

SUMMER 2019 NEWSLETTER

A new way a "round" Blue Ash Roundabout under construction; more in 2021



StructurePoint rendering of a roundabout being constructed by Al. Neyer near Summit Park.

Four roundabouts will be constructed in the coming years in Blue Ash and the city is committed to providing educational outreach, events, and programs to keep citizens informed.

Construction is expected to get underway the last week of July on a roundabout at Glendale-Milford Road and Lake Forest Drive in front of Summit Park.

Al. Neyer is constructing this roundabout as part of the Neighborhoods at Summit Park development project.

Glendale-Milford Road will remain open during the construction process. This roundabout is expected to be completed at the end of this year or early next year.

In 2021, construction is expected to begin on roundabouts at Plainfield Road and Hunt Road, Plainfield Road and Peppermill Lane, and at the entrance to the Kroger on Hunt Road. The City of Blue Ash will bring you more details on these projects in the coming months.

Roundabout education, outreach, and resources

A June 18th Public Works Department Open House regarding roundabouts was well attended with many citizens asking important questions and giving insightful feedback on the project.



The Roundabout Open House at Blue Ash Council Chambers



The golf cart roundabout course at Summit Park

Meanwhile, a golf cart-sized roundabout course, created in a parking lot at Summit Park, has been an educational and fun way for residents to learn how to drive on a multi-lane roundabout.

The course has been in use at Red, White & Blue Ash, Summit-Fest, Touch-A-Truck, and will be used at future Blue Ash events.

What is a roundabout? Are they safer than traditional intersections? How do roundabouts affect traffic congestion?

Answers to these and other questions can be found at the FAQ at our website. There are also links to several videos and educational resources regarding roundabout safety at BlueAsh.com.



Did you know?

The Blue Ash Golf Course has four acres of putting greens.
The grounds contain 1,280 sprinkler heads.
An average of 41,801 rounds of golf are played at the course annually.

***Beautiful Blue Ash:
The 2019 Beautification Award winners***



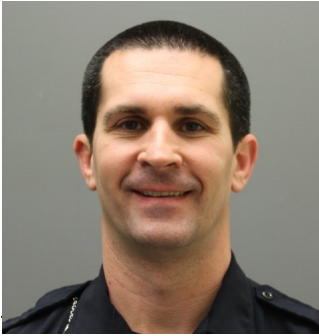
Thirty Blue Ash homes were nominated for this year's Beautification Awards. The homes were judged on general maintenance, garden variety, use of color and overall appearance. Congratulations to the 2019 Blue Ash Beautification award winners!

- **1st**—Hodovanic house, 5621 Samstone Court (top)
- **2nd**—Hankinson house, 9499 Railroad Avenue (left)
- **3rd**—Spangler house, 10883 Wengate Lane (bottom left)
- **Mayor's Choice**—Caceres house, 10350 Ryan's Way (below)

The award winners will be recognized at the September 12th City Council meeting.



Blue Ash police welcome new officers



The Blue Ash Police Department welcomed two new police officers to the force.

Dave Dungan (top) has 18 years of police experience.



Joey Berning (left) previously worked at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

Joey is also a Marine Corps Veteran.

City Council Corner



Various Blue Ash committees have new appointees. The new committee members were sworn in by Blue Ash Mayor Tom Adamec at the June 13th City Council meeting. They are Bruce Crutcher, Board of Site Arrangement/Zoning Appeals (BSA/BZA) (left), Tricia Downing, Planning Commission (center), and Yanky Perelmuter, Civil Service Commission (right). A list of additional appointees can be found at BlueAsh.com.

At the July 11 City Council meeting, councilmembers heard from numerous citizens concerned about residences being used as Airbnb properties. Councilmembers agreed to take the issue under advisement and will examine Airbnb operations in the City of Blue Ash.

City Council is also reviewing the Downtown Zoning District permitted uses (i.e. mixed-use residential, office, retail) and passed a six-month moratorium on developments in the district while it conducts the review.

Ice skating rink will return to Summit Park



Get ready for more ice skating fun at Summit Park this winter!

The ice skating rink is scheduled to be open from November 16–January 5. Hours will vary.

Admission is \$6 per person, but if you bring a group of three or more it is only \$5 per person, which includes skate rental.

Visit SummitParkBlueAsh.com for more details.



Blue Ash Mayor Tom Adamec spoke during the grand reopening of the Blue Ash Kroger on Hunt Road on July 12th.

The City of Blue Ash is active on the social networking site Nextdoor. However, as a public agency, we are unable to see content you are sharing with your neighbors. If you have a question or a concern you would like the city to address, email: communications@blueash.com



Blue Ash received the Performance award from the M.V.R.M.A. for claims year 2018.



Did you know?

The rooms at the Cooper Creek Event Center are named after famous golf courses. More than 2,200 events have been held since the opening in 2012. Cooper Creek has a five-star rating at Weddingwire.com.

Call ahead for curbside brush removal

Don't let a large pile of limbs and twigs sit on the curb or in the street. Call the Blue Ash Public Works Service Department Center to schedule a removal time. Requests for brush removal are on a call-in basis only and pickups will be scheduled for the following week.

Call 513-686-1250 to schedule your brush pick up today! Here are some recommendations to make your debris pick up go smoothly and safely:



- Have the brush to the curb by Sunday evening.
- Cut ends should face the street and brush should be in small piles.
- Brush must not be larger than 12" in diameter.
- Stumps and root systems must be detached.
- Brush consists of limbs and twigs only. It should NOT be mixed with leaves, grass, flowers, mulch, bush trimmings, fencing, nails, plastic, metal, lumber, bamboo, etc. The machine is not designed to handle those materials and could cause damage or injury.
- Brush must be placed near the edge of the street or curb within the city's right of way.
- Do not place brush in the street, on the sidewalk, near a parked car, or near a fire hydrant.

Rumpke collects brush year round on your regularly scheduled waste collection day. Brush must be cut in 6' lengths and tied in bundles, or placed in your Rumpke waste wheeler or personal garbage can. Rumpke will not collect loose piles of brush, so please place small amounts of brush in the provided waste wheeler.

Safety at Summit Park

New safety features have been installed at Summit Park.

Blue Ash firefighters, police officers, and parks employees were trained on the use of the new AEDs, or automatic external defibrillators in June.

When a user opens the kit, the AED will speak instructions and call 911. The devices explain to the user how to deliver an electric shock to the heart in case of cardiac arrest and are designed for use by anyone.

The AEDs, which can be used on adults and children, are located outside near the Summit Park glass canopy and the Children's Nature Playscape.

They will withstand inclement weather and operate during power outages. Summit Park is the third park in Ohio to have the kits installed by Firefighter Safe, based in Centerville, Ohio.



Blue Ash Fire Department accepting Sycamore Bridges donations



The Blue Ash Fire Department is now accepting donations for the Sycamore Bridges program, a non-profit organization which links those in need to those willing to help.

The program is organized by the Sycamore Community School District. Community advocates serve as bridges between the donors and those seeking assistance.

All requests for donations are kept anonymous and approved through a local organizer. Once approved, requests are posted on the Neighborhood Bridges website and sent in an email to subscribers and potential donors. Recent requests in participating communities included a single father in need of a vacuum, youth tennis rackets for a school summer lunch program, and gift card donations for a family who lost everything in a fire.

The Neighborhood Bridges program began in the Columbus-area in 2017 and currently serves 12 communities in Ohio and Alabama. Requested donations only will be accepted from 8:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily at the North Fire Station at 10647 Kenwood Rd. For more information send an email to sycamore@neighborhoodbridges.org.

New recycling program in Blue Ash

 **LET YOUR CLOTHING BE LOVED AGAIN**



Need additional bags? Visit www.SimpleRecycling.com
Call 866.835.5068 or email info@simplerecycling.com



simple recycling

A convenient curbside collection program for pre-loved clothing, shoes & accessories

WITHOUT SIMPLE RECYCLING, 85% OF ALL CLOTHING ENDS UP IN LANDFILLS. ONLY 15% GETS RECYCLED OR DONATED

STEP 1 Place this bag in your closet and fill it with clothing & shoes

STEP 2 Set your bags out bright and early on your regular collection day

STEP 3 Our friendly drivers will pick up your bags and leave replacement bags behind

The City of Blue Ash is pleased to announce a new way to recycle your clothing, shoes and accessories.

Starting in July, Simple Recycling began coming through city streets on waste collection day to pick up pre-loved clothing, shoes, and accessories.

This convenient and easy service will reduce the amount of clothing and other items which end up in landfills.

Bags should be kept separate from the trash to assure proper collection.

Certain restrictions and rules apply. Visit SimpleRecycling.com for details.

More good news in Blue Ash

For more information these stories and more, visit www.blueash.com



2019
CERTIFICATE of EXCELLENCE



tripadvisor

Summit Park has been honored with a 2019 Certificate of Excellence from the travel website TripAdvisor.

The recognition is based on consistently great reviews from visitors and is only given to approximately 10 percent of businesses.

The Nature Playscape at Summit Park is on the list of the best places for children to “stomp, romp and splash around,” with “next-level creek stomping,” according to Cincinnati Parent Magazine.

Thank you to all the visitors who support Summit Park and have taken the time to give positive reviews.

A Florida boy on a mission to thank police officers across the country brought his message of appreciation, and donuts, to the Blue Ash Police Department.

Tyler Carach, 11, has been delivering donuts to police departments across the country as part of his “I DONUT need a reason to THANK a cop” mission.

Carach brought dozens of delicious donuts to Blue Ash police officers on July 5th, courtesy of Bonnie Lynn Bakery.

So far, he has delivered nearly 90,000 donuts to officers in 47 states.



Did you know?

The Blue Ash Sports Center has 11 baseball fields and two soccer fields.
It is home to the replica of the famous Crosley Field.
It has been in operation since 1987.

Blue Ash Police and Fire Departments to hold open houses



On September 18th, the Blue Ash Police Department will hold its annual Open House.

The event will include the Honor Guard, police department tours, crime prevention information, equipment demonstration, police vehicle displays, and much more.

The Open House is from 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. at the police department at 4343 Cooper Road.

The Blue Ash Fire Department is holding its annual Open House on October 10th from 5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. at the North Firehouse at 10647 Kenwood Road.

This year's theme is "Not every hero wears a cape. Plan and practice your escape."



At a Glance: Blue Ash Community Calendar

Now—October 2, Wednesdays: **Farmers Market**
3:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Summit Park.

Now—August 20, Tuesdays: **Mio's Summer Concert Series***
7:00 p.m. —9:00 p.m. Blue Ash Nature Park.

Now—August 23, Fridays: **Mio's Summer Concert Series***
8:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m. Blue Ash Towne Square.

September 5—September 26, Thursdays. **Mio's Summer Concert Series*** 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Summit Park.

August 10: **13th Annual Blue Ash and Untouchables Classic Car Show**
10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Due to construction, the event will be located at Summit Park, but will return to Hazelwood in 2020. Registration 9:00 a.m. \$10 fee.

August 11: **Blue Ash Day at Great American Ball Park** 1:10 p.m. Save 30% on tickets. (see back page for more info)

August 15: **Stargazing with the Cincinnati Observatory** 8:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m. Summit Park.

August 24: **Beats, Arts & Eats** 3:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Blue Ash Towne Square. (info page 7)

September 1: **BAMSO Labor Day Concert** 7:00 p.m. Blue Ash Towne Square.

September 18: **Annual Blue Ash Police Department Open House** 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. 4343 Cooper Road. (see story above)

October 10: **Annual Blue Ash Fire Department Open House** 5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. North Firehouse 10647 Kenwood Road. (see story above)

October 26: **Halloween Walk in the Woods** 12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Blue Ash Nature Center.

October 31: **Halloween Trick-or-Treat** 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.



All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Visit blueashevents.com for updates and changes.
*See Summer Concert Series flyer (page 7) for artist and performance information.

Beats, Arts & Eats returns to Towne Square



Come celebrate the arts with live music, food and drinks at Blue Ash Towne Square on August 24th from 3:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Beats, Arts & Eats will feature free entertainment and an exciting celebration of the arts through the sounds of local music, culinary experiences and on-site exhibits.

Beats, Arts & Eats features a performance by The McCartney Project from 6:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Summit Park fun and fitness

Summit Park in Blue Ash is the place to be for charity events and activities!

The Hike for Hospice is on September 7th from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. and the Ovarian Teal Power 5K is on September 14 from 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Summit Park, located at 4335 Glendale Milford Road, also hosts free fitness classes Sunday through Thursday. No registration is required.

- **9:00 a.m. Sundays** – now through September 29 - Yoga provided by Body Alive
- **10:15 a.m. Sundays** – now through September 20 - Zumba provided by Lori Kaufman
- **5:30 p.m. Mondays** – now through August 26 - H.I.I.T. provided by Body Alive
- **5:30 p.m. Tuesdays** – now through August 27 - Crossfit provided by Blue Ash Crossfit
- **5:30 p.m. Wednesdays** – now through October 2 - Yoga provided by Stacy Shirley
- **5:30 p.m. Thursdays** – now through August 29 - 9Round Kickboxing provided by 9Round

Check summitparkblueash.com for changes and additions to the event and fitness schedule.

For the full list of recreational activities and events, pick up a copy of the Blue Ash Summer Activity Guide at the recreation center at 4433 Cooper Road.



2019 Blue Ash Summer Concert Series

TUESDAYS 7 - 9PM		FRIDAYS 8 - 11PM	
BLUE ASH NATURE PARK		BLUE ASH TOWNE SQUARE	
June 4	The Klüberheads	June 14	Robin Lacy & DeZydeco
June 11	Sycamore Community Band	June 21	DV8
June 18	Blair Carman & The Belleview Boys	June 28	3 Piece Revival**
June 25	UC Community Band	July 5	NO CONCERT
July 2	NO CONCERT	July 12	Forever Diamond
July 9	Ricky Nye Inc.	July 19	The Everyday People Band**
July 16	Mickey James & the Queen City Crew	July 26	Hotel California
July 23	Pete Wagner Band	August 2	Cherry On Top
July 30	Monday Night Big Band	August 9	The Soul Pocket Band
August 6	Queen City Sisters	August 16	The Sonny Moorman Group
August 13	The Hot Magnolias	August 23	The Remains
August 20	P&G Big Band	**Craft Menagerie Concert Along with the normal Friday Night Concert, art & craft vendors will be joining us beginning at 7PM to showcase their work.	

THURSDAYS 6 - 8PM SUMMIT PARK	
September 5	Buffalo Wabs & The Price Hill Hustle
September 12	Tracy Walker
September 19	Anna & The Deeper Well
September 26	Honey & Houston

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 24
3-9PM**



All concerts are held outdoors, rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather, the event staff will determine if the concert should be cancelled. Cancelled concerts are NOT rescheduled or moved indoors.

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*Thank you for attending another
spectacular Red, White & Blue Ash*



Thousands of people gathered on July 4th for another extraordinary Independence Day at Summit Park in Blue Ash.

Red, White & Blue Ash is a way for the city to give back to the community, and we thank you for enjoying the safe and spectacular concert and fireworks with your neighbors, family and friends.

Thank you to our event sponsors: Toyota, MSA Design, Warm 98.5 and Kroger.