheese stick packages
- See-through granola & energy bar wrappers
- See-through candy wrappers
- See-through stand up pouches
- Pudding cups
- Yogurt tubs
- Butter/Margarine tubs
- Sour cream tubs
- Dry mix liners (cake, powder mixes)
- Cereal box liners
- Cookie/cracker box liners



PLASTIC BAGS & WRAPS*

- Plastic air pillow packs
- Plastic bubble wrap
- Plastic grocery bags
- Plastic food wrap
- Food storage bags



FOAM PRODUCTS

- Foam cups, plates & bowls
- Foam to-go boxes
- Foam packing peanuts
- Foam egg cartons
- Foam block packaging



PLASTIC DINNERWARE

- Plastic straws and stirrers
- Plastic utensils
- Plastic colored cups
- Plastic plates and bowls
- Rigid plastic clear glasses

