



Deer Park News – City Manager B J Jetter

With the new year under way, we are busy working on current projects and planning for new ones! For example, this year’s road project will begin with bidding on several streets with the Greater Cincinnati Water Works for water main replacement with street milling and street repaving. We have already received a SORTA Grant for Plainfield Road, from the corporation line in Sycamore Township south to Silverton, for water main replacement and mill and paving that will begin this year.

In last quarters newsletter we told you about a grant we applied for to complete Phase 2 of the Blue Ash Road Street Scape and we are happy to report OKI has approved a \$4 million grant for this project! Work will begin on the design in early 2023.

We also reported on the conversion of the Tennis Courts in Chamberlin Park to Pickleball Courts. This project has been completed and they are open for playing! By spring, the drinking fountains along the walking path in the park, will all be ADA accessible and have three functions, a lower level water accessory for pets, a regular drinking fountain, and a water bottle refill station.

Good things are happening in the park! We received a grant for \$80,000 from the Hamilton County Commissioners Road Fund for maintaining and improving the walking path. We also received a grant for \$150,000 from the State Capital funds that will be used to start the RFP process on a design/build for a music pavilion in the park.

Our city offices are moving away from paper documents as much as possible. We encourage you to visit our website where you will find forms for each department that can be accessed at any time. We are also happy to inform you that the city has partnered with a company to put all of the city ordinances and building codes on our website. There will be a link on the website where you will be able to look up the guidelines for any project you undertake. That project is underway and should be completed by the end of the first quarter.

Summer Concert Series for 2023

- Sat May 6 Model Behavior (80’s party rock)
- Sat May 20 The Everyday People Band (Groove, 70’s to now, Motown)
- Sat June 3 Jump & Jive Big Band (Big Band music)
- Sat June 17 Red Idle Rejects (Alt Country/Bluegrass)
- Sat July 1 String Theory (40’s to Present)
- Sat July 22 Billy Rock Band (Groove, Rock,& Soul)
- Sat Aug 19 Education Breakdown (Rock, Blues, Pop; 60’s - 2000’s)
- Sat Sept 23 Paisley Cane (Classic Rock with a twist; harmony vocals)



March 12, 2023

From the Desk of Police Chief Michael Schlie



The Police Department continues to function at a high level while training new employees hired in the fall of 2022.

During the holidays the Police Department stepped up patrols due to increased traffic, gatherings, and thefts from vehicles and businesses during the busy holiday season. The police department urges residents to lock their vehicles, keep valuables inside your home, in the trunk, or outside of view if you must leave them in your vehicle. Motion sensor outdoor lights are extremely helpful in deterring criminals.



The Police Department worked in conjunction with the Deer Park Community School District on the annual holiday food drive. Deer Park PD was successful in the "Top of the Tahoe" food drive. Lt. Battin and PO James Murphy (pictured) literally stuffed the Tahoe full of food for those in need. Thank you to everyone that donated to the food drive.

The Police Department remains proactive and urges residents to report suspicious behavior, if you see something, please say something.



NEW Restaurant

KIJI Hibachi Express is now open in the Dillonvale Shopping Center.

Family owned and operated KIJI is open 10:30 am to 9:00 pm daily. They offer dine in and carry out options. Based on their reviews since opening, I'd say this is one to check out!

- ◆ *Huuuuuge portions, fresh ingredients! friendly service, it was great!*
- ◆ *Love hibachi so definitely wanted to try this new place. Service was very quick and friendly. Food is delicious. Large portion sizes and lots of veggies. Will definitely be back.*
- ◆ *For take-out hibachi, this is amazing! Huge portion. Fresh veggies. Nice chicken. I was pleasantly surprised and I am already having it for the 2nd time this week!*



Need something fun to do for an afternoon?

Come downtown and hop on the Cincinnati Connector for the Cincinnati Riverside Food Tours, **Cincinnati Streetcar Tour**. The tour runs daily 1:00 to 4:00 until December 23, 2023.

Bring your friends and family and enjoy local food from six different places while riding through four unique neighborhoods.

Visit their website for more information.
<https://www.riversidefoodtours.com/tours/streetcar/>

Service Department Update – Ron Schwettman, Foreman

Last fall's curbside vacuum leaf collection ended in mid-December, with 10 rounds made throughout the city, resulting in 70 dump truck loads of leaves picked up. The weekly brush chipping service has now resumed. This service is typically on Fridays, for branches/limbs over 4 feet in length, and 1 to 8 inches in diameter.

Over the last several months the Service Department has installed over 700 feet of storm drainpipe plus rain tile in Chamberlin Park at the upper part of the park, to help alleviate an ongoing drainage issue. Several catch basins were also added in the park during the year. We received a grant for partial funding of this project and doing the work in-house resulted in additional savings to the City.

During the winter, the Service Dept has been readying equipment, especially to be prepared for adverse winter weather. We would like to remind residents that during ice and snow events, to please keep vehicles off the street so that crews – and residents – can more safely get around.

did you know?

The City of Deer Park is pleased to offer its residents reimbursement for replacing their broken sidewalks through its Sidewalk Program.

As a walking school district and a small city where many folks like to walk their pets, jog, or walk to the grocery or church, we want to improve the safety of our sidewalks by making it more affordable for residents to replace sidewalk panels that are broken or uneven. In the annual budget, we have allocated \$2,500 toward sidewalk reimbursements.

The program works like this: Residents submit an application and choose a bonded contractor. The City will inspect prior to and after the pouring of cement. Once the job is complete, the resident will submit their receipt for reimbursement. The scale of reimbursement is as follows:

- projects up to \$400 – we will reimburse 50%
- projects \$400-750 – we will reimburse \$250
- projects \$750-1,000 – we will reimburse \$300
- projects over \$1,000 – we will reimburse \$400
- corner projects over 90 running feet reimbursed on an individual case basis

Residents doing the work themselves can receive partial compensation for materials used.

Brochures with detailed information are available at the city building, 7777 Blue Ash Road or call (513) 794-8860.



FREE Public WiFi – The City has installed 22 access points along the newly improved Blue Ash Road corridor, as well as a section of Galbraith and Plainfield, creating a WiFi “loop” within these main city corridors. Chamberlin Park and the community center are also served by this project.



Connect to: [_DeerparkFreeWiFi](#). This is the first installation of public WiFi in Deer Park.

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Mark Your Calendars:



Monday, March 13, 2023 - Meet your Deer Park City Council members! Council members will be at the Deer Park Library for an informal 'meet and greet' from 7 pm - 8 pm. Hear about what is happening in the City and ask any questions you may have! Hope to see you there.



Saturday, April 1, 2023 - Come on out to Chamberlin Park for our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Photos with the Easter Bunny! The egg hunt will start promptly at 11:00 AM. There will be 4 age groups: 3 & under, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. Please bring your own bags and baskets! *Sponsored by the Deer Park Park Board.*



Monday, April 18, 2023 – Tax season is here, and your tax returns can be filed in three different ways.

- E-file your return via the Tax page on our website
- Submit your documents online via our website or drop them off in one of the drop boxes located at the City Building (one outside and one inside)
- If you would like us to prepare your return while you wait, schedule an appointment by calling our office at 513-794-8863. Walk in service is NOT available. Appointments are available Monday through Friday from 8:15 am - 4:00 pm
- More information can be found at:
www.deerpark-oh.gov/departments/taxdepartment