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Summit Park Phase 1 Groundbreaking Event June 13



Ground will soon be broken on the new Summit Park, located at the corner of Glendale Milford and Plainfield Road. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for June 13th at 5:30 PM.

The main portion of Phase 1 will include infrastructure of the park. This will consist of site demolition and clearing, earthwork, and utilities installation (water, sewer, storm, gas, and electrical). The work will begin in June to lay a base for further construction. Soon after, hardscapes will begin to appear throughout the park, which includes sidewalks, curbs, pavement, and walking/biking paths. Turner Construction plans on utilizing existing paths for connectivity throughout the park to surrounding areas. The hard surfaces will be a combination of concrete and asphalt, including 180 parking spots to gradually be added. This work is expected to begin around July.

Landscapes will also be a major component of Phase 1, adding to the overall aesthetics of the park. Irrigation, seeding, pond construction, landscaping, a sledding hill, great lawn and other turf, along with a discovery play area with structured and open play features are included. The irrigation of the great lawn will come from a newly construed large pond.

As the park matures over the years, the great lawn is expected to be surrounded by tree lined sidewalks and gardens. This area will open to the main stage, an area for potential, future large events. Future phasing of the park will include a community building, canopy, restaurant building, market & wine garden, fountain, observation tower and stage, and other future improvements to the active zone and rustic areas.

The Phase 1 bid schedule is anticipated to be 12-18 months in duration. Phase 2, which is construction of the pavilion, stage, canopy, and more hardscapes, is anticipated to begin in 2014. More specifics about the park and different zones can be found at the City's main website, blueash.com, where continuous updates on construction will be posted.

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Fire Department Receives Two Grants to Prevent Personnel Injuries

The City of Blue Ash's Fire Department recently received an \$11,900 grant award from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) allowing the department to purchase three PowerTraxx Stair Chairs. These chairs are designed with a special motorized track that grips stairs, allowing EMS personnel to glide the chair up and down stairs.

The purchase of the PowerTraxx Stair Chairs will help reduce the amount of manual lifting, pushing, and pulling by Blue Ash EMS staff maneuvering up and down stairs in residents' homes, businesses and apartment complexes, as well as exterior stairs of properties in the City. These chairs allow personnel to avoid unusual angles, positions, and body postures while transporting patients to a medic unit. Additionally, the chairs will also improve productivity and the safety of City personnel, as well as ensure the safety and efficiency transport of medical patients.

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BAPD Presents A.L.I.C.E. Training



Lt. Joe Boyatt gives an A.L.I.C.E. presentation to City of Blue Ash employees earlier in 2013

The City of Blue Ash's Police Department (BAPD) is giving the public an opportunity to better prepare themselves in case of a violent attack.

As part of the Community Café Series, the Blue Ash Recreation Center will host a free A.L.I.C.E. presentation by BAPD on Wednesday, June 12 at 7 PM. The program will take place in the Blue Ash Café and is open to the public. The program is primarily geared towards teens and adults.

The A.L.I.C.E. program aims to help prepare ordinary citizens, including students, on how to respond should they find themselves in the middle of a violent attack. A.L.I.C.E. stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate.

An Alert is broadcast to give employees a chance to Lockdown. The staff is Informed of the nature and location of the attack. Simultaneously, a 9-1-1 call is made. Employees learn how to Counterattack should they be in a position that prohibits Evacuation.

In 2009, the U.S. Department of Justice estimated that 4 violent crimes for every 1,000 employed persons were committed while the victims were at work. While most businesses offer Employee Assistance Programs (E.A.P's) to employees struggling with difficulties in their lives, other preemptive measures can be taken to prepare before a violent attack takes place.

BAPD has 5 officers who are trained as A.L.I.C.E. instructors and offer free programs to public and private businesses, schools, places of worship, and other locations in Blue Ash. The basics of the program last 60-90 minutes and includes a PowerPoint, handout material, discussion, and (if time permits) practical role playing exercises.

Lieutenant Joe Boyatt received his A.L.I.C.E. instructor training in November 2010, and Sergeant Ed Charron was trained as an instructor in 2011. Most recently, 3 additional BAPD officers have become A.L.I.C.E. certified instructors in 2013.

BAPD has worked with Montgomery Police Department to present the A.L.I.C.E. program at Sycamore Schools, and Ursuline Academy will soon have A.L.I.C.E. trained teachers/administrators as well. To learn more or to schedule a program, contact Lt. Joe Boyatt at (513) 745-8555.



New Businesses in Blue Ash

In the past few months, the City of Blue Ash has welcomed a few new businesses. This includes:

- Sedgwick CMS – moved to Lake Forest Drive in March
- Saatchi & Saatchi X – moved to Alliance Road in March
- Omya – will move into a new research and development facility on Millington Court later this year
- Catholic Health Partners – moved to McAuley Place in April
- L.M. Kohn & Company – moved to Hawthorne Center in May

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Currently, the department dispatches additional personnel from an engine company to assist the medical crew if they cannot physically lift and carry patients up or down stairs. However, assistance may not always be available due to other emergencies. Likewise, dispatching additional assistance for this purpose means that other units become unavailable for additional emergency responses in the community.

The new PowerTraxx Stair Chairs will allow paramedic unit personnel to safely and more rapidly move patients up or down stairs, while also reducing the need to take other emergency units out of service, keeping them available for emergency responses.



The Fire Department also learned early in May that it will be granted an additional \$24,470 from the Ohio BWC to purchase two LUCAS 2's and a ROLLNRACK Hose Roller.

The LUCAS 2 provides uninterrupted chest compressions at a consistent rate and depth, following American Heart Guidelines, during cardiac arrest incidents. This equipment also helps reduce the amount of manual pushing and pulling motions associated with performing CPR by EMS staff, which not only benefits the patient but also Blue Ash paramedics by reducing fatigue and lower back injuries associated with prolonged manual chest compressions. Additionally, the LUCAS 2 will reduce the interruptions



associated with transferring patients in narrow hallways, doors, and into the back of an ambulance while greatly reducing the risk of a fall injury during transport. Currently, effective CPR performance requires paramedics to be unbelted in the back of the ambulance while transporting patients to the hospital.

The ROLLNRACK Hose Roller system will help reduce the likelihood of injuries associated with lifting large, heavy, wet hoses. Firefighters are required to drain water from the hose, roll the hose, move the hose back to the apparatus and load the hose onto the truck. Just one 100' section of the 5" diameter hose weighs 113 pounds without water. In total, the fire department carries 1000' of 5" supply hose on each of its 4 apparatuses with pumping capabilities. Aside from its use on large fire scenes where multiple hose lines are used to extinguish a fire, the Fire Department tests all of its hoses each year to assure the hose is in compliance with NFPA standards. The ROLLNRACK will help BAFD be more efficient in its operations, as well as help reduce potential injuries.



Fire Lieutenant Mike Bilkasley applied for both Safety Intervention Grants on behalf of the department, saving the City a total of \$36,370 and helping ensure the safety of all BAFD personnel while on the job.

Mio's Pizzeria 2013 Summer Concert Series



Come enjoy FREE live music in the City of Blue Ash with concerts on Tuesday and Friday nights this summer and Thursday afternoons in the fall!

Tuesday Concerts IN THE PARK

Concerts are held in the Blue Ash
Nature Park Amphitheatre
4433 Cooper Road

TUESDAY CONCERTS IN THE PARK

June 4	Maple Knoll Big Band	Big Band	7:00 PM
June 11	Sycamore Community Band	Community Band	7:00 PM
June 18	Sound Body Jazz Orchestra	Jazz Band	7:00 PM
June 25	Miami Steel Band	Steel Band	7:00 PM
July 2	Cincinnati Elvis & Sinatra	Elvis & Sinatra style	7:00 PM
July 9	Ricky Nye, Inc.	Boggie Jazz	7:00 PM
July 16	Frank Simon Band	Concert Band	7:00 PM
July 23	The Klüberheads	Variety	7:00 PM
July 30	UC Community Band	Community Band	7:00 PM
August 6	Monday Night Big Band	Big Band	7:00 PM
August 13	Pete Wagner Band	Concert Variety	7:00 PM
August 20	P&G Big Band	Big Band	7:00 PM

Friday Nights ON THE SQUARE

Concerts are held on Blue Ash
Towne Square, Hunt & Cooper Rds.

FRIDAY NIGHTS ON THE SQUARE

May 31	The Soul Pocket Band	R&B	8:00 PM
June 7	DV8	Oldies/Rock	8:00 PM
June 14	Forever Diamond	Neil Diamond Tribute	8:00 PM
June 21	Boo Radley	80's & 90's	8:00 PM
June 28	Jersey	Bruce Springsteen	8:00 PM
July 12	The Modulators	Eclectic	8:00 PM
July 19	Stagger Lee	Country Rock	8:00 PM
July 26	Ooh La La	Oldies	8:00 PM
August 2	The Danny Frazier Band	Country Rock	8:00 PM
August 9	My Sister Sarah	80's, 90's and more	8:00 PM
August 16	The Remains	British Rock, Oldies	8:00 PM

THURSDAY LUNCH CONCERTS

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Sept 6	Anna & Milovan	Solo-acoustical music	12:00 PM
Sept 13	Cat & The Canary	Solo-acoustical music	12:00 PM
Sept 20	John Ford	Solo-acoustical music	12:00 PM
Sept 27	Bacchanal Steel Band	Solo-acoustical music	12:00 PM

Promotions in the Police Department



Chief Chris Wallace retired after 36 years of service

In recent months, multiple changes have occurred in the Blue Ash Police Department. With many retirements of Veteran officers, the structure of the command staff has changed considerably.

Captain James Schaffer retired March 1st after 26 years with the Police Department, and Lieutenant Richard Riley was promoted to Police Captain effective March 16th. Captain Riley has been with the department since 1989 and was promoted to Lieutenant in 2008.

Chief Chris Wallace retired May 10th after 36 years with the City, and Lieutenant Paul Hartinger was promoted to Police Chief effective May 11th. Lieutenant Hartinger has been with the department since 1989 and was also promoted to Lieutenant in 2008.

Other transitions included Sergeant Joe Boyatt's promotion to Police Lieutenant on March 16th, and Detective Rob Gerhardt and Police Officer Allison Schlie's promotions to Police Sergeant in March and April. Congratulations to all!



Police Chief Paul Hartinger being sworn-in by Mayor Mark Weber



Captain Richard Riley being sworn-in by Mayor Mark Weber



Lieutenant Joe Boyatt being sworn-in by Mayor Mark Weber

Paving/Sidewalk Projects

In the next few months, a number of projects will be the main focus of the Public Works Department. Sidewalks will be constructed in the following areas:

- Cooper Road
- Plainfield to Waxwing
- Reed Hartman Highway
- Osborne to Cornell
- Plainfield Road (Bike Path)
- Cooper to Glendale-Milford



In addition to the new sidewalks, the 2013 Paving Program will revamp many roads in the City. This work includes curbs, catch basins, ADA ramps, mill & fill (Deerfield Road, Corporate Drive, Ashfield Drive, CEI Drive, Old Plainfield Road) and crack sealing (Luschek Drive, Bluewing Terrace, Waxwing Drive, Lobelia Drive, Southgate Drive). Carver Road will also be reconstructed in the summer months, which will include a complete rebuild and a new sidewalk on the northwest side.

Lastly, the City of Blue Ash will be utilizing a "design-build" construction method for the removal of fuel underground storage tanks (UST), and replacement with above ground tanks (AST) in upcoming months. The design-build method is new to smaller municipalities in Ohio. On June 30, 2011, Ohio Governor John Kasich signed into law HB 153. HB 153 allows alternative delivery methods, such as design-build ("D/B"). Design-build allows construction to be fast-tracked without loss of cost control since the contractor cannot claim that it did not know how its own Architect/Engineer (A/E) teammate would complete the detailing of the plans. It allows prices and budgets to be determined at an early stage with cost input given constantly to the design professional so that the completed plans can be built within the budget. Blue Ash looks forward to implementing this new construction method for this project.

***The Blue Ash Golf Course
will feature a variety of
Golf programs during
the summer season!***

**BEGINNER LADIES CLINIC:
INTRODUCTION TO GOLF**

Fee: \$50 (3 clinics) or \$20 per clinic
Tuesdays, 6:00 PM
June 18 – Course Etiquette and
Scramble

INTRODUCTION TO GOLF

Ages 6-11
Introductory golf clinic for junior golfers
Fee: \$60
Wednesdays, 9:00 AM
Session 1: June 5 – June 26
Session 2: July 10 – July 31

COUPLES EVENT

All skill levels
Fee: \$40 per person
includes golf, food, & drinks
Fridays, 6:00 PM
June 28, July 26



**Thursday, July 4
4:00 - 10:35 PM
Summit Park**

Come celebrate Independence Day with The Biggest & Best Fireworks in the tri-state area simulcast to music from WARM 98! Also featuring Free National entertainment, Family Fun Area, Food and Beverage Vendors and more!



**MIDNIGHT SPECIAL
5:30 PM**



**FOREIGNER
8:15 PM**



**FIREWORKS
10:00 PM**

Presented By



**Join the Sandtrap Grill for
HAPPY HOUR!**

Every Friday from 4-8 PM
Featuring \$2 drafts, \$5 pitchers,
and great deals on appetizers!



Live Music June 17, July 26,
August 9, 16, and 30!



**BLUE ASH
GOLF COURSE**

GO WEST! AT THE BLUE ASH/MONTGOMERY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S JULY 3 CONCERT

Beginning Montgomery's annual celebration of the Glorious Fourth will be the July 3 Independence Day Concert in Montgomery Park performed by the Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra. This 7:30 PM concert, sponsored by Twin Lakes at Montgomery, will start the festivities off on the right note!



The concert's theme – Go West! – celebrates some of the most iconic music of the American west. The Orchestra will play music by Aaron Copeland and Elmer Bernstein; Western songs like Ghost Riders in the Sky and Wildfire. The audience will participate as well in a sing-along featuring rousing tunes like I've Been Working on the Railroad, Home on the Range, and other childhood favorites. It's bound to be a lot of fun.

The concert is free and open to the public. Food and drink will be available at booths manned by members of various local organizations. The Orchestra appreciates the support provided by the City of Blue Ash, the City of Montgomery, ArtsWave, the Kindel Memorial Fund, the Cambre Memorial Endowment and the Ohio Arts Council, as well as that of advertisers, sponsors and individual contributors.

BLUE ASH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

Larry Bresko, President of the Blue Ash Business Association presented \$2000.00 checks to Scholarship winners Brandon Bauer and Alana Miller at the Association's monthly meeting, May 2. Both students are Blue Ash residents and graduates of Sycamore High



Left to right: Brenda Fisher, Sycamore H.S. counselor; Brandon Bauer; Alana Miller; Vince Rahnfeld, Sycamore H.S. counselor; Renee Hevia, Sycamore H.S. Assistant Principal

School. Brandon plans to pursue an ongoing fascination with space travel and study aerospace engineering at Cleveland State in the fall. One of his career goals is to design passenger space shuttles. Alana plans to study Marketing at Ohio State in the fall. Her career goal is hospitality industry management. The Blue Ash Business Association awards college/technical school scholarships to deserving high school seniors who live or work in Blue Ash. For more information about the Association and its activities please visit their website www.babusiness.org.

TORNADO RELIEF

Matthew 25: Ministries' shipped over 60,000 pounds of relief supplies for residents of Oklahoma, after a deadly tornado struck the City of Moore on Monday, May 20th. Matthew 25: Ministries' Disaster Response team left on Tuesday, May 21 with the first shipment of disaster relief supplies. A semi tractor-trailer filled with additional supplies departed for Moore later that same day. Matthew 25 works with disaster relief partner Procter & Gamble to send relief products, including P&G personal care and household brands to those in the affected communities. These initial shipments included basic relief supplies such as personal care kits, blankets, tarps, beverages, paper products, diapers, wipes and more than 90,000 of Matthew 25: Ministries' rice/soy meals.

A second semi of aid departed on Thursday, May 23, and included donations from generous Cincinnati donors such as paper products, personal care items, baby products, cleaning supplies, food and water. The shipment also included baby blankets and personal care kits. "Matthew 25: Ministries and our local partners will work tirelessly to help the families and people of Moore to recover from this disaster," says M25M's Disaster Relief Coordinator and CEO Tim Mettey. "We are here to support them and will continue to be there for them as long as we are needed." For more information on how you can help, visit www.m25m.org.

MEDICAL MISSION TRIP TO HAITI

Matthew 25: Ministries departed for its annual mission trip to Haiti on April 19th. This year's relief team consists of Matthew 25: Ministries staff, led by CEO and Disaster Relief Coordinator Tim Mettey, a team of volunteer medical professionals and representatives from Cintas Corporation and Cintas' Clothe the Kids Program. The Matthew 25: Ministries team will provide clothing to more than 200 orphans, medical care to approximately 400 children and adults and feed over 400 people while on the ground in Haiti.

ARINGTON GOLF CLASSIC BENEFITING MATTHEW 25: MINISTRIES



The 2013 Brandicorp / Arington Foundation Golf Classic benefiting Matthew 25: Ministries is scheduled for Monday, July 22. The event will be held at TPC River's Bend, one of the top country clubs in the Midwest. The golf format will be a four-person scramble, with rounds in both the morning and afternoon. The cost to participate is \$500 per person or \$2,000 per foursome. Various sponsorship opportunities are available. Register today at www.arington.org

Blue Ash Visits Sister City in Ilmenau, Germany

The City of Blue Ash recently paid a visit to its Sister City of Ilmenau, Germany. Delegates spent a week in the European city, located in the central portion of Germany. Led by Mayor Mark Weber, representatives from City Administration, City Council, Sycamore Community Schools, and local planning and architecture firms involved in City Boards and Summit Park toured various Ilmenau neighborhoods, sports facilities, the Thuringian state parliament, the vocational school and Technical University, and other various activities. Recreational activities also included a historical train ride, glassblowing, a visit to Point Alpha, an East-West border observation post, and cultural dinner gatherings.

One of the main goals of the trip was to strengthen the partnership between Ilmenau and Blue Ash, as well as learn from each others' differences and strengths as governments. Mayor Weber led a keynote speech to Ilmenau City Council during the visit, teaching Ilmenau officials how American City government functions, and the unique aspects of suburban and corporate Blue Ash. At the same meeting Blue Ash delegates got a flavor for the proceedings of the Ilmenau City Council. Community Development and Public Works officials, along with local architects on the trip, teamed up with the Ilmenau public construction and building authority to discuss differences and similarities in their functions as well.



Mayor Weber speaking to the Ilmenau Council