

SPRING 2017 NEWSLETTER



OBSERVATION TOWER STANDING TALL

Excitement surrounds Phase III development & two new restaurants

The month of April brought exciting changes to the landscape at Summit Park, as a crane erected the 150 foot frame for the Observation Tower. The frame was assembled from the ground up in seven distinct sections over a period of several weeks. Now, crews will focus on installing metal panels along the tower's sides before securing the glass exterior. The Observation Tower has become one of the most anticipated elements of Summit Park. Once completed, guests will ride a glass elevator to the 125 foot Observation Deck, where they will be able to take in unparalleled views of the surrounding area.

Phase III of construction also includes stormwater collection ponds, an extended trail network, sledding hill, and children's natural playscape. The playscape will focus on using elements found in nature such as stones, rocks, and sand. For more on the stormwater collection ponds, see page 4. Phase III is expected to be completed in late 2017.

The excitement buzzing around the park extends far past the construction zone. Once again, Summit Park has a full line-up of activities and events planned for spring and summer.

The Farmers Market will kick-off its third annual season on May 17th. It is held weekly on Wednesdays from 3:30-7:00 p.m. and hosts between 25-30 local vendors. Two CFTA Street Food Festival events will also return to Summit Park this summer. In addition, the Crafts & Drafts Festival and the Pig & Whiskey Festival will make their first appearances! Along with the events, more than 90 free fitness classes will be available.

Tens of thousands of people are expected to head to Summit Park for Red, White & Blue Ash and Taste-Blue Ash Food and Music Festival, which is now two days long. The events will include performances from national artists including REO Speedwagon, Loverboy, and Big & Rich with Cowboy Troy.



2016 CFTA Street Food Festival at Summit Park

Visitors coming to check out the Observation Tower, events, or any other amenity at Summit Park should bring their appetites. Tahona Kitchen + Bar, a taco and tequila concept, opened its doors at the end of March and has already proven to be a popular destination. Senate, a highly-anticipated gourmet street food restaurant, is scheduled to open it's doors in May. Brown Dog Café and Nanny Belle's are going into their second year at Summit Park and continue to draw crowds.

Want to know more about Summit Park?

Visit SummitParkBlueAsh.com for more information on the development, activities, events, and restaurants!

In the Works: Improvements to Malsbary Road

Two projects are currently underway to improve Malsbary Road, providing more connectivity within the City of Blue Ash.



The larger of the projects will connect Malsbary Road to Kenwood Road at Aldine Drive. The plans include installing a new traffic signal at that intersection, and roundabout at Alliance Road. These changes will allow traffic to travel from Kenwood Road through to Reed Hartman Highway and Carver Road. The improvements are expected to be complete before Thanksgiving.

During the construction of the roundabout, the intersection of Malsbary Road and Alliance Road will be closed to traffic and a temporary bypass road will be used for access east of Alliance Road. The detour will require that drivers needing access to 4601 Malsbary Road, RockTenn Trucking, and the businesses off Redhill Drive enter and exit from the Reed Hartman Highway and Carver Road intersection. All business west of Alliance

Road will need to enter and exit from the Reed Hartman Highway and Malsbary Road intersection. To see a map of the detour, visit BlueAsh.com.

The second project will connect Malsbary Road through to Cooper Road, between the Hospice of Cincinnati and the new Integrity Express Logistics building. This road will connect directly into the City of Blue Ash Municipal and Safety Center and the Blue Ash Recreation Center. This project is expected to be completed in August, but won't open to traffic until the Malsbary connection to Kenwood Road is complete and open.

Paving Program Begins in May

The City's annual paving program will continue this summer to maintain and improve Blue Ash roadways. The work will begin in mid-May and will include asphalt, milling, curb repair, and base repair.

The 2017 Paving Program will include the following streets:

- ⇒ Grove Avenue
- ⇒ Bell Avenue
- ⇒ Meyers Lane
- ⇒ Bomark Court
- ⇒ Carpenter's Green
- ⇒ Carpenter's Run
- ⇒ Tiffany Ridge Lane
- ⇒ Tiffany Hill Court
- ⇒ Deerfield Road
- ⇒ Ronald Reagan connector roads



If budget allows, work may also be done on Aldine Drive and Anderson Way.

Fire Hydrant Maintenance Scheduled Through June

The Blue Ash Fire Department will be performing its spring service to fire hydrants within the City throughout April, May, and June. This routine maintenance is important to assure continued proper operation of hydrants. Examples of the work to be performed on hydrants include:

- ⇒ Flushing hydrants, which will cause sediment and the water to discolor until the sediment settles
- ⇒ Lubricating and operating the hydrants
- ⇒ Replacing worn parts
- ⇒ Weeding around hydrants
- ⇒ Selected hydrants will be flow tested, requiring large volumes of water to be run during a longer time to gather accurate readings related to water pressure and quantity

Residents are respectfully reminded not to position plantings near hydrants to obstruct hydrants from view, or to impede access by firefighters in case of an emergency. BAFD will be placing yard signs near street entrances to identify the areas where they will be working. Residents living on these streets are advised to run water in their homes prior to use until the water appears clear. This is especially important before using water for drinking, bathing, or laundering. If residents find rust in their laundry water, they can go to the North Fire Station and ask for rust remover.

A Note From The Blue Ash Police Department

It's been a very unusual first quarter for the Blue Ash Police Department and our community. Unfortunately, there have been a small number of very serious and unusual crimes causing concern. Each case was a targeted act of violence involving people who knew one another. I'm proud to say our entire team of officers, dispatchers, investigators, and civilian personnel have done an amazing job of piecing each investigation together and bringing a quick resolution to these events. We continue to be proactive on crime prevention and crime deterrence. You'll continue to see our officers patrolling your streets, parks, and neighborhoods on bicycles, segways, or in our police cruisers. Please take a moment to say 'hello' and get to know these fine public servants. We look forward to seeing you at the big events like Red, White & Blue Ash and the Taste: Blue Ash Food and Music Festival. We are also regular visitors at the multitude of other events throughout Blue Ash during the year. The Blue Ash Police Department believes in our mission of providing superior services with courage, integrity, and compassion. - Blue Ash Police Chief Paul Hartinger

Chief Hartinger's Spring Safety Roundup

We can be successful at crime reduction by working together. Simple things go a long way in keeping you safe and our community crime free.



Take all valuables out of your car after you return home or when you are out and about. Closing your garage door and locking your entry doors reduces or eliminates the temptation for someone to take your property. Call in any suspicious persons to the police to help us identify someone who is looking for a good time at your expense. You are not bothering us: It's what we do!

We also conduct thousands of home and business security checks each year. If you plan to leave even for just a few days, call the police department or visit our website, www.blueash.com/police, to submit a

Vacation Check Form. Our officers will check your home on each shift and take action if anything looks out of place. We've heard that burglars hate this service!

Springtime is a prime time of the year for thieves to become active as they look for potential targets. There are criminals who wait for the next storm to pass through and then come calling with offers to fix roofs or gutters, maybe help remove a fallen tree. Sometimes they will attempt to enter your home when you're outside or not watchful. Other times they ask for money up front, start the work, and then vanish. If your instinct is telling you that something is not right about the offer, it's probably good instinct.

For more about scams and alerts visit: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts>.

City of Blue Ash Files Intervention; Public Hearing Scheduled for Proposed Pipeline



The City of Blue Ash officially filed a motion to intervene in Duke Energy's proposed Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project. The intervention was filed on March 31st, following the Ohio Power Siting Board's acceptance of Duke's application. The intervention also includes Hamilton County and the City of Cincinnati.

Blue Ash City Council has continuously voiced opposition for the project, which will run a natural gas pipeline through Blue Ash neighborhoods, due to safety and environmental concerns.

The Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) invites the public to share their views regarding Duke Energy's proposed Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project during an upcoming public hearing. The forum will take place June 15th from 3 p.m.-8 p.m. It will be held in Room 119 of Muntz Hall at the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash.

For more information on the pipeline, visit www.opsb.ohio.gov and search case number 16-253-GA-BTX.

Wading Pool Expected to Open Summer 2017

Over the past winter, construction on the Family Wading Pool has been a focus of the Recreation Center. The re-developed Family Wading Pool will accommodate all ages and abilities. With inclusion, accessibility, and innovation in mind, this uniquely-built and designed pool will feature spray amenities, a play bubble, a dump bucket, slide, and more. Other features include two zero-depth entries, increased visibility for parents, passive and active play areas, and an increased attention to interactive play for little ones who are ready to explore.

Cost savings was also a focus during the design stage. The unique design of the pool permitted the same amount of water usage (30,000 gallons) as the previous pool, which enabled the continued use of existing pumps and filters to save on construction costs. The pool will be more shallow, but have a larger surface area to provide for more accessibility, free-play, and spray amenities.

The Family Wading Pool is expected to open mid-summer!



Family Wading Pool under construction at the Blue Ash Recreation Center



Family Wading Pool rendering

Creek Restoration Underway at Summit Park

Thanks to funding support from a Clean Water Act section 319(h) grant from Ohio EPA and U.S. EPA, a creek is being restored on the Summit Park site in conjunction with creation of stormwater collection ponds. These natural features will serve to mimic wetlands function in filtering stormwater before re-use on site. The ponds and creek will also reduce erosion and pollution into downstream receiving waters. In conjunction with the habitat restoration elements of this project, a series of workshops will be provided at Summit Park (including site tours) in the coming months. These workshops will inform homeowners about such topics as controlling and removing invasive plants from their properties, constructing rain gardens, native plant selection, and creating habitats for butterflies. For more information, visit www.ohioriverfdn.org.

All workshops will be at the Summit Park Community Room:

- June 22nd 1-2:30pm: Native Plants in the home garden, and battling honeysuckle and other invasive plants
- June 26th 7:00-8:30pm: Native Plants in the home garden, and battling honeysuckle and other invasive plants
- July 8th 10:30-12:00pm: Why native plants; Battling invasive plants; and rain gardens 101
- July 13th 1:00-2:30pm; Putting rainwater to good use; bioswales, rain gardens, and rain barrels
- July 27th 7:00-8:30pm: Putting rainwater to good use; bioswales, rain gardens, and rain barrels



Summit Park creek restoration

Annual Beautification Contest

Is your landscaping the best on the block? Submit your lawn and garden for the annual Beautification Contest! The neighborhood landscaping competition runs from May 19th through May 31th.



The homes will be judged according to the type of plantings used, including garden variety and color, lawn area and tree maintenance, and overall appearance. Four winners will be chosen; three will be the Beautification Award winners and one will be the Mayor's Choice. One business will also be determined by the Parks Department. Residents who have won in the past three years will not be eligible. Interested property owners should contact Peggy Behm at events@blueash.com or 513-745-8644.

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2017 Blue Ash Summer Concert Series

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Tuesdays

June 6
June 13
June 20
June 27
July 11
July 18
July 25
August 1
August 8
August 15
August 22

7-9PM at Blue Ash Nature Park

The Klaberheads
Maple Knoll Big Band
Sycamore Community Band
Ooh La La Unplugged
Buffalo Ridge Jazz Band
UC Alumni Band
Ohio Military Band
Pete Wagner Band
Monday Night Big Band
Blair Carman
P&G Big Band

** Craft Menagerie Concert

Along with the normal Friday Night
Concert, craft & art vendors will be
joining us beginning at 7PM to showcase their work.

Fridays

June 2
June 9
June 16
June 23
June 30
July 7
July 14
July 21
July 28
August 4
August 11
August 18

8-11PM at Towne Square

The Soul Pocket
Gee Your Band Smells Terrific
Second Wind
**Cherry on Top
JERSEY
Stagger Lee
Forever Diamond
My Sister Sarah
**Robin Lacy & DeZydeco
Parrots of the Caribbean
Jamison Road
The Remains

Thursdays

September 7
September 14
September 21
September 28

5-7PM at Towne Square

The Sunburners
Telehope
Ricky Nye Inc.
Anna & the Deeper Well



PUBLIC WORKS HOSTS TOUCH-A-TRUCK

May 24th, 4PM-7PM

Summit Park

The Blue Ash Public Works Department will host a Touch-a-Truck Event on May 24 from 4:00PM to 7:00PM at Summit Park (4335 Glendale-Milford Road). Equipment will be on display for children and adults to get a close-up look at the vehicles used around the City. Individuals can get their pictures taken and learn more about the Public Works Department during National Public Works Week. Vehicles will include a street sweeper, wheel loader, dump truck, mini excavator, snow plows, and more. The event will be canceled in the event of rain.



POLICE DEPARTMENT HOSTS BIKE RODEO

June 3rd, 10AM-2PM

Blue Ash Target

Blue Ash Police, Fire, and Public Works will participate in the Bike Rodeo presented by Target, which will feature safety information, face painting, snacks, free helmets from Children's Hospital, an obstacle course, giveaways, and a "touch-a-truck" event. The Ohio State Highway Patrol and Chase Bank will also be present at the event with displays and fun giveaways.



SUMMER MOVIE SERIES

Bring a blanket and comfortable chair to watch a family-friendly movie at Summit Park or the Recreation Center!
Call 745-8550 for the movie titles.

May 12th, 9PM at Summit Park
May 19th, 9PM at Summit Park
June 3rd, 7PM at the Recreation Center
June 24th, 7PM at the Recreation Center
July 8th, 7PM at the Recreation Center



The Blue Ash Golf Course is offering various family and junior golf programs this summer! For details, contact the Golf Pro Shop at 513-686-1280 or email Anthony Andrews at aandrews@blueash.com.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CEREMONY

May 29th, 10:15AM
Cooper Road & Towne Square

The City of Blue Ash will host its annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Monday, May 29. The parade will begin on Reed Hartman Highway and Cooper Road promptly at 10:15AM. The parade will proceed east on Cooper to Kenwood, south on Kenwood to Hunt, east on Hunt and end at the Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park at Blue Ash Towne Square. A special ceremony will take place after the parade at approximately 11:30AM.

More than 55 groups will participate in the parade, which range from military and non-profit organizations to local businesses and community groups. 911Steel, a traveling memorial to the September 11th tragedy, will be participating in this year's parade. The keynote speaker will be Major General (Ret) Leonard M. Randolph, Jr., M.D. Dr. Randolph was the first African American to be promoted to General Officer in the United States Air Force Medical Service, and was the first African American to hold the position of Deputy Surgeon General in any military service. The Cincinnati Warbirds will perform a flyover, weather permitting. The 338th Army Band from Columbus, Ohio, will also perform.

The Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra Memorial Day Concert will begin at 6PM at Towne Square.



THE BIGGEST & BEST FIREWORKS
10:00PM
BY ARTHUR ROZZI PYROTECHNICS

TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2017
4:00-10:35PM

REO SPEEDWAGON
8:00PM

THE STEEL WOODS
5:30PM



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BLUE ASH FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Presented By



August 25 & 26, 2017

Noon-11PM

The City of Blue's Ash Premier Event featuring a variety of food, live music all day & family fun!

Entertainment Schedule:

Friday, August 25

9:00PM LOVERBOY

6:30PM Blessid Union of Souls

Saturday, August 26

9:00PM BIG & RICH

With Cowboy Troy

6:30PM Halfway to Hazard