



THE CITY OF **BLUEASH**



SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER

MADTREE RED, WHITE & BLUE ASH!

Celebrate Independence Day at the best July 4th event in the region – MadTree Red, White & Blue Ash at Summit Park!

The City of Blue Ash is excited to announce the headliner for the free event is the exhilarating, alt-rock duo, Judah & the Lion. They'll be taking the stage at 8:15 p.m. The opener, Motherfolk, a groovy, alt-folk band with Cincinnati roots, takes the stage at 6:00 p.m. (see poster on pg. 4).

At 10:00 p.m., don't miss the mesmerizing Arthur Rozzi Pyrotechnics fireworks show that will light up the night sky and the Observation Tower with eye-popping bursts of electrifying colors. Set to a soundtrack provided by Warm 98.5, the fireworks show will thrill attendees of all ages.

But the excitement doesn't stop there! The festivities begin at 4:00 p.m. with local food trucks and restaurants, a MadTree Brewing Beer Garden, a variety of carnival rides and games, a business expo, and much more.

MadTree Red, White & Blue Ash is a free event; no tickets are required. Stay tuned for additional details on food vendors and activities in the upcoming weeks. Be sure to check out www.blueashevents.com and Blue Ash Event's Facebook and Instagram for all the latest details.

MadTree Red, White & Blue Ash is presented by Coca-Cola, Cumulus Broadcasting, Kroger, MSA Design, Thomas & Galbraith, and Toyota.

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PROJECT UPDATES

TOWNE SQUARE



The **Towne Square Renovation Project** is taking shape. Crews are installing concrete on the west side of the park and will complete the Sleepy Bee patio soon. Workers will be finishing electrical and HVAC work in the restroom and storage facility in the coming weeks.

Landscaping is also underway and will involve the installation of Silva Cells, a soil containment system for ideal tree health in urban environments. The Veterans Memorial is also progressing, with hard surfaces in place for the return of the statues.

MADTREE

It was a bittersweet moment for staff members as they said **farewell to the Summit Park Hangar** in early March. The hangar began as an aviation hub, then hosted various events including an indoor ice-skating wonderland, and served as the home of Park Maintenance. The Hangar will now be transformed into Madtree Parks & Rec, a brewery/restaurant that is expected to open for business in the spring of 2025.



OBSERVATION TOWER

Work continues on the **Summit Park Observation Tower**. 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 the next few months.



GOLF MAINTENANCE



Out with the old, in with the new! The former **Golf Maintenance Building** was at the end of its useful life and is now being replaced. Construction is expected to be completed in late summer. The walking path will also reopen at that time.



the BLUE

the BLUE, the mixed-use project slated for the northwest corner of Kenwood and Cooper Roads, is tentatively moving forward. The owner of the development company entered bankruptcy in March 2023 due to litigation stemming from a past business partnership in which he was a passive partner. He successfully emerged from bankruptcy in February 2024. During that time, Circle Development continued to fine-tune the project design and applied for construction permits. Over the next several months Circle will work to secure financing and



finalize agreements with the City related to the property transfer. The developer plans to break ground late this year or early next.

MORE PROJECTS

Central Traffic Control

System Phase II - This project will improve traffic flow with the installation of fiber optic communication lines, updated traffic signal controllers, and improved vehicle detection. Phase II involves Glendale-Milford Road to the Target Intersection along Reed Hartman Highway/Plainfield Road and along Glendale-Milford/Pfeiffer Road from Reed Hartman Highway to Storybook Lane.



2024 Paving Program - The roads included in this year's paving program are McKinley Road, which will include a new sidewalk, Rossplain Road, and Shell Road. If bids are favorable, the following roads may also be paved: Reed Hartman Highway from Cornell Road to Osborne Boulevard, West Lake Forest Drive, Ashview Place, and Grooms Road.

Plainfield/Hunt Roundabout Landscape

Project - This project involves constructing landscaping walls, stone wall veneer, monument signage, and landscaping at the Plainfield/Hunt roundabout.

BEST PLACE TO LIVE!

Blue Ash is the **16th Best Place to Live in America** and the **number one Best Place to Live in Ohio!** That's according to niche.com, which creates the annual Best Places to Live rankings by using data from sources such as the U.S. Census, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the CDC, combined with millions of resident reviews. Blue Ash is the only Ohio city to make it in the top 20 of the 2024 Best Places to Live in America list.





MADTREE

RED, WHITE & BLUE ASH

JULY 4, 2024
4-10:30PM | SUMMIT PARK

FEATURING
**JUDAH &
THE LION**

8:15PM —
MOTHERFOLK | 6PM

THE BIGGEST & BEST
FIREWORKS
BY ARTHUR ROZZI PYROTECHNICS
10PM —



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2024 **RECREATION CONCERTS**

TUESDAYS | 7-9PM | NATURE PARK

JUNE 11	MONDAY NIGHT BIG BAND
JUNE 18	MIAMI UNIVERSITY STEEL BAND
JUNE 25	DANIEL BENNETT & THE DIRTY SHIRLEYS
JULY 2	NO CONCERT
JULY 9	THE SUNBURNERS
JULY 16	SYCAMORE COMMUNITY BAND
JULY 23	WYOMING WINDS
JULY 30	JUMP 'N' JIVE BIG BAND
AUGUST 6	QUEEN CITY KREWE
AUGUST 13	CINCINNATI BRASS BAND
AUGUST 20	USAF BAND OF FLIGHT

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FRIDAYS* | 8-10PM | TOWNE SQUARE

AUGUST 2	MICHELLE ROBINSON BAND
AUGUST 9	SOUL POCKET
AUGUST 16	PARROTS OF THE CARIBBEAN
AUGUST 23	FOREVER DIAMOND
AUGUST 30	DV8
SEPTEMBER 6	EAGLES PROJECT
SEPTEMBER 13	SECOND WIND

CONCERTS | 7-9PM | NATURE PARK

MAY 27	BLUE ASH MONTGOMERY
SEPTEMBER 1	SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The City of Blue Ash is delighted to announce the exciting, live music lineup for the **2024 Summer Concert Series**, set to kick off on June 11 at the Blue Ash Nature Park, 4337 Cooper Road, and on August 2 at Towne Square, 9520 Towne Square Avenue. Admission to the Summer Concert Series is free, making it the perfect opportunity for families, friends, and neighbors

to come together and enjoy some of the area's best entertainers in a beautiful outdoor setting. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

**Friday night concerts may be delayed or canceled due to ongoing construction at Towne Square. Check the web calendar for updates: www.blueash.com/calendar.*

MORE EVENTS!

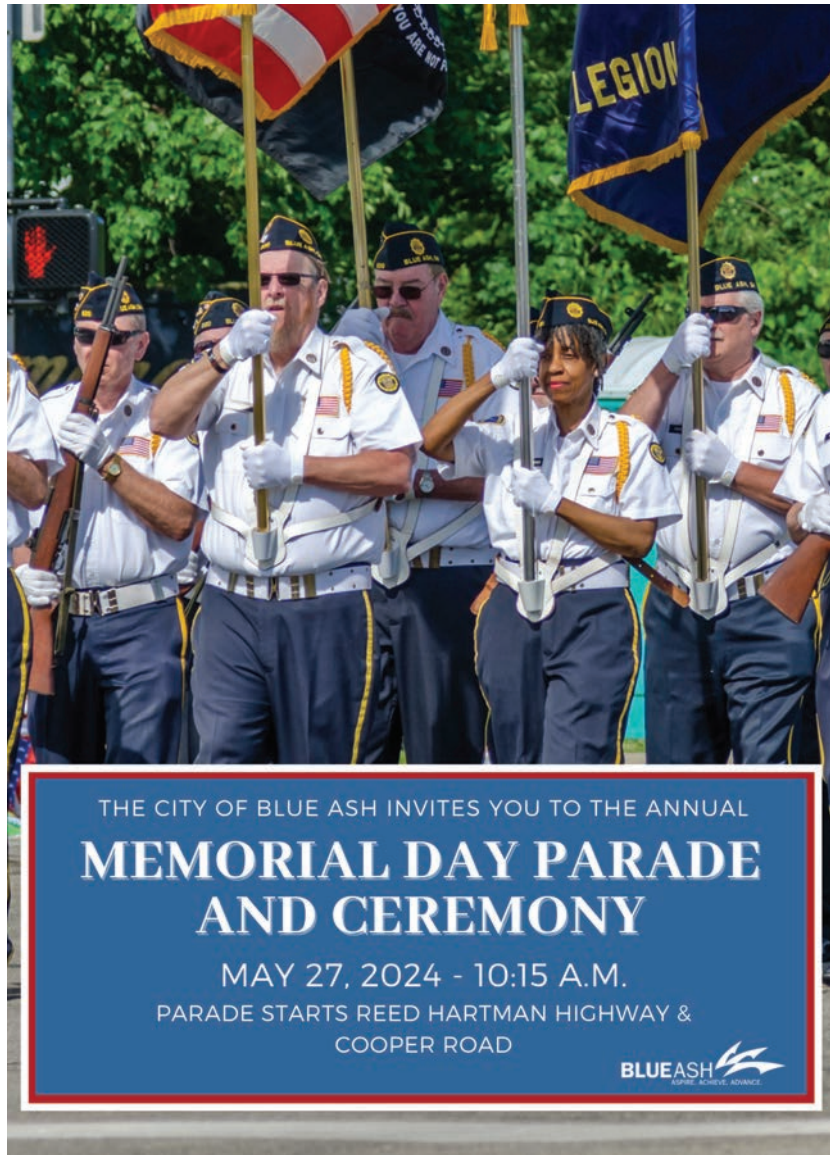
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONY

The City of Blue Ash is proud to present the **72nd annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony** on May 27, 2024.

The parade will kick off from the corner of Reed Hartman Highway and Cooper Road at 10:15 a.m. Dozens of military groups, community organizations, local businesses, and non-profits will honor service members who lost their lives serving our country, by marching with patriotic displays and music.

Due to the ongoing construction at Towne Square, the route will be modified. The parade will proceed east on Cooper to Monroe, and end in the Cancer Support Community parking lot at 4918 Cooper Road.

A ceremony will follow at approximately 11:30 a.m. in the Cancer Support Community parking lot. It will feature keynote speaker Major General (Ret) Leonard M. Randolph, Jr., M.D. He was the first African-American to be promoted to General Officer in the United States Air Force Medical Service and the first African-American to hold the position of Deputy Surgeon General in any of the military services.



BLUEASH NATURE PROGRAMS AT SUMMIT PARK

Families can get hands-on experiences with **nature at Summit Park** thanks to a partnership with Great Parks Hamilton County.

Join local wildlife experts on Bird Walks and Night Hikes, and learn about the animals and habitats at Summit Park and throughout Ohio through interactive displays.

The first event will be a Bird Walk on Sunday, May 19, at 9:00 a.m.

Some programs require registration, find out more at www.summitparkblueash.com.



CITY HIGHLIGHTS

- A slew of **Grand Openings!** There have been several ribbon-cutting ceremonies for new businesses in Blue Ash including CEI, the Cincinnati Rehabilitation Hospital (top photo), Civil and Environmental Consultants, Element Materials Technology, Gastro Health, and PreventX.
- The **HAM-Plainfield Roundabout Project** received an Honor Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies of Ohio. Public Works Director Gordon Perry received the award at a ceremony on March 14 in Columbus (center photo, right).
- The **Citizens of Blue Ash Academy** classmates had a great time learning about City Departments and getting hands-on experience with equipment and vehicles during the six-week course. Many even took a ride in the bucket of a fire truck (bottom photo).
- On April 11, the Blue Ash Police Department held a **swearing-in ceremony** for two new officers and two promotions. The new officers are Dane Billingsley and Scott Singleton. Dane Baumgartner was promoted to Lieutenant and Joey Berning was promoted to Sergeant.





PUBLIC WORKS

TOUCH-A-TRUCK!



Wednesday, May 22, 2024
4:00-7:00 p.m.
Summit Park
 4335 Glendale Milford Road, Blue Ash

FREE.
FUN FOR
THE WHOLE
FAMILY!



PUBLIC WORKS

COLORING CONTEST!

April 22 - May 12
Ages 1 - 12

More info: www.blueash.com/coloringcontest

Prizes! Fun!

THE OFFICIAL CITY OF BLUE ASH NEWSLETTER

BAFD OFFERS FLAG DISPOSAL

Do you have an old, worn, or tattered American flag? The Blue Ash Fire Department is making it easy to dispose of it properly.

There are now **flag disposal boxes** at both the North Fire Station, 10647 Kenwood Road, and South Fire Station, 4343 Cooper Road.

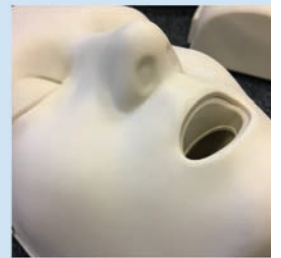


The boxes are in the foyers of both buildings and are accessible 24/7.

The flags will be retired at an upcoming ceremony organized by American Legion Post 630 and the Boy Scouts.

LEARN HOW TO SAVE A LIFE!

JOIN THE BLUE ASH FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR CPR/AED CLASSES



When: 8a-12p, 2nd Saturday of every month
Where: North Fire Station,
10647 Kenwood Road
Cost: \$25
Call: 513.745.8533 to reserve your spot!



MORE INFO: BLUEASH.COM

NOW HIRING!

- Lifeguards
- Parks Maintenance Crew
- Tennis Assistants and more!

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