



FALL 2010

GOLF / BANQUET FACILITY & FUTURE AIRPORT PARK UPDATE

At the June 10 Council meeting, City Council authorized the solicitation of bids for improvements planned at the Golf Course, including construction of a new multi-functional clubhouse/banquet facility, replacement of the 30-year old irrigation system, and replacement of cart paths. It was decided that in order to minimize inconvenience to the golfing public and surrounding residential areas, all three phases of the planned course improvements should be done at the same time.

The first phase of these improvements is the replacement of the irrigation system, with a bid award by Council made in July. Work on the project began in August, and is expected to be complete in April.

The design of the Clubhouse/Banquet facility is in its final stages. Initial design concepts for a new clubhouse/banquet facility were presented at a Council meeting in late 2009, and in April 2010, an open house was held to seek further public input (see conceptual renderings on Page 3). Bids are likely to be sought for this portion of the project in late August/early September. If favorable bids are received and Council authorizes the project to move forward, construction could begin as early as late September. A new clubhouse/banquet facility will take at least nine months to construct; however, all golf operations will remain open (working from temporary facilities), as weather permits.

The new multi-functional golf clubhouse and banquet facility will have two levels. The lower level floor plan includes space primarily geared towards the golf operations and includes an expanded customer service desk area, pro shop, & Sandtrap Sandwich Shop, including outside dining opportunities offering a beautiful view of the course. Dining style is casual on this level, and includes a variety of traditional food items for golfers from the course. The upper level floor plan represents the banquet facility portion of the building and is where visitors would enter from the Cooper Road/front entrance. Included is space for 350 seats for dining, or more for different seating arrangements to accommodate different types of activities (from family reunions to business training). The space can be divided into three separate areas, or can be used as one room or area for large events.

This project is made possible by the passage of Issue 15 by voters in 2006. The investment in the new building is estimated to be \$7.7 million, though the actual construction cost could vary depending on the market at the time of the bid. The Administration and Council are hoping for a favorable bidding environment later this summer/early fall, resulting in authorization for the project to move forward later this year.

(Golf/Banquet facility article continued on Page 3.)

25th ANNUAL TASTE OF BLUE ASH - AUG. 27, 28 & 29

Can you believe that 2010 represents the 25th annual Taste of Blue Ash? Join the City of Blue Ash for this year's Taste for great tunes, treats, and terrific times the weekend of August 27- 29 in downtown Blue Ash.

The Taste presents an excellent opportunity to sample fine fare from 22 area restaurants serving a variety of American, French, German, Indian, Italian, Mexican, Chinese, and Thai dishes. The Towne Square stage will



host national level entertainment each evening, including Atlanta Rhythm Section and Little River Band on Friday; Player, Night Ranger, and The Guess Who on Saturday; and country artists Justin Moore and Phil Vassar on Sunday (see next page).

A Family Fun Area will feature affordable 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.



The Guess Who takes the Towne Square stage Sat., Aug. 28. Did you know that the Guess Who are considered superstars in their native country, Canada?

Free shuttle bus service will run continuously Friday from 6PM to Midnight, Saturday from 3:30PM to Midnight, and Sunday from 4PM

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to 10PM. Note however that some shuttle locations used in past year's Taste events have been eliminated in an effort to better utilize the shuttles. This year, shuttles will be available from Maple Dale Elementary at 6100 Hagewa Drive, Raymond Walters College at 9555 Plainfield Road, Ursuline Academy at 5535 Pfeiffer, and Pfeiffer Woods business complex at 5151 Pfeiffer. Shuttle buses will NOT be available from the Rec Center and City Hall area (though these areas are available for public parking for the event).

Many thanks to the event's generous sponsors, including presenting sponsor **Toyota**, as well as these others for their assistance in helping to make this special event possible: Official Sponsors: **Cincinnati Catering, Coca Cola, DoubleTree Guest Suites, and The Ohio State Lottery**; Media Sponsors: **700WLW, Enquirer Media, Cincinnati Family Magazine, Cincy Magazine, and Reach Magazine**; Stage Sponsor: **The Kroger Co.**; and additional sponsors **Academy Rentals and Hills Communities Development**. *We couldn't do it without you!*

Event rules: no coolers, glass containers, alcohol, or non-service pets permitted. 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 BlueAsh.com or call 513-745-6259.

2010 TASTE OF BLUE ASH MAIN STAGE ENTERTAINMENT

(all concert times are approximate.)

BOLD/CAPS indicate **NATIONAL LEVEL ENTERTAINMENT**

FRIDAY, AUG. 27 (event hours: 6 - 11PM):

7PM: **ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION** (hits include "So Into You," "Imaginary Lover," "Spooky," etc.)

9PM: **LITTLE RIVER BAND** (hits include "Reminiscing," "Lady," etc.)

SATURDAY, AUG. 28 (event hours: Noon - 11PM)

5PM: **PLAYER** (hits include "Baby Come Back," "This Time I'm in it for Love," "Prisoner of your Love," etc.)

7PM: **NIGHT RANGER** (hits include "Rock in America," "Sister Christian," etc.)

9PM: **THE GUESS WHO** (hits include "These Eyes," "American Woman," "Clap for the Wolfman," "No Time," etc.)

SUNDAY, AUG. 29 (event hours: Noon - 9PM)

5PM: **JUSTIN MOORE** (country -- hits include "Small Town USA," "Back that Thing Up," etc.)

7PM: **PHIL VASSAR** (country -- hits include "Love is a Beautiful Thing," "Prayer of a Common Man," etc.)

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

RECYCLING REMINDERS & INFO

The simple act of recycling can make a huge difference for our environment and our community. Did you know that in 2009, Hamilton County residents recycled over 36,587 tons of metal, glass, plastic and paper? And Blue Ash residents were the leaders in these efforts as Blue Ash was recognized by the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District in late 2009 with the 2009 Best Community Recycler Award (in the category of over 10,000 residents)! On average, each household in Blue Ash recycled over 58 pounds - representing 24.97% of all the waste generated. *Way to go, Blue Ash!*

We thought these are interesting statistics to share - according to Hamilton County Environmental Services, the recycling of over 36,587 tons in Hamilton County alone ...

- ▶ Conserved enough energy to power 6,689 homes for a year.
- ▶ Saved 306,350 trees from being harvested.
- ▶ Reduced more greenhouse gas emissions than if all 22,418 households in Colerain Township stopped driving a car for a year.
- ▶ Eliminated the need to use 3,123 tons of other natural resources such as iron ore, limestone, and coal!

Below are just a few reminders for residents regarding Blue Ash's waste and recycling collection procedures:

- ▶ Waste and recycling collection is provided free of charge by the City through a contract with a private waste collection company (currently Rumpke) for all single-family residences receiving curbside collection. The City pays over \$747,000 annually for this service on behalf of its residents and is one of only a few communities in the area who provides these services free of charge.
- ▶ Rumpke provides a Rumpke-owned 96-gallon waste wheeler container and a Rumpke-owned recycling container (16-gallon smaller

red bin or a 65-gallon green cart with wheels). The City also pays for these services on behalf of residents. If you haven't yet ordered a recycling bin or toter and would like to do so, call 745-8538.

Examples of items that can be placed in recycling bins/toters are:

- ▶ Paper (white ledger paper, newspapers, folders, mail, letters, brochures, ads, magazines, etc.); envelopes (with or without windows); brown papers (brown envelopes, brown paper grocery bags, cereal boxes, etc); clean pizza boxes (no grease); cardboard boxes (broken down into 3'x3' sections).
- ▶ Plastic, including all plastic bottles marked with a #1 through #7. Typical accepted bottles include milk jugs, soda bottles, laundry detergent, shampoo, contact solution, water, etc. Generally, any plastic not in the shape of a bottle is NOT acceptable (such as plastic grocery bags; plastic plates, cups & utensils; toys; plastic wrappers/packaging, etc.) Also, bottle lids should be removed and discarded prior to placing the bottle in the recycling container.
- ▶ Aluminum & steel cans (beverage/food/empty aerosol with tips removed).
- ▶ Glass (bottles and jars - clear, brown, blue or green - lids removed).



After Rumpke Recycling collects recyclable materials, they are brought to and processed at their materials recovery facility where recyclables are separated by category, prepared for their respective markets, and shipped to manufacturers who recycle them into new products. Consider making recycling a part of your commitment to a better Earth!

Call 745-8538 or check out the Service Department section of BlueAsh.com with questions about waste or recycling issues.

The Administration and Council will continue to closely monitor revenues to determine when and if the project can move forward. Citizens are encouraged to check BlueAsh.com for details.



Pictured above are two architect's renderings of the front (top graphic) & rear (bottom graphic) of a proposed new clubhouse/banquet facility. Renderings by Steed Hammond Paul. (Click on BlueAsh.com for many more renderings showing inside portions of the facility.)

FUTURE 130-ACRE AIRPORT PARK UPDATE

To provide brief background for those new to the area or who have not been following this news in recent years, in the summer of 2006, the City of Blue Ash negotiated the acquisition of 130 acres of the 228 acre Blue Ash Airport owned by the City of Cincinnati. This purchase agreement, approved by the Councils of Blue Ash and Cincinnati, represented a 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 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, and open green space. Voters approved of this plan and a related 0.25% earnings tax financing plan by a 2 to 1 margin. (Note that the specifics of amenities to be included in this future park are not final. Concepts continue to be discussed and input from citizens is welcome!)

While the continuance of the Blue Ash Airport operation on Cincinnati's remaining 98 acres could not be guaranteed as part of the Issue 15 process/vote, the purchase agreement 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 (in February 2010, Cincinnati did request one of those year extensions to allow more time to work with the FAA). The agreement also specified that Blue Ash would commit up to \$2 million in matching funds to funding provided by Cincinnati in addition to FAA grants. Should Cincinnati not receive the required \$10 million in FAA funds requested, they have the option of closing the airport. Before Blue Ash can move forward with development of the park, the City of Cincinnati must resolve a number of issues associated with airport operations. As of early August, Cincinnati is awaiting approval from the FAA as federal funds will be required to reconfigure airport operations.

In the meantime, Blue Ash remains committed to the airport and continues to support Cincinnati's efforts to receive FAA funds to keep it operational. Should that process not prove successful, Blue Ash has a contractual right to match any purchase offer on the remaining 98 acres, and will go through a due diligence process to determine financial feasibility. Regardless of whether the airport remains open or not, Blue Ash will likely begin phased development of the new "Central" park around 2012-13, depending on the economy.

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.

NEWS FROM RAYMOND WALTERS COLLEGE

On July 1, Raymond Walters College (RWC) welcomed its sixth Dean – Dr. Cady Short-Thompson. Dr. Short-Thompson is a lifelong Wyoming, Ohio resident and is a UC alumna. She replaced Interim Dean Dr. Don O'Meara who has returned to the college's faculty in the Behavioral Science Department. Dr. Short-Thompson previously served as the chair of the Communication Department at NKU. Welcome to RWC and Blue Ash, Dr. Short-Thompson!

RWC has also announced its 2010/11 lineup for the popular ARTrageous Saturdays and Rhythm 'n' Blue Ash concert series.

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 & 1PM in the RWC Theater:

- Oct. 23, Circus Mojo (circus fun)
- Nov. 20, Frisch Marionette Company
- Jan. 29, The Rockin' Adventures of Peter Rabbit (ArtReach Children's Theatre)
- Feb. 26, Tales of Flight with the Brothers Wright (Madcap Puppets)
- Mar. 19, Tap & Jazz for Kids (David Leonhardt Jazz Group & the Shelley Oliver Tap Dancers)

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

- Feb. 12, An Evening with John McCutcheon
- Mar. 19, An Evening of Gershwin (David Leonhardt Jazz Group & The Shelley Oliver Tap Dancers)
- Apr. 16, Broadway's Stars of Tomorrow with CCM's Musical Theatre

Visit www.rwc.uc.edu or call 745-5705 for tickets and info.

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.

FALL RECREATION FUN IN BLUE ASH ...

Just because summer is nearly over doesn't mean the fun has to stop! The entertainment specialists in YOUR Parks & Recreation Department have lots of recreation opportunities planned through the fall months in Blue Ash. Below is a summary of just a few fun things in the works for your family's enjoyment. Check out BlueAsh.com for more details or call 745-8550.

New event! Blue Ash is goin' to the dogs on Labor Day Weekend!

On Saturday, Sept. 4, from 10AM to 5PM, the first ever Beggin' Bark & Bacon Bash will be held in the field area behind the Recreation Center! This dog-friendly festival is presented by Beggin Strips, and will include professional dock-diving dogs and other fun dog-oriented entertainment and activities! On Sunday, Sept. 5, bring your dog around dusk to watch the first ever Dog-In Movie in the Amphitheatre in the Nature Park. On Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6, the Doggie Doo Athlon & Festival is set (note the

new day for this fun annual event), including open swim at the pool. Check BlueAsh.Com for the latest on this doggone-good fun planned for the holiday weekend!

Thursday Lunchtime Concerts on the Square



The free lunch-time concert series continues in 2010, offered each Thursday from Noon to 1:30PM in September beginning on Sept. 9. This year's concert lineup includes:

- ▶ Sept. 9 – Anna & Milovan
- ▶ Sept. 16 – Dave Hawkins
- ▶ Sept. 23 – Jennifer Ellis Trio
- ▶ Sept. 30 – Stormy Weather

Movies on the Square

Movies on the Square are set for Saturdays, Sept. 11 & 25, featuring the family-friendly flick "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" on Sept. 11 (Sept. 25 TBA). The movies begin at dusk and are free and open to the public.

Heritage Day

Saturday, Oct. 9, marks the annual Heritage Day celebration when the Nature Park will set the scene for late 1800s Blue Ash! The event is set from Noon to 6PM, and will include a variety of food and beverages, demonstrations, music, a petting zoo, pony rides, tours of the Historic Hunt House, and much more good, old-fashioned fun for the entire family! This event is free and open to the public.



Halloween Walk in the Woods



This award-winning event is set for Saturday, Oct. 23, from Noon to 3PM in the Nature Park. Bring your kids 10 years and under (costumes encouraged) for fun trick-or-treat and other family Halloween-oriented activities. This event is free and open to the public.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT UPDATES...

Overall Connectivity Enhancements

Efforts to improve overall connectivity throughout Blue Ash have been underway for the past several years. "Connectivity" relates to the more efficient "connection" of neighborhoods and businesses throughout the community to frequent destinations around Blue Ash, such as the Rec Center and other current and future parks, including the future 130 acre park near the airport; City Hall; downtown; etc. This work will continue in 2010 with sidewalk improvements as Council awarded a bid at its July meeting. In 2010, new sidewalks are planned on the south side of Cooper Road (between Reed Hartman Highway and Plainfield - to replace the current on-street path) and on the west side of Reed Hartman Highway between Creek and Glendale-Milford Roads. This year's sidewalk work is expected to begin in August and be complete by the end of the year. Note that these sidewalk and overall connectivity improvements will continue in future years, with sidewalk planned along other major roadways, such as Plainfield Road between Cooper and Glendale-Milford, Cooper Road west towards Evendale, additional sidewalk on



Reed Hartman Highway, and more. Please note that the sidewalk program is not intended to extend the sidewalk system within individual neighborhoods. The intent is to assure pedestrian/bike pathways along the major thoroughfares that connect our neighborhoods to frequently traveled destinations.

Downtown Traffic Signals

Bids were awarded in May for the replacement of 6 traffic signals in the downtown area. The new signals will be energy-saving LED signals and will be "coordinated" to provide a smoother flow of traffic on Kenwood Road during heavy traffic periods. New traffic signal poles will be installed at intersections, as well as battery back-up systems to allow hours of continued operation during power outages. Crosswalks will also be enhanced. This project is being partially funded with a Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Program grant from the OKI Council of Governments. Work should begin late this summer and be complete next spring.

2010 Paving Program

The 2010 Paving Program will include repaving of the Golf Maintenance parking lot off Mohler Road as well as repairs and resur-

facing of the following residential streets:

- Brittany Drive
- Cynthia Court
- Elizabeth Place
- Leadwell Lane
- Summit Avenue
- Tillsam Court
- Bentwood Court
- Wood Creek
- Carpenter's Run (near Plainfield)
- Carpenter's Ridge
- Fallen Branch
- Falling Brook
- Muirfield Lane

This bid was awarded by Council at its July meeting. Work will begin in late August and is expected to be complete by late October.

Neighborhood Cleanup Day - Sat., Oct. 16

On Sat., Oct. 16, from 9AM to 3PM, the Service Department facility at 6131 Interstate Cir. will be open for residents to access dumpsters. Also, the new on-site shredding service, first offered in 2009, is being continued. There is a limit of four standard size filing boxes per residence consisting of household documents only (business documents cannot be accepted). There is no charge for this service; however, proof of Blue Ash residency is required upon arrival. Call the Service Department weekdays between 7AM and 3:30PM at 686-1250 with questions or to confirm what is acceptable proof of residency.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE STANDARDS STRENGTHENED

In late May, City Council formally passed Ordinance No. 2010-21 which amends and updates several sections of the Blue Ash Code of Ordinances relating to property maintenance standards.

Blue Ash is a great place to live because residents take pride in their homes and neighborhoods. The City's property maintenance codes are in place to promote the health, safety, and well-being of residents and neighborhoods through encouraging adherence to City codes. Property maintenance compliance protects property values and neighborhoods against deteriorating influences, benefitting everyone -- not just the affected neighborhood or street.

These changes were recommended to City Council by those who enforce the City's property maintenance standards. However, it should be noted that many of these changes were based on direct suggestions from residents and Council representatives regarding property maintenance issues experienced in their neighborhoods. Many of the changes will simply allow enhanced enforcement means should violations occur, including more distinct definitions and clarity.

Below is a summary of the major updates adopted by Council, which went into effect in early August:

► **Storage and Parking of Junk or Inoperable Vehicle** - No junk, inoperable, or unlicensed vehicle shall be located on any residential property, except when stored within a completely enclosed building.

► **Outside Storage** - Landscape materials, tools, mowers, trimmers, or the like stored outside must be screened on all sides so as not to be seen, and must be behind the front building line of the house. Examples of "fully screened" methods permitted could include a wall, storage cabinet, fence, or landscaping installed with materials of a quality compatible with the immediate neighborhood. Items exempt from this screening include patio furniture, swing sets/similar equipment, and firewood neatly stacked behind the front building line and free of insects, etc.

► **Trash Containers** - must be screened from view from any street and be located behind the front building line of the house. In the case of a corner lot, containers cannot be located in the side yard adjacent to a street. Trash containers can also be stored in a fully enclosed structure.

► **Defacement of Property** - No person shall willfully or wantonly damage, mutilate or deface any exterior surface of any structure or building on any private or public property by placing thereon any marking, carving, or graffiti. It is the responsibility of the owner or occupant to restore a defaced surface to an approved state of maintenance and repair.

► **Grading and Drainage** - in short, the Code was updated within several sections to more adequately explain the premise that property owners are responsible in providing correct and adequate drainage on

their property and to accomplish this in a manner that does not cause a drainage problem for other properties or create a safety or health risk in general. Property owners are required to maintain their watercourse to prevent pollution and contamination from occurring. The changes also add language addressing roof drains and sump pumps.

► The violation fine was changed from a previous level of \$100 to \$150 (this is a PER DAY fine).

Blue Ash has a full-time staff member devoted to the enforcement of Blue Ash's maintenance standards. Strict enforcement regarding the following will continue as a measure of the City's interest in protecting the value of your home:

► Properties and structures must be maintained in a neat, safe, and sanitary state of repair. This includes driveways, walls, fences, garages, swimming pools, etc.

► Cutting of high grass and weeds - violation occurs when grass/weeds reach a height of 8 inches.

This is just a summary of the changes made. Any questions or property maintenance issues should be directed to Rich Dole in the Community Development office at 745-8542, or via E-mail to rdole@blueash.com.



BEAUTIFICATION WEEK

The Beautification Week judging process took place in June, with the City receiving nominations for over 110 residential properties! All properties nominated for an award were judged by the Committee. Examples of the judging criteria included overall appearance, type of plantings used (garden variety/color), and overall lawn and tree maintenance.

It was a challenging process as all nominated properties were beautiful. Congratulations to this year's Beautification Week winners, who were invited to the August 12 Council meeting to receive their awards:

- 🌸 Mayor's Choice: Larry & Jean Kinsella, 9451 Oakhurst
- 🌸 Committee Choice: The Yasbeck Family, 10116 Kenwood Rd.
- 🌸 People's Choice: The Warshaw Family, 10350 Ryan's Way
- 🌸 Small Business: Strawser's Funeral Home, Kenwood Rd.

Residential Finalists:

- 🌸 10171 Zig Zag Rd. - The Crusham Family
- 🌸 10243 Kenwood Rd. -The Bork Family
- 🌸 5621 Samstone Ct. - The Hodovanic Family
- 🌸 9499 Railroad Ave. -The Hankinson Family
- 🌸 4418 Edenton Ln.
The Hughes Family
- 🌸 9465 Tramwood Ct.
The Chua Family
- 🌸 3557 Tiffany Ridge
The Fink Family



Pictured is the Committee's Choice Beautification Week Selection @ 10116 Kenwood Road

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Aug. 24 Concert in the Park – Monday Night Big Band, (last of the season), 7PM, Amphitheatre
 Aug. 27, 28 & 29 Taste of Blue Ash! See related article
 Sept. 4, 5 & 6 Dog “festival” near Rec Center – see article
 Sept. 6 Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra, 6PM, Blue Ash Towne Square (rain site: Junior High)
 Sept. 9 Thursday Lunch Concert (Anna & Milovan), Noon – 1:30PM, Towne Square
 Sept. 11 Movie on the Square, Dusk, “Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs”
 Sept. 16 Thursday Lunch Concert (Dave Hawkins), Noon – 1:30PM, Towne Square
 Sept. 20 Sister City/“Culturalogue” presentation (see below)
 Sept. 22 Sister City/Concert, food, etc. (see below)
 Sept. 23 Thursday Lunch Concert (Jennifer Ellis Trio), Noon – 1:30PM, Towne Square
 Sept. 25 Movie on the Square, Dusk, Movie TBA
 Sept. 30 Thursday Lunch Concert (Stormy Weather), Noon – 1:30PM, Towne Square
 Oct. 9 Fire Dept. Open House, Noon-4PM, North Station

Oct. 9 Blue Ash Heritage Day, Nature Park, Noon-6PM
 Oct. 11 Fall curbside leaf pickup begins
 Oct. 16 Neighborhood Cleanup Day, Service facility (See public works project article)
 Oct. 23 Halloween Walk in the Woods Noon - 3PM, Nature Park
 Oct. 29 Last day of weekly curbside brush pickup for residences. Call 686-1250 to schedule pickup Nov. - Feb.
 Oct. 31 Halloween – Blue Ash trick-or-treat hours: 6-8PM
 Nov. 2 Election Day. Polls open 6:30AM to 7:30PM
 Nov. 7 Daylight Saving Time ends. Set clocks BACK 1 hour
 Nov. 11 Veterans Day ceremonies @ Vet Memorial, 10:30AM. Lunch after @ Rec Center (see article on back)
 Nov. 13 Fall Dance @ the Rec Center, 7:30 – 10PM, 745-8550
 Dec. 4 Blue Ash Womans Club craft show @ Rec Center, 10AM – 3PM
 Dec. 5 Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra, Montgomery Assembly of God Church, 7950 Pfeiffer Road
 Dec. 17 Fall curbside leaf pickup ends – last day City crews will pick up unbagged leaves raked roadside

COUNCIL REMINDERS ...

City Council Meetings

Just a reminder that Blue Ash City Council meetings are open to the public and are usually held in the Council Chambers in City Hall, 4343 Cooper Road. The City and Council always welcome the attendance and participation of our Blue Ash citizens! Agendas, minutes, legislation and other Council meeting info are posted to the “Municipal Bulletin” portion of BlueAsh.com (within the “Blue Ash Government” section).

In general, the regular Blue Ash City Council meeting schedule is:

- January through May, September, and October: 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month
- June through August and December: 2nd Thursday
- November: 2nd and 3rd Thursday

Meetings generally begin at 7PM. Though the above represents a summary of Council’s regular schedule, please note that some schedule and time changes do occur throughout the year. The City encourages anyone interested in attending a meeting to check BlueAsh.com or call 745-8510 closer to the date to avoid inconvenience. There is already a varia-

tion to the above general meeting schedule through the end of this year due to several holidays. The remaining 2010 meetings scheduled as of early August include Sept. 23, Oct. 14 & 28, Nov. 18, and Dec. 9.

Interested in Serving on a Volunteer Board/Commission?

City Council is always on the lookout for Blue Ash citizens interested in serving on any of the City’s volunteer boards and commissions. These positions are Council-appointed, and include the Planning Commission, Board of Site Arrangement/Zoning Appeals, Civil Service Commission, Rec Board, Charter Revision Committee, and Board of Tax Review. Citizens interested in serving on any of these should submit their request in writing via E-mail to administration@blueash.com or via mail or in person to the City of Blue Ash, ATTN: City Manager’s Office, 4343 Cooper Rd., Blue Ash, Ohio 45242. Even if there is no vacancy, the City will keep info on hand should a vacancy occur.

Questions regarding Council meetings, agenda topics, or the volunteer citizen boards and commissions can be directed to the City Manager’s Office at 745-8510 or via E-mail to administration@blueash.com.

BE A PART OF THE FALL SISTER CITY ACTIVITIES!

The next delegation from Ilmenau, Germany is set to visit Blue Ash from Sept. 17 - 25. As part of these activities, we would like to invite citizens (and others interested in the Sister City program) to 2 free, fun events open to the public (both described below). These are great opportunities to meet and talk with the Ilmenau Oberbuergermeister (Mayor) and other Ilmenau representatives! Bring your family and friends to these fun celebrations with our Sister City affiliates:

- ▶ Mon., Sept. 20, Flory Center on the Raymond Walters campus, 5:30 – 6:30PM: a business reception and opportunity to meet

RWC’s new Dean, Dr. Cady Short-Thompson, and immediately following (same location) a “Culturalogue” presentation. Come learn more about Ilmenau, Germany directly from the Ilmenau Mayor himself, who will be doing a short presentation.



- ▶ Wed., Sept. 22, 7PM, Nature Park Amphitheatre -- FREE concert featuring German music (Pete Wagner Band), FREE German food, and discounted domestic and German beer!

Call 745-8503 with questions regarding the Sister City program.

BLUE ASH NOTES...

City offices will be closed on Mon., Sept. 6 (Labor Day); Thurs., Nov.11 (Veterans Day); and Thurs./Fri. Nov. 25/26 (Thanksgiving). There is no change or delays in curbside garbage pickup during these weeks...

Because of potential construction beginning at the Golf Course clubhouse this coming fall (see related article beginning on Page 1), those citizens who normally vote at the golf clubhouse will be voting at the Rec Center this November (and likely into 2011 as well). This affects all of Ward 4 (in general, south of Hunt Road and west of Blue Ash Road) as well as Precinct A of Ward 5. The Hamilton County Board of Elections will be sending notification of this change to all affected voters.

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. 9, from Noon to 4PM. A live demonstration, along with snacks and beverages will be available ... come learn first-hand more about "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!" More info about these activities will be available in September...



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

Many thanks to long-time citizen Jerry Hofmann who retired from his 30+ year position on the Rec Board at the end of June 2010. Mr. Hofmann was first appointed to the Board in Oct. 1978. At the Aug. 12 Council meeting, Jerry was presented with a plaque from City Council formally expressing the City's thanks for his many years of service. Thanks, Jerry!

Did you know that if you own residential rental property that you are required by the State of Ohio to register your property(s) with the Hamilton County Auditor's Office? Check the Hamilton County Auditor's website at www.HamiltonCountyAuditor.org for more details...

Don't forget that your Rec Center Café serves delicious lunches every weekday from 11:30AM to 2PM. A variety of fresh home-made sandwiches, salads, and soups are available at reasonable prices. Check out the Menu on the Rec Center portion of BlueAsh.com. Or better yet ... just come on in and give it a try!



At the July 8 Council meeting, Council approved a special permit for construction of a new City Barbeque Restaurant at the southwest corner of Glendale-Milford/Pfeiffer Roads and Kenwood, at the site of the current Rombes Restaurant and former Jiffy Lube. If all continues to go well in their due diligence work, City BBQ hopes to begin construction before the end of the year...

Did you know that your Blue Ash Golf Course has once again received a Four-Star rating in Golf Digest's "Best Places to Play" publication? This is a paperback book featuring only the top courses from across the country. It is published approximately every two years and is available for sale in bookstores.



COMMUNITY BULLETINS

TriHealth's MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY VAN will be at City Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 8AM to Noon. This service will be open to the public and is for all women ages 35 and older. Call 745-8642 weekdays with questions or to schedule an appointment.

The BLUE ASH WOMAN'S CLUB Open House and White Elephant Auction is set for 7PM, Monday, Sept.13, at the Rec Center. Past and new members are welcome. The Club also has limited quantities of the beautiful Historic Hunt House ornament. Call Bev at 891-4043.

The SYCAMORE SENIOR CENTER is planning a "Great Community Challenge" benefit on Saturday, Sept. 25. The challenge is similar to TV's "The Amazing Race" and "Minute to Win It"! Competitors will compete in teams and will travel throughout suburban Cincinnati to complete fun challenges. The goal: accumulate the highest amount of points and win \$1,000 or \$500! Call 984-1234 with questions.

Congratulations to CARLA ENG OF ABSTRACT DISPLAYS who was selected as the BLUE ASH/MONTGOMERY ROTARY Entrepreneur of the Year for 2010. Carla founded Abstract Displays in 2000, a company that designs and produces exhibits for sales, marketing, and corporate events. Over the past three years alone, Abstract Displays has grown more than 50%. A sincere congrats, Carla, and thanks for choosing Blue Ash as the home for Abstract Displays!

Congratulations to TRENDZ SALON at Glendale-Milford and Kenwood Roads on the celebration in September of its 20th year anniversary in Blue Ash. We're glad you're a part of our business community, Trendz!

The BLUE ASH/MONTGOMERY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will bid farewell to summer at its annual Labor Day Concert set for 6PM, Monday, Sept. 6, at Towne Square (rain site: Sycamore Junior High, 5757 Cooper Road). Bring your lawn chairs, picnic supper, and coolers for this FREE event open to the public. The annual holiday concert is also set for Sunday, Dec. 5, at the Montgomery Assembly of God Church. Call 232-0949 or click on www.BAMSO.org for more details.

The HAMILTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT is looking for volunteers willing to serve the community in the event of a public health emergency. Volunteers are being sought to assist with Points of Dispensing (POD), a location where medications or vaccines will be distributed to residents. It would be opened if many people have been exposed to an infection that may make them sick. To reduce travel, wait time, and to provide a familiar location, PODs would be established throughout the county, including in Blue Ash. Time commitment will be minimal for orientation and training exercises, and volunteers will be trained thoroughly by the Health Dept. If you're interested in assisting Blue Ash and your neighbors to prepare for an emergency, click on www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org for more info.



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CONSUMER'S CHOICE FOR ELECTRICITY

Electric Choice began in Ohio in 2001, and since that time most electric customers have been able to choose the company that supplies their electricity. Under this program, Blue Ash residents and businesses could contract with a certified alternate energy supplier for the generation or production of their electricity, and Duke Energy would continue to deliver the electricity, maintain power lines, send bills, and respond to emergencies.

Pricing for electricity is unbundled (separated between generation and delivery) and identified on your bill. When a customer contracts with an alternate energy supplier, the charges they no longer pay to Duke Energy include generation charges, Transmission Cost Rider (Rider TCR), Fuel and Purchased Power Rider (Rider FPP), and Annually Adjusted Component Rider (Rider AAC). With an alternate energy supplier, the costs of these three riders are actually avoided, creating an opportunity for savings.

According to Duke Energy's records, only 5% of Blue Ash households have taken advantage of this savings opportunity by contracting with an alternate supplier. Therefore, it is the City's intent to make you aware of the current offers as advertised on the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) website. As of the writing of this article, three offers are available to Duke Energy residential customers with RS rate classification (as identified on your bill) via alternate energy suppliers:

- ▶ **Dominion Retail** – Fixed price of \$0.0599 per kWh through the December 2011 meter read date; limited to the first 15,000 customers who enroll
- ▶ **Duke Energy Retail Sales** (a non-regulated affiliate of Duke Energy Corporation) – Guaranteed 15% discount off Duke's price-to-compare through December 31, 2011
- ▶ **First Energy Solutions** – 50% off the price-to-compare for the first and last month of the contract which ends December 2012 and 10% off the price-to-compare every month in between; limited to the first 25,000 customers who enroll

Additional items you may wish to consider when selecting a supplier include contract terms, the source used to generate the electricity, and/or the reputation of the supplier. The PUCO's Apples to Apples rate comparison charts, available at PUCO.ohio.gov, offer information to help you compare the details about each supplier's offer. To contract with an alternate energy supplier, you will need to contact the supplier directly. Contact information for certified alternate suppliers can be found at the PUCO website as well as Duke Energy's (Ohio) website.

VETERANS DAY CEREMONIES 2010

Veterans Day ceremonies are set for Thursday, November 11, at the Veterans Memorial beginning at 10:30AM. The day's activities will include the ceremonies at the Veterans Memorial, followed by the traditional luncheon at the Recreation Center.

This year's keynote speaker at the ceremonies will be Dr. Brad Wenstrup, and the Ohio Military Band will also be on hand to assist with the ceremonies and to entertain at the luncheon. As has been a favorite tradition, students from the Greene Intermediate School's Accelerated Language Lab classes will also play an active part in the ceremonies. The annual luncheon at the Recreation Center, which is open to the public and costs only \$4 per person, will feature picnic-type foods (metts, brats, hotdogs), grilled by members of the Veterans Committee. Both the ceremonies and luncheon are coordi-

nated 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. Logistical assistance is provided by the City. The Committee meets throughout the year to plan the day's activities.

Why not take a few minutes out of your Thursday morning to attend and honor those special Americans who have sacrificed so much to assure OUR freedom? Call 745-8510 with questions about the Veterans Day ceremonies or luncheon.

