



FALL 2009

RECREATION CENTER FORMALLY DEDICATED JULY 25!

If you weren't there, despite the inclement weather in the morning, you missed a great day of fun and entertainment at your newly renovated and expanded Recreation Center!

Activities and demos took place all day, beginning with the formal ribbon cutting. Multitudes of demonstrations, open climb at the climbing wall, family fun activities, and concerts highlighted the day's activities.

Blue Ash has been working towards the completion of this exciting project since late 2007, when Phase I (the new gym addition) construction began. Construction has continued since, resulting in an exciting renovation and expansion with examples of improvements including:

- A new gymnasium
- A greatly expanded two-story fitness center, including a 1/10 mile indoor running track
- A new family café area

- A new family gameroom
- Whirlpool and saunas
- New locker rooms, including family changing areas
- Climbing wall

This project was financed by the City of Blue Ash and made possible due to voters' approval of "Issue 15" in November 2006. Thanks to citizens for their vision as the Recreation Center will provide fitness, wellness, and leisure-time enjoyment for the Blue Ash community for many years to come.



City Council officially cut the ribbon for the new Rec Center on July 25. Pictured L to R: Councilman Tom Adamec (At Large); Mayor Jack Buckman (Ward 4); Vice Mayor Mark Weber (Ward 5); Councilman Jim Sumner (Ward 1); Councilman Lee Czerwonka (At Large); Councilman Rick Bryan (Ward 3); & Councilwoman Stephanie Stoller (Ward 2).

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TASTE OF BLUE ASH SET FOR AUGUST 28, 29 & 30!

Join the City of Blue Ash for great tunes, treats, and terrific times at the 24th annual Taste of Blue Ash Friday through Sunday, August 28, 29 & 30 in downtown Blue Ash.



The Taste presents an excellent opportunity to sample a variety of fine fare from 19 area restaurants serving a variety of American, French, German, Indian, Italian, Mexican, Chinese, and Thai dishes. The Towne Square

stage will again host national level entertainment each evening of the event, including Three Dog Night on Friday, Kansas on Saturday, and The Commodores on Sunday (see schedule on next page).

Free shuttle bus service will run continuously Friday from 6PM to Midnight, Saturday from 4PM to Midnight, and Sunday from 3PM to 10PM from the Municipal & Safety Center/Rec Center area (4343 & 4433 Cooper Road), Maple Dale Elementary at 6100 Hagewa Drive, Raymond Walters



Kansas takes the Towne Square stage on Sat., Aug. 29. Kansas has songs that have sold in the millions, leading to the band's title of "America's Greatest Progressive Rock Band."

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TASTE OF BLUE ASH 2009 (continued from Page 1)

College at 9555 Plainfield Road, Greene Intermediate School at 5200 Aldine Avenue, and Ursuline Academy at 5535 Pfeiffer Road.

A Family Fun Area will feature activities to keep everyone in your family entertained, including festival rides, inflatable toys, carnival games, family-friendly stage entertainment, clowns, and a magician, just to name a few.

Blue Ash would like to thank our generous sponsors, including presenting sponsors Toyota and Ohio Lottery, as well as these other sponsors for their generosity in helping to make this special event possible: 700WLW; Academy Rental, Inc.; Allgood Home Improvement; Brinks Home Security; Cincinnati Bell; Cincinnati Concession & Catering; Cincinnati Family Magazine; Coca-Cola; DoubleTree Guest Suites; Enquirer Media; GutterShutter Co.; Hills Communities Development; The Kroger Co.; LSI Industries; Nina Paul Jewelry; Pearl Vision; Schumacher Dugan Construction; SmarTravel; Time Warner Cable; and the University of Cincinnati.

Event rules: no coolers, glass containers, alcohol, or non-service pets permitted to be brought to the event. No photographs, audio, or video taping of national entertainment. Backpacks and oversized purses are subject to search. For more info about this or other Blue Ash events, visit the calendar of events at BlueAsh.com or call 513-745-6259.

2009 TASTE OF BLUE ASH MAIN STAGE ENTERTAINMENT

(all concert times are approximate.
BOLD/CAPS indicate **NATIONAL LEVEL ENTERTAINMENT**)

FRIDAY, AUG. 28

(event hours: 6 - 11PM):

6:30PM: The Sonny Moorman Group (Blues)
9PM: **THREE DOG NIGHT** (hits include "An Old Fashioned Love Song," "Mama Told Me Not to Come," etc.)

SATURDAY, AUG. 29

(event hours: Noon - 11PM)

5PM: Forever Diamond (Neil Diamond tribute)
8:15PM: Blue Ash Idol Winners
9PM: **KANSAS**
(hits include "Dust in the Wind," "Carry On Wayward Son," etc.)

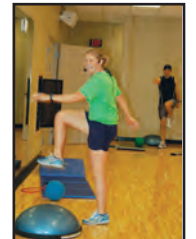
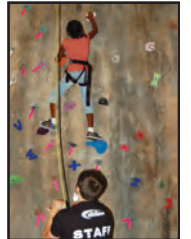
SUNDAY, AUG. 30

(event hours: Noon - 9PM)

3:30PM: The Soul Pocket Band (R&B, Motown)
7PM: **THE COMMODORES**
(hits include "Three Times a Lady," "Easy," etc.)

No tickets are needed, and there is no admission charge to the event or any concert.

SCENES FROM THE JULY 25, 2009 DEDICATION OF THE EXPANDED & RENOVATED RECREATION CENTER



Don't forget to sign up for the City's new eBlast! electronic newsletters for the latest news about Blue Ash! It's easy! Just click on the related information accessible from the home page of BlueAsh.com & sign up for the eBlast. Remember too that BlueAsh.com, & other communications from the City (such as this newsletter), are the best source for the most accurate news about your community.

TRASH TALK

Larger Recycling Toters

Don't forget that the larger (65-gallon) recycling carts are available to citizens at no charge! These green carts hold four times more material than the traditional red recycling bins, and come equipped with wheels to assist residents in transporting recycling materials to the curb for pickup. The lid is a bonus as well as it keeps rainwater and animals out, while keeping the recyclables in! If you haven't already done so, all you have to do to order a larger recycling cart is contact Judi Ward at 745-8538, or E-mail Judi at jward@blueash.com. Carts will be delivered to your home by Rumpke.



Free Shredder Service

Start getting ready now for yet another new service from your Service Department: free on-site shredder services in conjunction with the neighborhood clean-up day activities set for **Saturday, October 17!** On this day from 9AM to 3PM, the Service garage at 6131 Interstate Circle will be open for Blue Ash residents only, including access to the large containers/dumpsters. In addition to the dumpsters, the City has arranged for an on-site shredding service to properly shred and dispose of your records – at no charge to residents. This is an extremely convenient service for Blue Ash residents only, and proof of residency is required. Acceptable proof of residency is a valid driver's license plus a current utility bill showing your name and Blue Ash address. Absolutely NO contractors may use these containers or participate in the shredding service. Questions regarding the cleanup day should be directed to the Service Department weekdays between 7AM and 3:30PM at 686-1250. More information is also available on the public works section of BlueAsh.com.

Computer & Television Recycling

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District continues its program for recycling computers and televisions. The goal of the program is to keep these used electronics out of our landfills by offering convenient recycling services for Hamilton County residents. Some of these services are free and others have a nominal charge. As an added benefit to Blue Ash residents, the contractor for computer and

TV recycling, 2trg (formerly Technology Recycling Group), is located in Blue Ash at 11093 Kenwood Road (building #7 – behind 11085 Kenwood). Check out www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org for details or call 946-7766.

Curbside Brush Pickup

Remember that weekly curbside brush pickup by City crews for large brush piles continues through the end of October. City crews check the entire City on Monday and Tuesday only each week, so please have brush to the curb by 6:30AM Monday. Brush consists of limbs and twigs. Please remember that brush cannot be collected if mixed with other materials (such as leaves, grass, flowers, mulch, bush trimmings, wood fencing, nails, plastic, metal, lumber, etc). The machine used for this service is not designed to accept these materials as possible damage to the machine or bodily harm to City workers could occur with such items. Brush may also be placed in your Rumpke waste wheeler for pickup by Rumpke on your weekly trash collection day. Brush set out for pickup by Rumpke must be no longer than six feet in length and tied in bundles. Residents are highly encouraged to use the Rumpke service throughout the year. From November through February, City crews will collect large amounts only by calling 686-1250 and scheduling pickup. For more info, visit the Public Works section of BlueAsh.com.

Recycling Containers

Thanks for your continued use of the special green containers for recycling cans and bottles (both plastic and glass) throughout downtown, in the Nature Park, at the Recreation Center and pool, and at various other locations throughout the City. These containers are made from recycled plastics and will be easily identified to give citizens a convenient way to recycle drink containers. Aluminum cans and plastic bottles are two of the easiest materials to recycle into new products and save a tremendous amount of natural resources. These special containers were funded by a Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District grant in their continuing efforts to help communities reduce the amount of trash going to the landfills. Thanks, Blue Ash, for helping your community become more "green"!

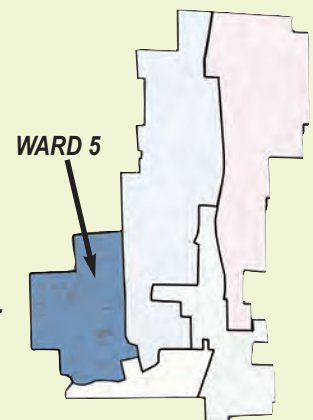


WARD 5 OPEN HOUSE SET FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Attention Ward 5 residents! On Thursday, September 10, between 5:30 and 6:30PM (before the regular City Council meeting which starts at 7PM), your Council Representative, Mark Weber (also the City's Vice Mayor), will hold an "open house" to meet, greet, and talk with Ward 5 residents who have questions relating to their City government. This is a great opportunity for you to bring your individual questions or concerns to Vice Mayor Weber. Feel free to stop by anytime between 5:30 and 6:30PM -- there is no formal presentation planned. The open house will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal & Safety Center at 4343 Cooper Road. Call the City Manager's Office at 745-8510 with any questions, or feel free to

E-mail Vice Mayor Weber at mweber2@cinci.rr.com.

Ward 5 of Blue Ash includes the areas west of Plainfield Road & north of Hunt Road west of Plainfield, except for Georgetown Road, which lies in Ward 4. Call 745-8510 with questions.



FALL RECREATION FUN IN BLUE ASH ...

Thursday Lunchtime Concerts on the Square

The free lunch-time concert series continues in 2009, offered each Thursday in September beginning at Noon. This year's lineup includes:

- ▶ Sept. 3: Bacchanal Steel Band
- ▶ Sept. 10: The Sonny Moorman Group
- ▶ Sept. 17: Chris Goins & Kenny Cowden
- ▶ Sept. 24: Keith Swinney

Doggie Doo-Athlon & Open Swim

Don't miss this fun annual event and last-of-the-year opportunity to take a "dip" with your best



friend on Sat., Sept. 12! The "doo" aspect of the event relates to a run, beginning at

9:30AM, and the open swim beginning at 11AM. Preregistration for the run is required, and the open swim is free for members (\$5 for non-members – dogs are free!).

Dinner & A Movie

At dusk on Sat., Sept. 26, at Towne Square. A free showing of a family movie TBA is set. Stop by one of Blue Ash's great nearby eateries before the show for dinner (no food sold at the event). Free and open to the public.

Heritage Day

Sat., Oct. 10, marks the annual Heritage Day celebration. The Nature Park sets the scene for late 1800's Blue Ash from Noon to 6PM, and will include crafters, demonstrations, music, food, a petting zoo, pony rides, and tours of the historic Hunt House (via horse

carriage ride from the Nature Park). Free and open to the public.

Halloween Walk in the Woods

This fun event set for Sat., Oct. 24, from Noon to 3PM, is targeted for kids 10



years old and younger, and features trick-or-treat and other family Halloween-type activities in the Nature Park. Free and open to the public.

Holiday Craft Show

On Sat., Dec. 5, from 10AM to 3PM, a holiday craft show is planned in the Recreation Center gym. This craft show is sponsored by the Blue Ash Womans Club – call Beverly at 891-4043 for more information.

SMOKE ALARM INFO FROM YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

It's a FACT, Blue Ash! Smoke alarms save lives! The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) states that 65% of home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or with alarms that do not work.



Your Blue Ash Fire Dept. assists many residents each year with smoke alarm questions and installation. Here are some answers to the most commonly asked questions ...

What type of smoke alarm should I have?

The most important thing to remember is that a functioning and properly maintained and installed detector is better than none at all. The two most commonly used technologies available today are photoelectric and ionization. Photoelectric smoke detection is generally more responsive to slow-burning, smoldering fires, and ionization detectors are generally more responsive to flaming fires. For the best protection, it is recommended homes have both detection types. There are new combination alarms that include both technologies within a single device. Any alarm should have a label from a recognized testing laboratory. Alarms using strobe lights and vibration devices are also available for persons with hearing impairments. There are also alarms which use a recordable voice

announcement in addition to the normal alert sound. Some studies indicate this is useful for waking children through the use of a familiar voice.

Where should smoke detectors be installed?

Since 1974, Blue Ash Code requires hard-wired, interconnected alarms to be installed in new or remodeled homes. Newer Codes require hard-wired alarms to have a battery backup in the event of a power failure. Since this is a newer requirement, many homes with hard-wired devices in Blue Ash do not have battery backup protection, and you are encouraged to replace your alarms or install additional battery-powered alarms to supplement the hard-wired ones. Here are some guidelines:

- Install alarms in each room used for sleeping, on the ceiling or wall outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms, and on each level within a dwelling unit (but not in crawl spaces or uninhabitable attics).
- Mount alarms high on ceilings and walls in accordance with the manufacturer instructions. Never install alarms near windows, doors, or vents where drafts may interfere with their operation.
- Never paint or decorate an alarm as this may keep them from functioning properly.

When should I replace my detector?

In general, all detector/alarm types should be replaced when they are ten years old or sooner if they do not activate when tested. Some manufacturers require replacement earlier than ten years -- be sure to check your specific device.

How often should I check my detectors?

Our Fire Department recommends that alarms should be tested monthly, and batteries should be replaced twice a year – it's easy to remember if you tie it to the change in time ("change your clocks, change your batteries"). If a detector provides a warning "chirp," this means the battery is low and should be replaced immediately.

A representative from the Fire Department would be happy to visit your home to make in-person recommendations related to your smoke alarms – or even to help if you need assistance in changing your alarm's batteries. Call 745-8533 to schedule such a visit.

Some info contained in this article is courtesy of the National Fire Protection Association. Visit www.nfpa.org for additional information related to fire safety.



BLUE ASH PUBLIC INFO UPDATE

In recent months, the City has offered even more public information opportunities for citizens to offer their opinion on virtually any topic. Though opinions and thoughts from Blue Ash citizens are welcome anytime through any method (phone, e-mail, regular mail, etc.), in recent months, we've extended these efforts to include the following:

eBlast! Electronic Newsletters – If you haven't already, make sure you sign up for these electronic newsletters through the website (www.BlueAsh.com). Newsletters are sent at least monthly, with the latest and most accurate information about what is happening in your community.



Twitter – Be a Blue Ash “follower” on Twitter and receive regular “tweets” from your City Hall. Stay tuned for potential expansion of additional social networking opportunities.

Open City Hall forum – in continuing efforts to enhance citizen engagement, Blue Ash has launched a new online forum to allow additional means for input on current issues in the community. The forum is accessible from the BlueAsh.com home page, and is hosted and monitored by Peak Democracy, a non-partisan company whose mission is to broaden civic engagement and build public trust in government. At least once a month, Blue Ash will post a question or topic, inviting comments from the public about that issue. Comments will be considered by Blue Ash officials in its decision making process.

Stay tuned for future enhancements and opportunities for citizen input/communication with City Hall.

Keep in mind that input from Blue Ash citizens is welcome via any mode at any time – including E-mail (administration@blueash.com), telephone call (745-8510 or to any City office), regular mail, etc. Though we welcome and encourage your participation in these newer communication opportunities, we continue to be at your service each and every day, 24 hours a day! On behalf of your Council members and all of us who work for the City of Blue Ash, thanks for your continuing support!



COMMUNITY BULLETINS...

The **BLUE ASH/MONTGOMERY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA's (BAMSO)** annual Labor Day concert is set for 6PM, Mon., Sept. 7, at Blue Ash Towne Square near Hunt and Cooper Roads (rain location: Sycamore Jr. High, 5757 Cooper Road). Everyone needs a little “magic” in their lives – come see this FREE special performance planned for you, including the winner of the Junior Division of the 2008 Young Artist Competition, music from Harry Potter, and more. Symphony performances are free and open to the public. Visit www.bamso.org, or call Susan Pace at 232-0949 for more info.

MATTHEW 25: MINISTRIES' (M25M) Fighting Hunger 5K Run & Walk is set for Sat., Nov. 7, and kicks off their annual “Staying on Top of Hunger” Food Drive set for Nov. 7 - 13. The 5K race begins at the M25M facility at 11060 Kenwood Road and winds through Blue Ash. For info, see www.hunger5k.org.

More **M25M** news ... in mid May, heavy rains swept through Eastern Kentucky, leaving thousands without power, clean water, and/or homes. A team from M25M traveled to this Appalachian community to provide 9,505 pounds of aid. M25M, selected as one of the “Best Charities in America,” is proud that more than 99% of cash and in-kind donations go toward their programs. And they're right here in Blue Ash!

The **BLUE ASH/MONTGOMERY ROTARY CLUB (BAMRC)** honored Barb DeMar as its Blue Ash Citizen of The Year in June. Barb is a long-time Blue Ash resident and supporter and volunteer in the community. Congratulations, Barb!



Pictured L to R: Maxine Richardson, then President of BAMRC; & Barb DeMar.

RAYMOND WALTERS COLLEGE's (RWC) 2009/10 concert series provide quality, reasonably priced events open to the public. Call RWC at 745-5705 or visit www.rwc.uc.edu for info about these events:

ARTrageous SATURDAYS (co-sponsored by Blue Ash) is an award-winning series geared for parents and their children ages 3-10. All shows are at 11AM and 1PM in the RWC Theater:

- ▶ Oct. 24, The Gizmo Guys (comedy/ juggling)
- ▶ Nov. 14, Kathy Wade: A Black Anthology of Music
- ▶ Jan. 30, Hansel & Gretel
- ▶ Feb. 27, Grammy-nominated recording artist Zak Morgan
- ▶ Apr. 10, Catskill Puppet Theatre presents “Sister Rain, Brother Sun”

RWC's **RHYTHM 'n BLUE ASH CONCERT SERIES** is geared for adults held in the RWC Theatre on Saturdays at 8PM:

- ▶ Oct. 24, The Faux Frenchmen
- ▶ Nov. 14, Kathy Wade
- ▶ Jan. 30, Percussion Group Cincinnati
- ▶ Mar. 6, The Hunt Family – Irish step dancing, music & more

Are you interested in learning more about rain gardens? The **HAMILTON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (HCSWCD)** is available to help! Rain gardens are a unique and practical landscape feature that can enhance the beauty of home gardens and, when properly installed, are one method of limiting the negative effects of rainfall in urban areas. Call Brian Bohl at 772-7645 to see how he and the HCSWCD can assist you beautify your landscape and be more “green”!

The **SYCAMORE SENIOR CENTER** is hosting their 2nd annual Monte Carlo Night on Saturday evening, Sept. 26! From 7PM to Midnight, the Center will be transformed into a 1920's style nightclub where guests will enjoy food and drink, along with Vegas-style games and entertainment. Admission is \$15 and includes two drink tickets and \$25 in playing chips. Reservations are recommended -- call the Center at 984-1234.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Aug. 28, 29, 30Taste of Blue Ash (see "Taste" article)
 Sept. 7Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Concert, 6PM,
 @ Towne Square (see "Community Bulletin" article)
 Sept. 12Doggie Doo-Athlon @ the Rec Center pool –
 race @ 9:30AM; open swim 11AM – 2PM
 Sept. 26Dinner & A Movie @ Towne Square – dusk
 Oct. 3Hike for Hospice
 Oct. 4-10Fire Prevention Week
 Oct. 10Blue Ash Heritage Day & North Fire Dept.
 Open House (both start at noon)
 Oct. 17Neighborhood cleanup day – Service Dept., 6131
 Interstate Circle, open 9AM-3PM. See "Trash Talk" article

Oct. 24Halloween Walk in the Woods – Noon-3PM
 Oct. 30Last day of weekly curbside brush pickup
 Oct. 31Trick or treat hours: 6-8PM
 Oct. 313rd Qtr 2009 Blue Ash taxes must be
 postmarked by this date
 Nov. 1Turn your clocks BACK one hour!
 Daylight Saving Time ends – check your smoke detector
 & carbon monoxide detector batteries too!
 Nov. 3Election Day. Polls open 6:30AM to 7:30PM
 Nov. 11Veterans Day ceremonies – 10:30AM – Vet
 Memorial (lunch after) – see article on back page
 Dec. 6Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Concert @
 Montgomery Assembly of God Church

GOLF COURSE & AIRPORT PARK UPDATE

Golf Course Update

With the recent completion of the Rec Center, enhancement of services and facilities at the Golf Course are next on the "major recreation-oriented project" slate! Broad planning, design, and engineering will continue through 2009/10 for improvements to the Blue Ash Golf Course, such as a new multi-functional clubhouse including banquet facilities, a driving range, development of a "short" course on the east side of Plainfield, and more. The exact construction dates are contingent on funding and the economy. Stay tuned to BlueAsh.com and upcoming newsletters or *eBlast!* electronic newsletters for future updates regarding these exciting amenities.

Airport Park Update

Planning continues for this future 130-acre signature park near the airport. Actual development cannot occur until Cincinnati finalizes its airport plans, including reconfiguration of the existing airport operations on the remaining 100 acres of the airport property. Behind-the-scenes work will continue, especially related to planning and research for funding of the future Blue Ash Center, a business conference and performance center to be oriented towards the Reed Hartman/Glendale-Milford portion of the park. The project has already been awarded

\$150,000 in State of Ohio support towards the Center.

Also related to this project and included within the 2009 (and likely 2010) budget are efforts to enhance connectivity to this future park (such as sidewalks and bikepaths leading to the park). A grant for construction of a separate bikepath/sidewalk for Plainfield Road between Cooper and Glendale-Milford has already been secured and will likely begin construction in 2012. Sidewalk on Plainfield north of Glendale-Milford leading to the Fox Hollow subdivision is also planned (probably in 2010). Stay tuned to BlueAsh.com for updates.

AIRPORT PARK CONCEPT



STREET LIGHT REMINDER

We can't do it alone, Blue Ash ... we need your help in reporting street lights which are not working properly. Some street lights in Blue Ash are managed by the City, while most are managed by Duke Energy. Neither Duke nor the City of Blue Ash has the capability to continuously drive around Blue Ash at night to observe whether street lights are operational. We depend on citizens to make us aware of street light outages. If you are aware of a street light problem, please call the Facilities Maintenance Division at 745-8512. Outages may also be reported to 745-8500 weekdays between 8AM and 5PM, or by E-mailing administration@blueash.com.

The City has an inventory location tag attached to all CITY-owned street lights. This ID is a brown 3"x 3" tag with white lettering, including a three-digit identification number. When you call, what will be

asked of you is the closest address to the light (or some other meaningful directional information), your name, and your phone number. It would be very helpful if you could also provide the three-digit identification number noted on the tag if possible. Note that tags are only on City-owned lights, not those owned by Duke. We ask for your name and phone number because if the light is one managed by Duke, it is not their practice to inform the City when the light has been fixed. Being able to follow up to assure the problem has been corrected ... or, if possible, a call from the resident telling us that the light has been repaired ... is extremely helpful so that we can gauge response time.



Thank you for your help in reporting street light problems!

BLUE ASH NOTES...

Blue Ash's **Trick-or-treat activities** will be observed on **Halloween, SATURDAY, October 31st, from 6 to 8PM** (as is noted on your community calendar). Let's make it a safe one, Blue Ash!

Work will begin in **late August** on the **Reed Hartman Highway Rehabilitation project between Cooper and Glendale-Milford Roads**. ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) ramps will also be constructed at all intersections within the project area to comply with the federal requirements of ADA. Video vehicle detection cameras will also be installed at intersections instead of wire "loops" in the pavement to improve traffic signal performance. This approximate \$800,000 project is being funded via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) – also known as **federal stimulus funds**. This Blue Ash project was awarded by the OKI Regional Council of Governments from \$31 million in stimulus transportation funds allocated to them, and will be one of the first area projects completed utilizing the stimulus monies. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of October 2009....

City offices will be **closed** on Mon., Sept. 7 (**Labor Day**); Wed., Nov. 11 (**Veterans Day**), and Thurs./Fri. Nov. 26/27 (**Thanksgiving**). There is no change in curbside garbage pickup during these weeks. ...

Congratulations to **Blue Ash Police Lt. Rich Riley**, a 2009 graduate of the prestigious **School of Police Staff and Command**, the most challenging and rewarding law enforcement management program in the nation. The program involved an intensive ten-week study with Northwestern University. *Congrats, Lt. Riley!*

Just a **reminder** that **residents** and **businesses** are encouraged to enter their information within the "**CodeRed**" system. Sometimes referred to as "**reverse 9-1-1**," the system is designed to rapidly call residences and businesses within the city via telephone with a recorded message, alerting them of matters of public safety. The system has already been used three times since its inception in 2006, including twice during the September 2008 windstorm. Questions regarding the Code Red/emergency contact program should be



directed to the non-emergency Police Dispatcher at 745-8555 or check out the Police services section of BlueAsh.com....

In celebration of **Fire Prevention Week**, an **open house** is set at the **North Blue Ash Fire Station** at 10647 Kenwood Road on Sat., Oct. 10, from Noon to 4PM. A live demonstration, along with snacks and beverages will be available ... come learn first-hand how to "Stay Fire Smart" one-on-one with your Blue Ash Firefighters and Paramedics! More info about these activities will be available closer to the event...

Congratulations to recent **Blue Ash retirees**, including **Debbie Wallace** in the City Manager's Office who on July 2 retired after **over 33 years** with Blue Ash. The Service Department also had three recent retirements -- two retirements in late June included **Bruce Jones**, celebrating **over 30 years** with Blue Ash, and **Randy Kirschner**, celebrating **28 years** with Blue Ash. Part-time Service employee **Weldon Haynes** retired in late July after **ten years** with Blue Ash. Debbie, Bruce, Randy & Weldon ... your many friends throughout the City wish you well!

Have you seen the **City's new promotional video**? Blue Ash contracted this spring with an area firm, DSC Consulting, for the creation of a **high quality video**, and that video made its debut in late July. The video, less than five minutes in length, **highlights citizens** and depicts the **high quality of life in Blue Ash** -- illustrating why residents are proud to call Blue Ash their home! Click on BlueAsh.com to see it!

Congratulations to this year's **Beautification Week winners**, including **Residential Winners**:

- ✓ Mayor's Choice: Thomas Hughes Family, 4418 Edenton Lane
- ✓ Committee's Choice: The Yasbeck Family, 10116 Kenwood Road



Business Winners:

- ✓ Corporate: The Landings, Carver Road
- ✓ Small Business Winner: The Maverick Corporation, Grooms Road

HAPPY 30TH BIRTHDAY, BLUE ASH GOLF!

It's hard to believe, but your award-winning Blue Ash Golf Course celebrated its 30th birthday on July 7th! A special thank you to all who have supported the Course over the past 30 years as it continues to be recognized as one of the best public courses in the city, state, and across our country!

Special rates were offered all day at the Course on July 7, featuring 1979 pricing and food discounts. Many residents took advantage of the beautiful weather and awesome rates! A special ceremonial golf shot also took place by Mayor Jack Buckman (see picture and caption).

Don't forget that autumn is a beautiful time to visit the course. Even if you don't play golf, why not try the Sandtrap Sandwich Shop in the clubhouse for lunch? In addition to a spectacular view, the Sandtrap offers tasty seasonal specials, fresh sliced deli sandwiches, and more. Carryout is also available!

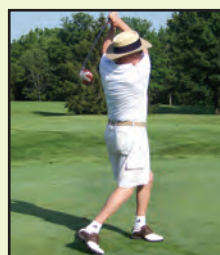
Tee times are available at the Course daily by calling 686-1280.



Left is a photo of the front of the clubhouse taken ±30 years ago. Right is the front of the clubhouse in 2009.



Left is a photo of the back of the clubhouse taken ±30 years ago. Right is the back of the clubhouse in 2009.




Left, Mayor Jack Buckman takes a ceremonial golf shot on July 7, 2009 -- exactly 30 years after then-Mayor, Ray MacNab, did to formally open the Golf Course in 1979.



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TUESDAY CONCERTS MOVED BACK TO NATURE PARK/AMPHITHEATRE FOR 2010 SERIES!

It's official, folks! The Tuesday evening summer Concert in the Park series will be moving back to its original home in the Amphitheatre/ Nature Park in 2010!

At its July 9 meeting, your City Council made it official, after thoughtful deliberation and consideration of comments from citizens and patrons of the long-standing concert series. As reported in previous Community Newsletters and other means of public information, the concert series was relocated to Towne Square in 2008 and 2009 due to ongoing construction at the Recreation Center, limiting convenient parking access and presenting safety concerns for concert patrons.

Also a consideration by Council in this move in 2009 was the downturn in the economy, with the thought that continuing the concerts in 2009 at the Square would give a boost to area downtown businesses, particularly nearby eateries. However, with construction now complete at the Rec Center, Council agrees with the numerous comments received that the Tuesday series should be moved back to the Park.



AIRPORT DAYS EVENT CANCELLED

The Blue Ash Airport Days Advisory Committee has advised the City that there will be no Blue Ash Airport Days event in 2009. Regretfully, among other obstacles, the economic downturn has limited the event

organizers' ability to secure sponsorship dollars necessary to move forward with this event.

VETERANS DAY REMINDER

Veterans Day ceremonies are set for Wednesday, November 11, at the Veterans Memorial beginning at 10:30AM. In addition to a military-related keynote speaker (to be announced), the Ohio Military Band will also be assisting with the ceremonies, as well as the Accelerated Language Lab students at the Greene Intermediate School.

Why not take a few minutes out of your Wednesday morning to attend the ceremonies and honor those special Americans who have sacrificed so much to assure OUR freedom?

This year after the ceremonies, a special lunch is also planned at the Recreation Center. The lunch, grilled and prepared by members of the Veterans Day Committee, will include picnic-type food (metts,

brats, hotdogs), is open to the public, and costs only \$4 per person.

The ceremony and luncheon are coordinated by the Blue Ash Veterans Day Committee, a consortium of volunteer representatives from several area veterans organizations, such as the American Legion, VFW, Korean War Vets, Disabled American Vets, and more.



Scene from the 2008 Veterans Day ceremonies.

Call 745-8510 with questions about Veterans Day activities.