

SUMMER 2016 NEWSLETTER

SUMMIT PARK TO DO LIST

- ☒ Playground
- ☒ Great Lawn
- ☒ Stage
- ☒ Dog Park
- ☒ Canopy
- ☒ Community Building
- ☐ Restaurant Building
- ☐ Observation Tower
- ☐ Sledding Hill
- ☐ Pond and Stream System

PHASE II: COMPLETE

On July 14, 2016, Blue Ash City Council, administration, residents, and business owners all gathered under the Canopy to celebrate the completion of Phase II of Summit Park. Phase II included the Canopy and the Community Building. At the ribbon cutting ceremony, participants enjoyed food from Brown Dog Café, and desserts from Nanny Belle's while sitting underneath the Canopy on the lawn furniture.

The Canopy is the "front door" to the park. It serves as a connector between the two buildings, and can be used as a weather barrier from extreme sun or precipitation when necessary.

The Community Building, home of Brown Dog Café, is designed to be used as a meeting space for Blue Ash residents and businesses, and the central office for Summit Park operations. The Community Building's namesake is the room directly behind Brown Dog Café. This is a rentable room that can be used for corporate events, birthday parties, or other gatherings. Reservations are made with Cooper Creek Event Center staff, and catering by Brown Dog Café is completely customizable.

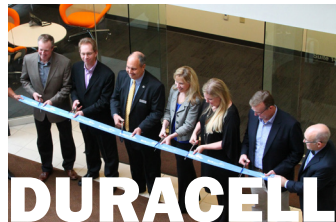
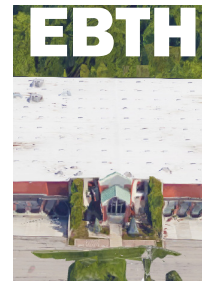
Nanny Belle's is now open! The ice cream shop is marked by its family atmosphere and delicious desserts. Its door (and walk-up window) face the Canopy, opposite from Brown Dog Café. It's the perfect place for a cool treat on the hot days toward the end of summer, especially during a concert or the Farmers' Market!

Later this summer, Blue Ash will host the annual Taste of Blue Ash at Summit Park on August 26-28. The food festival will boast 21 vendors from the area, as well as 5 national music artists.



Congratulations to Growing Businesses

Blue Ash has seen an exceptional amount of economic growth from our local businesses. The City has celebrated with companies as they break ground on their first buildings, cut ribbons for completed projects, begin formal operations, or commit to moving to Blue Ash. The companies and organizations that call Blue Ash home excel in the global market, bringing great pride to the entire region.



Development on Former Airport Property

Al.Neyer, the developer of the 98-acre property adjacent to Summit Park on the former runway, has given the City preliminary plans for the space. They have 6 major goals for the use of the land. Find out more specific details and the full submission on blueash.com.

- 1** Leverage the Value of Summit Park
- 2** Create a Diverse Mix of Uses with Shared Infrastructure
- 3** Provide a Walkable/Bikeable Street Network
- 4** Provide Multiple Ways to Get Around
- 5** Establish a Sufficient Critical Mass of Residents
- 6** Connect to Surrounding Development Areas and the City



Blue Ash Response to National Police Turmoil

In a letter written to all Blue Ash police officers, Chief Paul Hartinger said, “Thank you - all of you - for maintaining your professionalism, motivation, drive, and will to continue to provide superior services to this community despite the national concerns...”

The Blue Ash community has rallied around the men and women in uniform in a beautiful way. Residents, business owners, and people who simply drive through Blue Ash have expressed their deep gratitude to the department in the form of treats, notes, and social media shout outs.

In particular, administrators at Ethicon met with Chief Hartinger to discuss their desire for a strong relationship with the department. Ethicon invited everyone at BAPD to their facility for breakfast or lunch. Their goal is to foster a connection between the officers and the employees that will reach beyond the walls of their facility. They encourage their employees to go home and talk with their families about the friendships built with law enforcement officers.

When asked what BAPD will change in reaction to the recent violence against officers, Chief Hartinger said, “What we already have in place does not need repair - we’ve done an outstanding job of establishing and continuing to foster great relations with the community, in all that we do.”

Blue Ash Police Department Swears In Two New Officers

Even during this time of turmoil for police officers, two brave men made the decision to join Blue Ash officers to protect this community. On Monday, July 11, 2016 at 1:30 PM, Mayor Lee Czerwonka swore in Chady Chahine and Mark Owens as official police officers. From there, they began their 14-week field training where they learn the ins-and-outs of the Blue Ash policing system. Both new officers hail from the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office, where Officer Owens was assigned to road patrol in the western part of the county and Officer Chahine was assigned to the jail, where he also worked as a jail investigator.

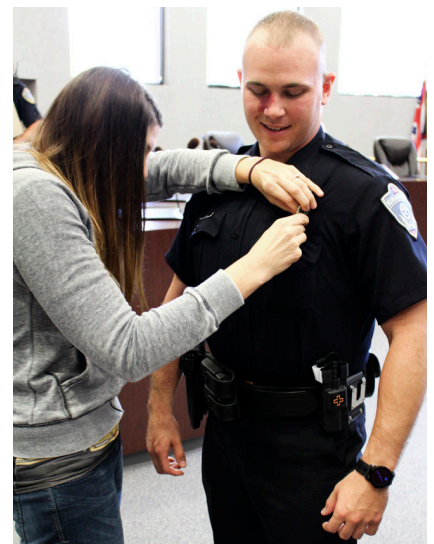
These two men were chosen out of a pool of about 200 because of their integrity, courage, and compassion. The combination of their experience and energy will help propel the department toward successful community-police relations, which is vital in light of recent events.



Blue Ash Police Officer Chady Chahine smiles as his brother, Bilal, pins his badge onto his uniform.



Blue Ash Police Officer Mark Owens proudly wears his new badge, affixed by his fiancé.



Duke Pipeline Update

Blue Ash residents should be aware that Duke Energy is proposing a natural gas pipeline project from the Mason area to the Norwood area. The project is called the Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project and has the potential to be located in Blue Ash. Duke Energy, as well as the Ohio Power Siting Board and the Ohio Public Utilities Commission are the organizations which have oversight in this project. The City of Blue Ash, as a municipal government, does not play a role in the decision of the placement of the pipeline. However, Blue Ash City Council has taken a number of action steps toward opposing the project by:



Ongoing through the entire process, City administration and Council have been communicating with State Representatives, redoubling efforts with other communities, and conducting the economic development impact reviews. More information about the timeline can be found at blueash.com, as well as the documents that were mentioned above, like the Resolution, motion, and letters.

Blue Ash Historical Society

October 8, 2016

1:00-3:00 PM

Carpenter's Run Pioneer Cemetery Tour

Join the Historical Society as they travel back in time to reenact the lives of the residents of Carpenter's Run Pioneer Cemetery. James Carpenter arrived in Cincinnati in 1788. He purchased the first settlement in Blue Ash was known as Carpenter's Run. It seems James and Mary Craig Carpenter never lived on the land, but their daughter married Isaac Hunt, and they lived on the land.

Also, it has been 10 years since the Hunt House was opened to the public. Many guests have taken a step back in time, and this calls for a celebration. The December Open House will be one you won't want to miss. For more information, visit www.blueashhistoricalsociety.org.



The Blue Ash Historical Society is dedicated to collecting, preserving, and telling the story of Blue Ash and its citizens, from the first pioneer family that arrived in 1791 to the 12,000 who call it home today. The group meets monthly on the second Thursday of each month at the Blue Ash Recreation Center.

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August 26, 27 & 28, 2016



The City of Blue Ash's premiere event featuring various types of cuisine from local restaurants, entertainment, festival rides, games and more!

Entertainment Schedule

Fri, Aug. 26

6 - 11 PM

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Best of Taste Competition

6:30 PM

The Steppin Stones

9:00 PM

Starship feat. Mickey Thomas

Sat, Aug. 27

2 - 11 PM

6:30 PM

Lamps & Voids

9:00 PM

3 Doors Down

Sun, Aug. 28

2 - 9 PM

5:00 PM

Parmalee

7:30 PM

Easton Corbin

Alfio's Buon Cibo Bangkok Terrace Bistro at Double Tree
Budina Noodle & Rice Busken Bakery Cafe Mediterranean
Cazadores City Barbeque Cuban Pete Sandwiches
Culver's Delicio Coal Fired Pizza Dingle House Graeter's
J.Gumbo's Mama Mimi's Nanny Belle's Qdoba
Skyline The Cincinnati Grill The Melting Pot Vonderhaar's



Summit Park



POLICE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, September 14

5:00-8:00 PM

Blue Ash Police Department

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The Blue Ash Police Department will host its annual Open House on September 14. The event will feature station tours, crime prevention information, vehicle displays, equipment demonstrations, Hamilton County SWAT and Bomb Squad, TriHealth Safe Communities, K-9 demonstrations, and some food compliments of Donatos Pizza on Kenwood Road, and Whit's Frozen Custard. The event is free and open to the public.



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BEATS, ARTS, & EATS

Saturday, October 1

3:00-9:00 PM

Blue Ash Towne Square

Taste the flavors of local foods, wine, and craft beer. Experience local art through music and displays of area artists who will also be selling their wares. This year's event will have the biggest vendor turnout with nearly 30 artists, food trucks, and music.

PLANT SWAP

Wednesday, October 5

3:30-7:00 PM

Summit Park

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The annual Blue Ash Plant Swap will happen this year at the second-to-last Farmers' Market. This event works by Blue Ash residents bringing a plant from their own gardens and swapping with someone else. You will also have the option to swap with some plants from the City's Parks Department!



PAWS IN THE PARK

Saturday, October 8
12:00-3:00 PM
Summit Park

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Grab your four-legged friend and head down to Summit Park for an afternoon filled with dog gone fun! Obstacle courses, dock diving, demonstrations, and dog-friendly vendors will all be available at this free event!

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FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, October 11
5:00-7:45 PM
North Fire Station

The Blue Ash Fire Department will host its annual Open House on October 11. There will be tours of the building, mini obstacle courses, free Skyline, time to explore the trucks, and access to talk to as many firemen and women as possible. The event always ends with a controlled burn. A firefighter explains everything that is happening and encourages the audience to remember the fundamentals they were taught in the open house. Again, the event is free and open to the public.



HALLOWEEN WALK IN THE WOODS

Saturday, October 22
12:00-3:00 PM
Blue Ash Nature Park

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Get dressed up early for Halloween this year and spend the afternoon trick-or-treating at the Blue Ash Nature Park! The park is filled with our animal friends and hopefully they give you more treats than tricks! This event is geared towards children 10 and under, and is free and open to the public!





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Congratulations to the 2015 Beautification Contest Winners!

The City received nominations for this year's Beautification Awards and the Beautification Committee has selected four winners. The Mayor has chosen one. Congratulations to the owners of these lovely homes and a big thanks to all participants who make Blue Ash a beautiful place to live.

C 4709 Belleview Avenue
Clark Residence

H 5621 Samstone Court
Hodovanic Residence

G 5259 Kenridge Drive
entry Residence

C 9457 Tramwood Court
hua Residence

The Mayor's Choice Award

The Bork Residence

10243 Kenwood Road

"The Bork residence was the winner because they have a beautiful property that is consistently well-maintained. Everything was lovely - from the style of the home, to the manicured landscaping and additional flowers. The home truly looks beautiful in every season."

-Lee Czerwonka, Mayor of Blue Ash