

SUMMER 2014 NEWSLETTER

SUMMIT PARK: PHASE 1 GRAND OPENING AUGUST 9

BLUEASH SUMMIT PARK

Phase 1 Grand Opening
Saturday, August 9
10 AM to 1 PM

Join us as we unveil Summit Park's
Infrastructure, Great Lawn, Promenade
Walkways, Viewing Pergolas, and the
Children's Contemporary Playground



Public Opening Ceremony

Interactive Public Art Installation

Professional Sidewalk Chalk Displays

Live Family Entertainment by *The ZOOperstars*

Music, Food, Family Games, Giveaways, & More!

On August 9, 2014, the community will come together to celebrate the opening of one of the most significant park development projects in the history of the region. Summit Park's initial unveiling will feature the development of Phase 1, which includes the Park's Infrastructure, Great Lawn, Promenade Walkways, Viewing Pergolas, and Greater Cincinnati's most impressive Children's Contemporary Playground.

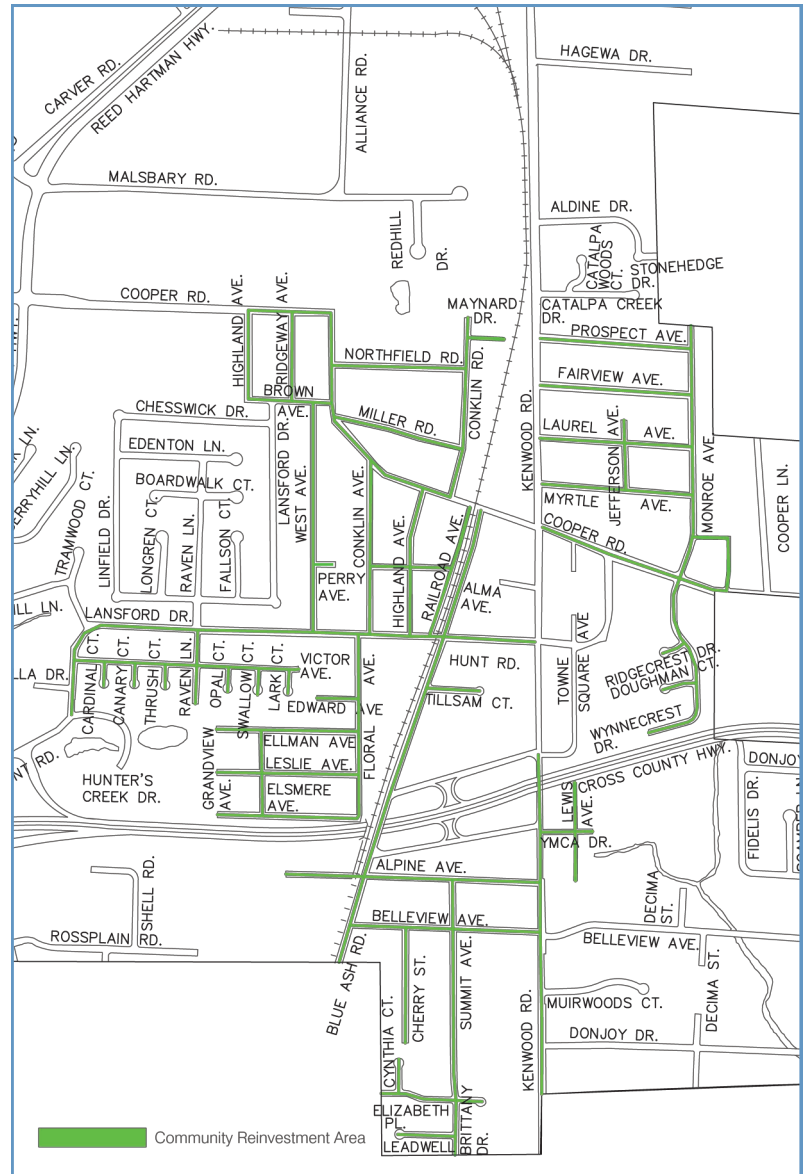
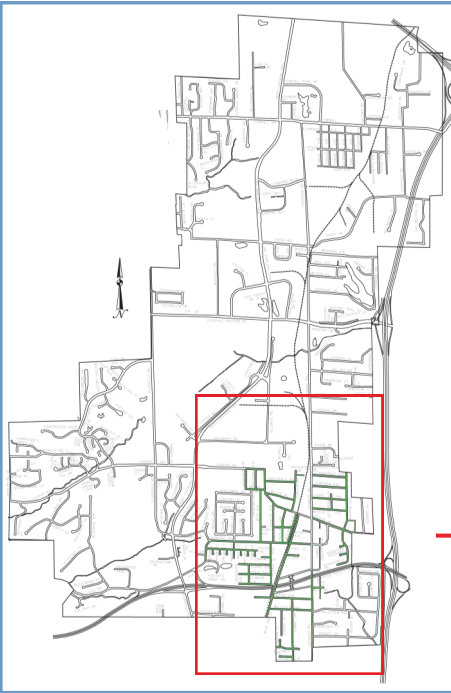
The Children's Contemporary Playground has been a main focus of Phase 1, which is situated just inside the entrance of Summit Park. With inclusion, accessibility and innovation top of mind, this uniquely-built 1-acre playground will feature traversable ropes, play mounds, slides and more. Children of all ages and abilities will learn, play and enjoy the unique features of this playground in one of the region's most beautiful settings. From ADA ramps and wheelchair-friendly Pebbleflex surfacing to extra wide slides that accommodate kids joined by parents, special attention was given to all children no matter the ability level. Other playground features include an activity wall, seat walls with visibility for parents, passive and active play areas, and more unique features only seen at Summit Park.

The Phase 1 Grand Opening Event will kick off at 10 AM with a ribbon cutting by City Council. After the public opening ceremony, a community celebration will be held until 1 PM and will feature: interactive public art installation, professional sidewalk chalk displays, live family entertainment provided by *The Zooperstars*, music, free food, family games and giveaways.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SUMMIT PARK, VISIT WWW.BLUEASH.COM/SUMMITPARK

BLUE ASH PROTECTS NEIGHBORHOODS: RESIDENTIAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMS OFFERED

Blue Ash offers Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Residential Tax Abatement



Certain Blue Ash property owners may qualify for property tax abatement. Aimed at encouraging investment in aging neighborhoods, the City of Blue Ash's Residential Property Tax Abatement makes it possible for property owners in R-3 zoning districts surrounding downtown Blue Ash to minimize the property taxes they pay. The Residential Property Tax Abatement Program goal is to stimulate community revitalization in aging neighborhoods, retain City residents, attract homeowners, and reduce development costs for homeownership.

Property tax abatement is available for any increased valuation that results from improvements to the property for new construction and renovation project of at least \$50,000 in cost. Please note this is *only* for projects occurring after May 12, 2014.

For a single-family home, 100% of the increased valuation is abated (allowing owners to pay taxes *just on the pre-improvement value*) and for multi-family homes, 50% of the increased valuation is abated for a period of 8 years. Tax abatement benefits stay with the property the entire length of the 8-year abatement and transfer to any new property owner within the approved time period. Only owner-occupied properties qualify for the program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.BLUEASH.COM/CRA

Hamilton County's Property Improvement Program



The Hamilton County Home Improvement Program (HIP) is an initiative of the Hamilton County Commissioners and the Hamilton County Treasurer. The "HIP" loan allows homeowners in Hamilton County communities to borrow money to repair or remodel their homes or rental property at interest rates 3% below the lowest rate a bank would normally offer. Loans may be used for:

- Bathrooms
- Decks
- Kitchen Remodeling
- Plumbing
- Gutters & Roofs
- Paint & Carpeting
- Ceilings & Walls
- Garages
- Landscaping
- Room Additions
- Central Air & Furnaces
- Siding, Windows & Doors

For more information, contact Jay Springer, "HIP" Coordinator with the Hamilton County Department of Planning and Development, at (513) 946-4459, or visit www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/hc/hc_hip.asp.

2014 BEAUTIFICATION WINNERS ANNOUNCED



Congratulations to the winners, and all residents who help make Blue Ash a beautiful place to live!



Green Household of Trailbridge Drive



Yasbeck Household of Kenwood Road



Warshaw Household of Ryan's Way



Khoury Household of Muirwoods Court

COMMUNITY CALENDAR CONTEST



The City of Blue Ash is looking for creative and talented photographers to contribute to the official 2015 Community Calendar.

Professional and amateur photographers are invited to submit their contest entries now through Friday, September 5 to enter the 2015 Calendar Contest. 13 photos will be chosen, one for each month and an overall calendar shot. Photos taken within the last 2 years are suitable for submission. This year's theme for the contest is "The Great Outdoors: Blue Ash Parks." The City is looking for photos that represent Blue Ash's many

outdoor parks throughout the four seasons of the year.

Once all entries have been submitted, they will be uploaded to the City of Blue Ash's Facebook page, facebook.com/blueashohio, where individuals can vote for photos by "liking" individual photos. The voting period will take place Monday, September 8 through Friday September 19, and the most popular photos will then be considered for the 2015 Blue Ash Community Calendar; however, the final decision will be made by the City of Blue Ash. Winners will then be notified by Friday, September 26. For complete details and rules, visit blueash.com.

TEXT TO 9-1-1 NOW AVAILABLE IN HAMILTON COUNTY

AT&T, Verizon, Sprint and T-Mobile customers can now text 911 within range of a Hamilton County Communications cell tower. The Hamilton County Communications Center is the first 911 Dispatch Center in the Midwest equipped to receive Text to 911. Text to 911 is intended primarily for use in two emergency scenarios: for an individual who is hearing/speech impaired, or for a person who is unable to make a voice call (ex. during a medical emergency that renders the person incapable of speech, or in the instance of a home invasion or abduction).

Please keep the following in mind if you choose to send a Text to 911:

- Customers should use the texting option only when calling 911 is not an option. Using a phone to call 911 is still the most efficient way to reach emergency help.
- Providing location information and the nature of the emergency in the first text message is imperative, since the Hamilton County 911 Center will receive only an approximate location of the cell phone, and will not be able to speak with the person sending the text.
- Text abbreviations or slang should never be used so the intent of the dialogue is as clear as possible.
- Customers must be in range of cell towers in Hamilton County Communications area.
- Texts sent to 911 have a 160-character limit.
- Text to 911 should not include pictures, video, other attachments or other recipients appended to the message.
- The texting function should only be used for emergency situations that require an immediate response from police, fire or emergency medical services. Non-emergency issues should still be communicated to the Hamilton County 911 Center through its non-emergency line at (513) 825-2280, or the Blue Ash Police non-emergency line at (513) 745-8555.

HEAT SAFETY TIPS FROM BAFD



The Blue Ash Fire Department stresses the importance of taking safety measures when outdoors to avoid heat-related medical emergencies. Before conducting outdoor activities, drink plenty of water and electrolyte-replacement beverages. Avoid beverages or food sources with caffeine, alcohol, or large amounts of sugar because they can result in the loss of bodily fluids.

Conduct outdoor work or exercise outside in the early morning or evening when it is cooler. Take frequent breaks in the shade or in an air-conditioned facility. A wide-brimmed, loose-fitting hat that allows ventilation, helps prevent sunburn and heat-related emergencies. A tight-fitting baseball cap is

not the best choice when conducting strenuous outdoors activities. Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing that permits the evaporation of perspiration. Do not leave children, senior citizens, or pets unattended in a vehicle. Heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke are the most common types of heat related emergencies.

Heat exhaustion is the body's response to an excessive loss of water and salt contained in sweat. Signs include profuse sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea or vomiting, a weak but rapid pulse, and fainting. The skin may cool and be moist. If heat exhaustion is untreated, it may progress to heat stroke. Heat stroke occurs when the body's temperature rises rapidly, the sweating system fails, and the body is unable to cool down. Body temperature may rise to 106 °F or higher within 10 to 15 minutes. Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given. Heat stroke symptoms include an extremely high body temperature; red, hot and dry skin (no sweating); rapid and strong pulse; throbbing headache; dizziness; nausea; confusion and unconsciousness.

BAPD OFFERS VACATION/VACANT HOME CHECKS

The Blue Ash Police Department provides [vacation/vacant home checks](#) to its residents. If you are planning to be away from your home for a long period of time, you can call the police department or visit blueash.com/vacation. Officers will then check your home on a regular basis while you are gone, most likely two to three times per day, to make sure nothing is out of the ordinary. In 2013, over 2,000 homes were checked through this service.

If unusual activity is encountered, BAPD will notify you, or the person you designate, of the activity. Something as simple as a door accidentally left open or unlocked can be secured by BAPD officers. This can ultimately protect your home from criminal activity or damage.



If you need further information or would like to sign up for this service, contact the Blue Ash Police Department at (513) 745-8555. Be sure to "like" BAPD on Facebook: fb.com/BlueAshPolice.

BAPD HOSTS OPEN HOUSE

**SEPT
10**

Wednesday, September 10
5:00 PM—8:00 PM
Blue Ash Police Department (4343 Cooper Road)

The Blue Ash Police Department will host an Open House on September 10th. The evening will include station tours, crime prevention information, vehicle displays, equipment demonstration, Hamilton County SWAT and Bomb Squad, TriHealth Safe Communities, K9 Demos, and much more. Food will be available, compliments of Donatos Pizza on Kenwood Road and Whit's Frozen Custard. This event is free and open to the public.



FALL PLANT SWAP

Saturday, September 27
9:00 AM—11:00 AM

**SEPT
27**

Blue Ash Recreation Center (4433 Cooper Road)

The Parks and Grounds Department will host a Fall Plant Swap on September 27 from 9-11 AM in the Recreation Center Parking Lot. This event is free and open to the public. Individuals are encouraged to bring plants to trade with others. Split a perennial from your yard and come see what others may have split to share!



BEATS, ARTS & EATS

**SEPT
27**

Saturday, September 27
5:00 PM—10:00 PM
Blue Ash Towne Square (Cooper and Hunt Road)

Beats, Arts & Eats is a grassroots event that encompasses a celebration of the Arts. Enjoy a relaxing evening in an intimate setting, while enjoying the flavors of local food, wine and craft beer. Experience local art through music and displays of local artists, who will also be selling their wares as well. Food trucks and local musicians will be featured in this community atmosphere.



FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, October 7
5:00 PM—8:00 PM

**OCT
7**

Blue Ash North Fire Station (10647 Kenwood Road)

The Blue Ash Fire Department will host an Open House on October 7th. Station tours and a wide range of activities are planned for the occasion. This event is free and open to the public. Fire Prevention Week is October 5-11 and the theme is "Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month". Check out the City's Facebook page closer to the event (fb.com/blueashohio).



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August 22, 23 & 24, 2014

The City of Blue Ash's premier event featuring various types of cuisine from local restaurants, National, Regional & Local entertainment, festival rides, games, Teen Area, and more!

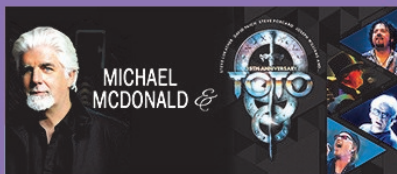
ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

Fri, August 22
6PM-11PM



The Charlie Daniels Band
Showtime 9PM

Sat, August 23
2PM-11PM



Michael McDonald + TOTO
Showtime 7PM

Sun, August 24
2PM-9PM



Kellie Pickler
Showtime 7:30PM

Alfio's • Arloi Dee Thai Bistro • Bangkok Terrace •
 Buffalo Wild Wings • Buona Terra • Busken Bakery • Café Mediterranean
 Cascades • Cincinnati Grill • City Barbecue - Blue Ash • Culvers
 Delicio Coal Fired Pizza • El Pueblo • Graeter's Ice Cream
 J. Gumbo's • La Petite France • The Melting Pot • Orange Leaf Harper's Point
 Puffins Bistro & Desserts • Qdoba Mexican Grill • Rascals NY Deli
 Rusty Bucket • Slatt's • Streetpops • Vonderhaar's Market & Catering



Blue Ash Events



Summit Park



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