



## WINTER 2010/2011

### GOLF CLUBHOUSE/BANQUET CENTER PROJECT UNDERWAY

Construction began in early November on a new multi-functional golf clubhouse/banquet center! Demolition of the wooden 30+ year old clubhouse started on November 1. This project was made possible by voter's passage of Issue 15 in November 2006. After completion of the Recreation Center (finished in July 2009), the next recreation-oriented capital project promised to voters was golf course enhancements - including construction of a new multi-functional clubhouse/banquet center. Note that this project (along with other Issue 15 projects) is being financed entirely through the revenues generated through 20% of the City's earnings tax collections as approved by voters over four years ago.

Highlights of the new facility are summarized below (with more info and graphics included on the January page of the 2011 Calendar):

- The new multi-level facility will function not only as a new golf clubhouse, but will also serve as a banquet facility available for rental.
- The building's main entrance will face Cooper Road, accessing the upper level. Given the nature of the terrain, the second (lower) level will be visible and accessible from the rear (golf course) -- see renderings.



Architect's renderings of the new multi-functional golf clubhouse/banquet facility. Pictured top is the view from the front (Cooper Road), & pictured below is a view from the rear (golf course). Renderings by Steed Hammond Paul. See more information & renderings on the January page of the 2011 Community Calendar.

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### 2011 BUDGET UPDATE...

Blue Ash continues to proactively manage its budget and is continually monitoring and responding to current economic conditions. As described in previous newsletters and other media outreach efforts, in early 2010, the City worked with local government advisors to help the City evaluate and prioritize its services. The nearly matured status of our community, along with two severe economic downturns (2001/02 and the current recessionary period), have certainly impacted the City's revenue base and have highlighted the necessity of

reducing overall operating costs. Although Blue Ash remains fiscally sound and is faring better than most other communities, we are not immune to national economic trends. Even though the City has been successful at keeping its operational expenses relatively flat in recent years, pressure on spending levels will likely continue due to ongoing flat or even declining revenues. In order to maintain the City's fiscal health, operational expenses will need to be continually monitored. It is crucial that the City preserve its fund balances and

capital ratios, examine its operations, and do so in a manner that will continue to provide excellent services and infrastructure for our residential and corporate citizens. The "story" of the 2011 Budget is essentially this: to maintain Blue Ash's tradition of quality services, programs, and facilities - but to do so more efficiently.

During 2011 and 2012, efforts will continue towards operational cost reductions, potential realignment of responsibilities through succes-

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- The main level offers seating for about 150 outdoors, and over 300 indoors. Rentable areas within the upper level will be able to be separated for smaller gatherings/business functions.
- The new facility will take advantage of the beautiful views of the course – a benefit not only for those renting the facility, but for the golfer and casual user as well.
- The lower level will provide a new and larger pro shop, along with an enhanced golfer reception area.
- Enhanced casual dining opportunities, including an outdoor seating area, are included.
- Parking at the new facility will be increased -- just over 200 spaces are planned.

Already underway in 2010 is a replacement of the course's vintage irrigation system. New cart paths will also be provided, though not yet bid as of late 2010.

Work will continue throughout the year, and the course will remain open as weather and course conditions allow. Temporary "clubhouse" facilities (including limited food and beverage service) have been established just east of the original clubhouse location.

Remember that the course's winter rates are quite reasonable, and remain in effect through mid March.

The irrigation work should be completed in late May, and construction of the clubhouse is expected to be completed in early fall. A project component yet to be scheduled during 2011 is replacement of the golf cart paths. Check out BlueAsh.com for updates and for details associated with a dedication event to be held upon its completion.



*Demolition of the former wooden clubhouse began on November 1. Remember that the course will remain open throughout the construction period weather permitting.*

## **AMPHITHEATRE NAMED AFTER LONG-TIME VOLUNTEER TOM STONE**

It's official! The City of Blue Ash's amphitheatre in the Nature Park has been named after long-time volunteer Tom Stone.

At the August 30th City Council meeting, Council passed Resolution No. 2010-10 – officially naming the amphitheatre after Mr. Stone. At the final concert of the Tuesday night concert series on August 24, Mayor Mark Weber first announced this news – which was intended as a surprise to Mr. Stone who was at the concert, along with many friends and supporters. Mayor Weber noted on stage at the concert that "Tom has been an avid volunteer for over three decades in Blue Ash, and Council is pleased to recognize him in such a fitting manner." "Not only has Tom been an instrumental volunteer in our recreational programming efforts, but Tom has been involved in countless volunteer efforts covering many other facets of the community benefiting veterans, senior citizens, and the community in general," added the Mayor.

Examples of Mr. Stone's contributions are summarized below:

- Serves as a volunteer with the Blue Ash Parks & Rec Department since the late 1970s when the amphitheatre was developed, including serving on the original Amphitheatre Committee, which later evolved into the Special Events Committee.
- Provided citizen input for the City's first (1979) Recreation Center, and has contributed input on each renovation since.
- Served as a member of the Recreation Board since October 1978, currently serving as that Board's chair.

- Assisted with the City's re-created Crosley Field project at the Sports Center (dedicated in the late 1980s).
- Served as a member on the Blue Ash Veterans Day Committee for the past several years.
- Involved with the formation of both the Blue Ash Symphony Orchestra and the Blue Ash Historical Society.
- Served as a community volunteer for many years with the area Knothole Youth Baseball program as well as a coach in the area's girls' softball league.
- Coordinates volunteers for over 20 years to work the sidelines at the Sycamore Aviator football games.
- Volunteers regularly with his church, including serving and delivering meals to homebound senior citizens.

Congratulations to Mr. Stone, and may he be a part of the Blue Ash community for many more years to come!



*Pictured is Mayor Mark Weber, left, congratulating Mr. Stone at the August 24 Concert in the Park.*

**Don't forget to sign up for the City's 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 and reliable news about your community.**

## FUTURE 130-ACRE SIGNATURE PARK UPDATE...

For those who may be new to the area or who have not been following news in recent years about the airport and this new future park, a brief background would be helpful.

In the summer of 2006, the City of Blue Ash negotiated the acquisition of 130 acres of the 228 acre Blue Ash Airport “triangle” property owned by the City of Cincinnati. This purchase agreement, approved by both City Councils of Blue Ash and Cincinnati, represented a huge breakthrough in a 20+ year discussion regarding the future of the airport land in Blue Ash. Various private development proposals existed at that time regarding re-use of the airport land, including a myriad of office, retail, and residential developments. However, Blue Ash placed before the voters in November 2006 (“Issue 15”) a vision of acquiring 130 acres for development by Blue Ash as a “Central” Park with potential amenities such as a Blue Ash Performing Arts & Conference Center, pedestrian plaza, open space, walking trails, family- and environmentally-friendly golf facilities, open green space, and water features. Voters approved of this park concept and the related earnings tax rate change to 1.25% by a 2 to 1 margin. Purchase of this property and future development of this 130-acre park was just one of the capital and recreation-oriented goals targeted for these additional tax revenues (see budget and golf course update articles contained within this newsletter for more information).

While the continuance of the Blue Ash Airport operation on Cincinnati’s remaining 98 acres surrounding the runway could not be guaranteed as part of the Issue 15 process/vote, the purchase agreement for the property to be a future Blue Ash park specified that Cincinnati

would apply for FAA funds to reconfigure and redevelop the airport, and to do so by August 2010, with extensions available until August 2012 (an extension was already granted for one of those one-year extensions, to allow more time to work with the FAA, with another extension request anticipated from Cincinnati in early 2011). The agreement also specified that Blue Ash would commit up to \$2 million in matching funds to resources invested in airport construction by Cincinnati in addition to FAA grants. Should Cincinnati not receive the FAA funding requested, they have the option of closing the airport. While the operational future of the airport depends fully upon decisions by the FAA and the City of Cincinnati, Blue Ash does know that Cincinnati has been recently successful in securing a \$1 million State of Ohio grant to assist in reducing the overall remediation cost of the property (lead remediation on a small area is necessary as a portion of the property was used as a shooting range many decades ago). However, as of late 2010, Blue Ash is not aware of any new developments as to FAA airport grants, or the timing for a potential reconfiguration of the airport

upon Cincinnati’s remaining 98 acres surrounding the existing runway.

Before Blue Ash can move forward with development of the park, the City of Cincinnati must resolve the issues associated with its airport operations. Once it is determined that Blue Ash can move forward, phased development of the park is likely – the park will not be developed all at once – and that phased development could begin as early as 2012 or 2013.

Pictured below (with a larger version available on the October page of the 2011 Community Calendar) is a rendering noting concepts for the new future park. These are concepts only – features have not been finalized. Open houses will likely be scheduled in 2011 to gather additional public input regarding specific features of the park. Keep an eye on BlueAsh.com for updates regarding these open houses and for updates about the project in general.

The City looks forward to development of this wonderful future 130-acre park and believes it will be a source of pride for Blue Ash residents for generations to come.



Architect’s rendering (by Kinzelman Kline Gossman) showing CONCEPTUAL ideas for the future 130-acre park near the airport.. Note that plans are not final. It is likely there will be open houses scheduled in 2011 to gather additional public input regarding park features. See the October page of the 2011 calendar for a larger graphic.

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sion planning, attrition, and related efficiencies; continued investment in economic development efforts to maintain and enhance our revenues; limited deferral of some capital expenses; and consideration of adjustment of some City service-related fees.

Your Blue Ash City Council and Administration remain committed to the Blue Ash tradition of providing quality amenities and services, while at the same time ensuring fiscal sustainability now and in the future.

Highlights of capital projects planned for 2011 include:

- Downtown traffic signal/pole replacement - although previously designed, bid, and awarded, most of the installation and construction work on this project will be done in 2011.

- Streets expected to be paved in 2011 include Mohler Road (after water line installation); Hunt Road (Plainfield to West); Home Acres (the “birdville” neighborhood); and Cooper Road from Kenwood Road to the east corporate limit. (Note that final restoration of this section of Cooper after the water line installation work in 2010 was purposefully delayed until 2011 to allow pavement settling to occur before final resurfacing and that the cost of this will be reimbursed by GCWW.)
- Sidewalk installation is planned for the west side of Reed Hartman Highway between Cooper and Malsbar and from Anderson Way to Glendale-Milford.
- Various basic capital (such as police cruisers, medic unit, facility repairs and replacement, etc.)

## BLUE ASH NOTES...

**Blue Ash City offices** will be closed on Fri., **Dec. 24**, and Mon., **Dec. 27**, for the **Christmas** holiday, and on Fri., **Dec. 31**, in recognition of **New Year's**. Because of how these holidays fall this year, there will be **no delay in curbside refuse pickup** for Blue Ash citizens. Note too that the **Golf Course** will be closed on Friday and Saturday, **Dec. 24 and 25**, and on Saturday, **Jan. 1**. The **Recreation Center** will be closed on Saturdays, **Dec. 25 and Jan. 1**. City offices will also be closed on Mon., **Feb. 21**, 2011 in recognition of the Presidents' Day holiday and at **Noon on Good Friday**, April 22. The **Rec Center** will also be closed on **Easter Sunday**, April 24. All of this information is included within your 2011 Community Calendar....

Remember that the **City's waste contractor** (Rumpke) will pick up your **cut holiday tree** if you place it out with your **regular waste** on your regular pickup day. No sticker is needed, and the tree will be recycled....



A **limited number** of extra **2011 Blue Ash Community Calendars** are yours for the asking ... just call 745-8500 weekdays between 8AM and 5PM to reserve your copy which you can pick up at your convenience....

Did you know that Blue Ash **owns multiple** internet "addresses" for its website? In addition to the **www.BlueAsh.com** address that the City has owned since 1998, the following additional internet addresses have since been secured, with all addresses pointing you to our general informational site as well: **www.BlueAsh.org** and **www.blueash-OH.gov**. Remember too, that the City's website, along with other **City-published information**, will **always** be the **most accurate and reliable source of news** related to your community....

Some **positive economic development** news to share - the formerly vacant office building

on Alliance Drive (visible from Reed Hartman Highway), that once housed U.S. Financial, will soon be occupied by **five businesses associated with Vora Ventures** - a private equity group consisting of 13 businesses in the software, services, and infrastructure solutions industries. The group has \$100 million in annual revenue and employs more than 2,100 - including 200 in Greater Cincinnati. It ranks as the 95th largest private company by revenue, according to research by the *Cincinnati Business Courier*. Mr. Vora plans to relocate five of his technology-related companies to this Blue Ash office building, and this facility will also be the headquarters for Vora Ventures. A portion of the building will also be used for a solutions center, where businesses can learn more about how to use technology efficiently. Vora hopes to occupy the building as soon as late January or early February. *Welcome to the Blue Ash corporate family, Vora Ventures!*

Congratulations to **Blue Ash Police Lieutenant Paul Hartinger** who has been

**accepted** at the **FBI National Academy** in Quantico, Virginia. The Academy is a professional course of study for leaders and managers of state and local police, sheriffs' departments, military police organizations, and federal law enforcement agencies. Participation is exclusive and by invitation only, with students selected from every state in the union, from U.S. territories, and from over 150 international partner nations. For 10 weeks, officers take undergraduate and/or graduate college courses of study in law, behavioral science, forensic science, understanding terrorism/terrorist mindsets, leadership development, communication, and health/fitness. Lt. Hartinger has been a police officer for over 25 years, with experience in many aspects of law



enforcement, including as a patrol officer, detective, undercover drug investigator, traffic safety supervisor, crash investigator, patrol supervisor, and administrative supervisor. Lt. Hartinger started in police work in November of 1984 at the Lockland, Ohio Police Department, and then came to work with the Blue Ash Police in April of 1989. *Congrats, Paul ... and good luck with your studies at the Academy!*

Have you wondered what the **reason** may be for the seemingly "impersonal" **address label** on recent year's mailings from the City? Due to changes in Ohio's public records law in recent years, this label/address format change was suggested by legal counsel....

Don't forget to **sign up** for the City's electronic "**eBlast!**" newsletter. This is the best and most efficient way to get the latest and most correct news about your community. From BlueAsh.com, just click on "Newsletter Subscription" at the bottom of the menu choices listed along the left side of the screen and follow the prompts to add your E-mail address. Or simply call 745-8510 or E-mail administration@blueash.com and ask to have your E-mail address added. You'll be glad you did!

Just a heads up, and as is noted within your Community Calendar, the **2011 Red, White & Blue Ash event** will be held on **Sunday, July 3** (not July 4). The event will **remain** at the 2010 location - the northwest corner of Glendale-Milford Road and Reed Hartman Highway (many thanks to Duke Realty and their tenants, Huntington Bank, and Buffalo Wild Wings). Because July 4 falls on a Monday in 2011, to allow enough time to **break-down** and **cleanup** after the event, it was **necessary** to **move** the event to Sunday, July 3, so that the Duke Realty office properties could "return to business" on Tuesday after the holiday.

## CHANGES IN BRUSH COLLECTION PROCEDURE...

As is noted several times within your 2011 Blue Ash Community Calendar, beginning in 2011, the City's curbside brush collection procedures will change. Remember that "brush" includes items such as limbs and twigs.

Residents are encouraged to place small amounts of brush into their provided waste toter for disposal by the City's waste contractor. Pickup of large amounts of brush will be on a CALL-IN basis only.

Residents with large amounts of brush should call the City's Service garage at 686-1250 to schedule a collection time. Collection by City crews will take place only on Mondays and Tuesdays and on a call-in basis only, and residents must call by Sunday for Monday or Tuesday pickup.

Questions regarding the new collection procedure should be directed to 686-1250.

# SISTER CITY PROGRESS IN 2010

Blue Ash's Sister City program with Ilmenau, Germany, was successful and active during 2010. Here are some highlights ...

## High School Exchange Activity

In February, a seven-member student exchange between Blue Ash and Ilmenau took place. Five students (three from Ursuline Academy and two from Sycamore), along with two Sycamore High teacher chaperones (Kevin Wittman and Jenna Hovis) spent about 10 days in Ilmenau. Ursuline and Sycamore worked with two Ilmenau area high schools – Lindenberg High and the Goethe School – in coordinating the exchange. Students spent the school day in classes, and were able to tour the area during non-school hours when time allowed.

In October, seven students and a teacher from Ilmenau's Lindenberg High visited our area in conjunction with an exchange with Sycamore High. The 11th grade German students were hosted by Sycamore students and engaged in school activities as well as extracurricular activities with their host families. They also participated in field trips to Ft. Ancient, the Freedom Center, and the U.S. Air Force Museum. Also, the visit was bookended by trips to Washington DC and Chicago. It is anticipated that the Sycamore students who hosted will travel to Ilmenau in February 2011.

## College Exchange Activity

In August, Raymond Walters College (RWC) German Professor Debbie Page led a college-student exchange between UC/RWC and the Ilmenau Technical University. Students earned college credit for the classes attended during their approximate three-week stay in Ilmenau.

## Ilmenau Delegation Visit to Blue Ash

The Ilmenau delegation was in town in late September. Fifteen delegates visited Blue Ash and the Greater Cincinnati area, including reps from Ilmenau City Council and City Hall, as well as from the Ilmenau business and educational communities. The delegation enjoyed a variety of activities throughout the week to give them a "taste" of our area, with activities summarized below:

- A public reception and a "culturalogue" (lecture series) activity at Raymond Walters College, including a presentation by Ilmenau's Mayor, Gerd-Michael Seeber, providing information about the Ilmenau area. This was held jointly with a reception for the new Dean at Raymond Walters College (Cady Short-Thompson).
- A visit to the Greene Intermediate School where Sycamore students provided a warm welcome and performed two concerts for the guests, including orchestra and choral performances. Two Ilmenau Council representatives also gave a presentation to the students and teacher about the Ilmenau community. The students were very engaged (see below).



- A visit to the Plum St. Temple in downtown Cincinnati, including a tour led by Blue Ash resident and Rabbi Lewis Kamrass.

- The delegation members were honored guests at a free Concert in the Park with a performance by the Pete Wagner Band. This concert was open to the public, with hundreds attending the celebration and interacting with our Ilmenau guests. (Many thanks to Queen City Sausage for their generous donation of food.)
- The group toured City facilities and attended a Thursday Lunchtime Concert on Towne Square and also placed flowers at the Veterans Memorial, which has become a tradition during each visit. Later that evening, there was a roundtable discussion of various national and local political and economic perspectives by each country.
- The group toured several Blue Ash businesses and several attended a Sycamore High School football game.

The Blue Ash-Ilmenau Sister City relationship began approximately 11 years ago. Ilmenau is similar to Blue Ash in several respects in that it is a progressive community, has a mix of business and residential development, and is the home of a major university. Ilmenau is about 20 square miles in size and is located in the German state of Thuringia, near the middle of Germany. Ilmenau has a 30-member Council and is viewed positively by Germans as it is a picturesque community extremely rich in culture and history.

Questions regarding the Blue Ash Sister City program should be directed to the Blue Ash City Manager's Office at 745-8503.



## COMMUNITY BULLETINS

The **BLUE ASH/MONTGOMERY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** recently announced its 2011 concert season, which is summarized below. All concerts are free, open to the public, and are also noted on your 2011 Community calendar. For more info, log on to [www.BAMSO.org](http://www.BAMSO.org).

- Sun., Feb. 13 – Valentine's Concert, 7PM, Church of the Saviour, 8005 Pfeiffer Road in Montgomery
- Mon., May 30 – Memorial Day Concert, 6PM, Blue Ash Towne Square (rain location: Sycamore Junior High)
- Sun., July 3 – Independence Day Concert, 7:30PM, Montgomery Park (Montgomery and Schoolhouse Roads)
- Mon., Sept. 5 – Labor Day Concert, 6PM, Blue Ash Towne Square (rain location: Sycamore Junior High)

- Sun., Dec. 4 – Kindel Memorial Holiday Concert, 7:30PM, Montgomery Assembly of God Church, 7950 Pfeiffer Road

The **BLUE ASH WOMANS CLUB** annual luncheon is set for Saturday, April 9, from 11AM to 2PM, at the Blue Ash Presbyterian Church at Cooper and Reed Hartman Highway. Lunch, door prizes, silent auction, and raffle baskets are part of the fun. Cost: \$25. Call Beverly at 891-4043 for more information.

Upcoming events at **RAYMOND WALTERS COLLEGE (RWC)** are summarized in this article. For more info regarding any event, check out [www.rwc.uc.edu](http://www.rwc.uc.edu) or call 745-5705...

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# WINTER FUN PLANNED BY YOUR PARKS & REC DEPARTMENT!

Although temperatures have dropped outside, recreational opportunities still are plentiful within your Blue Ash Rec Center! Here are just a few ideas for your winter-time enjoyment...



**BLUE ASH CAFÉ** - Have you tried the Blue Ash Café yet? It's in the heart of the Rec Center, and everyone is welcome to enjoy homemade soups, salads, sandwiches, fruit smoothies, and Seven Hills Coffee weekdays from 11:30AM to 2PM and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 8PM. Prices are very reasonable – and you're invited to use this coupon as even more incentive to give it a try.



**SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIALS** - A variety of fun Saturday evenings at the Rec Center are planned for early 2011, as summarized below:

- Sat., Jan. 8: A Night of Laughter (showcasing local comedians). 7:30PM to 11PM. Cost: \$12 per person pre-registered; \$15 at the door. Price includes food, entertainment, and prizes. 21+ only.

- Sat., Feb. 12: Live Salsa Dancing in the Blue Ash Café. 7:30PM to 11PM. Cost \$12 per person pre-registered; \$15 at the door. Price includes food, entertainment, and prizes. Come enjoy a night of dancing and fun and learn Salsa with instructors from the Arthur Murray Dance Studio. 21 and older only; BYOB.
- Sat., Mar. 12: Celebrate the wearin' o' the green at the St. Patrick's Dance, 6:30PM to 10:30PM. Cost: \$15 per person pre-registered; \$18 at the door. Featuring Big Band music, prizes, and more. Food, beer, soft drinks and water will be available for purchase (proceeds benefiting the Sycamore Senior Center).

**NEW CLASSES/ACTIVITIES AT THE REC CENTER** - Lots of new programs are being offered in the New Year at the Rec Center, with more details available on the Recreation portion of BlueAsh.com. Here are just a few of the new offerings:

- Cooking classes – sessions for both adults & kids
- Photography classes – sessions for both adults and kids
- Pottery classes for families
- Circus classes – ages 7-16
- Indoor Climbing – for kids (6-11) and teens (12-15)

## COMMUNITY BULLETINS ARTICLE (continued from previous page)

ARTrageous Saturday performances (11AM & 1PM), held in the RWC theatre:

- Sat., Jan. 29, 2011 – “Rockin’ Adventures of Peter Rabbit”
- Sat., Feb. 26, 2011 – “Tales of Flight with the Brothers Wright”
- Sat., Mar. 19, 2011 – Tap & Jazz for Kids, with the Shelley Oliver Tap Dancers & David Leonhardt Jazz Group

Rhythm ‘N Blue Ash concerts at 8PM, held in the RWC Theatre:

- Sat., Feb. 12, 2011 – John McCutcheon
- Sat., Mar. 19 – An Evening of Gershwin
- Sat., Apr. 16 – Broadway’s Stars of Tomorrow

Here’s an update from our friends at **MATTHEW 25 Ministries (M25M)**:

**Grow Right Micro-Nutrient Program**- M25M has distributed 1.6 million servings of Grow Right nutrient supplement (a multiple micro-nutrient intervention system) to 6,000+ Haitian children over a one-year period. The nutrient will enhance the children’s vitality and energy, as well as help reduce anemia and prevent blindness.

**Disaster Relief** - To date, M25M has shipped 36 forty-foot containers of supplies weighing 840,802 pounds and valued at nearly \$4 million, helping more than 900,000 people through these efforts.

**Appalachia** - In October, M25M distributed warm coats, hats, and gloves to the children in a small school in a remote part of coal-mining Appalachia. These coats are crucial to the kids' comfort and safety during the cold, mountain winter. Some of the kids will sleep in their coats or use them as blankets, because their families cannot afford to adequately heat their homes.

**Fighting Hunger 5K Race** - the annual M25M “Fighting Hunger” 5K Run and Walk on Nov. 6 in Blue Ash was a huge success! Participation once again doubled, with about 2000 participants! All donated food products will be distributed in the Greater Cincinnati area over the holiday season.

**Green Diamond Event** - M25M’s Green Diamond Event on Dec. 9 was a fantastic evening of info and fun, headlined by local sports celebrities Marty and Thom Brennaman. The event raises funds for M25M’s Food Processing Center, which provides shelf-stable nutritionally enhanced mixes to hungry children and adults locally and worldwide.

## VETERANS DAY THANKS

A special thank you to all who attended and assisted with this year’s Veterans Day ceremonies which took place on Thursday, November 11, at the Veterans Memorial Park. Many thanks to the students in the Greene Intermediate School’s Accelerated Language Lab (ALL) classes, including this year’s selected readers: Megan Hart, Allie Brown, Maddie Sykes, Varun Nagendra, Caroline Veraldo, and Justin Banke. Thanks are also due to the Greene School teachers Leslie Burklow and Robin Truax who include this special program in their curriculum each year. Thanks also are due to Keynote Speaker Dr. Brad Wenstrup who is an active member (Major) in the U.S. Army Reserves assigned to the 4220th U.S.

Amy Hospital and works as a Podiatrist with Wellington Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine. Dr. Wenstrup’s inspirational presentation was very well received! The City would also like to thank Osborne Trucking for their continued generosity in providing the ceremonial platform, as well as the members of the Blue Ash Veterans Day Committee who meet several times throughout the year to plan the day’s activities, including the ceremony and the luncheon afterward.



# WHO AT BLUE ASH SHOULD I CALL?

Cut out this handy guide and place on your refrigerator or bulletin board for future reference.

DEC. 2010

OFFICE / DEPT. & REGULAR HOURS	CALL THIS OFFICE WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT ...	PHONE # (513 Area Code) E-MAIL (if applicable)
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b> 4343 Cooper Road Open 24 hours daily	Crime prevention, solicitor's permits, traffic signal problems, vacation checks, security surveys, CodeRed emergency notification, request a police report or copies, traffic & criminal ordinance questions, bike patrol, etc.	745-8555 <b>(NON EMERGENCY ONLY)</b>
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b> South Station: 4343 Cooper North Station: 10647 Kenwood 24 hours daily (both stations)	CPR classes; smoke & carbon monoxide detectors; fire hydrants; reflective address plates; firehouse tours; fire safety inspections; child safety seat installation; blood pressure checks; fire extinguisher usage; underground storage tanks; fire lane violations; children's programs; explorer program; etc.	745-8533 <b>(NON EMERGENCY ONLY)</b>
<b>SERVICE DEPARTMENT</b> Main facility: 6131 Interstate Cir. Office hours: 7AM - 3:30PM weekdays; trash/brush drop-off hours: 7AM - 3PM weekdays. Director's Office/hours: 4343 Cooper, 8AM - 5PM weekdays	Curbside waste pickup; recycling (bins, totes, & drop-off locations); appliance pickup; hazardous waste disposal; street maintenance/potholes; snow removal; sidewalks; public drainage, stormwater, sewers; curbside leaf pickup (mid Oct. - mid Dec.); brush (tree limbs, etc.) pickup; dead animal removal from streets; street signs; dumpsters at Service facility; traffic signage & counts; guardrails; construction/road closures; right-of-way permits; pavement markings; etc.	Main Service facilities - Interstate Circle: 686-1250 Director's Office: 745-8538
<b>ECONOMIC &amp; COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE</b> 4343 Cooper Road 8AM - 5PM weekdays	Planning & zoning; permits; property maintenance concerns; building inspection; garage sale permits; fence permits; Planning Commission; Board of Site Arrangement/Zoning Appeals; locate a business in BA; Code enforcement; neighborhood revitalization program; etc.	745-8520 development@blueash.com
<b>RECREATION CENTER</b> 4433 Cooper Road (building & office hours vary by day & season -- call 745-8550 for current hours)	Membership, classes, & league activity; swimming pools; outdoor tennis; fitness facilities; park shelter or room reservations; amphitheatre & Nature Park; admission fees/policies; Blue Ash cafe; gym hours; climbing wall; concert schedules; special event info; Vet Mem. & Towne Square events & info; Hunt House; etc.	Rec Center info: 745-8550 Rm./park shelt. res.: 745-8546 Event hotline: 745-6259 recreation@blueash.com
<b>GOLF COURSE - 4040 Cooper Rd.</b> Open dawn to dusk daily year-round weather permitting; closed New Year's, Thanksgiving & Christmas.	Tee times, greens fees, course conditions, golf lessons, pro shop, golf outings, golf leagues, Sandtrap Restaurant, catering packages, golf gift certificates, etc. <i>(Note that the golf course will remain open, weather permitting, through the clubhouse/banquet center construction period.)</i>	Golf: 686-1280 Restaurant: 686-1283 golf@blueash.com
<b>GOLF MAINTENANCE - 3800 Mohler Road - hours vary</b>	Golf Course maintenance, landscaping tips, etc.	686-1290
<b>PARKS &amp; GROUNDS MAINT.</b> 6171 Interstate Circle - hours vary year round	Maintenance of all City property EXCEPT the Golf Course (downtown flowers & other flower beds, street medians, Sports Center, Nature Park, Towne Square/Vet Memorial, re-created Crosley Field, etc.)	686-1270 Sports Ctr. Field Conditions: 230-5162
<b>TAX OFFICE</b> 4343 Cooper Road 8AM - 5PM weekdays	Tax forms, earnings tax, tax due dates, Blue Ash tax form assistance, etc.	745-8516 blueashtax@blueash.com
<b>MUNICIPAL &amp; SAFETY CENTER</b> (reception desk) 8AM - 5PM weekdays	General info, voter registration/polling locations, employment applications, bid specs, maps, directions, street light outages, etc.	745-8500, press 0 administration@blueash.com
<b>CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE</b> 4343 Cooper Road 8AM - 5PM weekdays	General info, City Council, BlueAsh.com website, community calendars & newsletters, Veterans bricks; general comments or suggestions, Sister City program, <b>OR WHEN YOU JUST DON'T KNOW WHERE ELSE TO CALL!</b>	745-8510 administration@blueash.com


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**SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS...**

It's that time of year, Blue Ash! Keep in mind that if the City of Blue Ash declares a snow emergency, no vehicle may be parked on any Blue Ash street. The purpose of this law is to make it easier for Blue Ash snow trucks to plow the streets in a safe and efficient manner for the benefit and safety of all Blue Ash citizens and motorists. A snow emergency will be posted to the home page of the City's website ([www.BlueAsh.com](http://www.BlueAsh.com)), as well as communicated to the area's major television and radio media.

As has been the strategy for years, Blue Ash's major streets and intersections will be cleared of snow first. Second priority is given to residential and other side streets with steep grades, such as Lobelia Drive, Bluewing Terrace, Chimney Hill Drive, etc. Residential and other side streets are cleared on a systematic basis, with most heavily traveled roads cleared and treated first.

Residents can make snow removal easier and more efficient for our crews. Here are just a few suggestions of how you can help:

- \* Even if a snow emergency is not declared, please avoid parking vehicles on the street. This allows plows to clear the entire street, and at the same time, not block access to your vehicle as the driver cannot control the snow coming off the edge of the plow's blade.

- \* Please do not shovel or plow snow into the streets. By shoveling the snow into your yard (rather than the street), you will reduce the frustration of the snowplow re-covering the end of your driveway that you worked so hard to clear.
- \* Allow extra time for driving, and take the time to remove all ice and snow from your car. Good visibility is essential, and reducing the chance of snow flying off your vehicle is important for you and other drivers. If roads are snow covered or slick, you cannot expect to drive as you would when the roads are dry or the weather is clear.
- \* Do not pass a snowplow truck. Each truck has blind spots reducing side and rear visibility. Remember ... if you cannot see their mirrors, then they cannot see you.
- \* Increase following distance between your vehicle and others. Also allow for safe distances between your vehicle and a salt truck to reduce the chance of loose materials striking your car and to give you more time to react to sudden stops.



**A TRIBUTE TO FALLEN BLUE ASH SOLDIERS...**

In September, Blue Ash lost its third citizen as a result of his service defending our country. On September 26, Donald "Scott" Morrison lost his life defending our country in Afghanistan when his patrol was struck by an improvised explosive device (IED). Not only was Scott a native Blue Ash citizen, but Scott and his family have close ties to the Blue Ash employee family as Scott worked for the City at the Recreation Center from 2006 until the time he enlisted in 2008. Scott's father, Don, is a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic with Blue Ash, and Scott's mother, Sue, also worked for the City in the Recreation Center office for many years.

Scott is the third Blue Ash citizen who has perished defending our country in the current war against terrorism. Our first loss occurred in

April 2005 with the loss of Daniel Jason Freeman, and the second occurred in May 2008 with the loss of Branden Haurert.

Make sure you take a look at the November page of the 2011 Blue Ash Community Calendar which pays tribute to all of these brave young men from Blue Ash, and provides many more details in their honor.

