

## **Deer Park News – City Manager B J Jetter**

Spring is here, and Deer Park has come alive with all the beauty of blooming flowers. But more importantly, the end is in sight for the completion of the Plainfield Road project. The final paving is scheduled to start by June 24, 2024. Check out the City website front page for dates and details on the remainder of the work still needing completion. WE want to thank the residents who have been impacted by the Plainfield Road water main project, and the side streets as well, for your patience.

UPDATE - the Chamberlin Park Pavilion Project will be going out to bid on April 1st! We hope to have the bid accepted by the May 6th, 2024, council meeting so we can hire a contractor and begin construction. Watch for more information on this exciting project. This will be a great addition to the park when completed!

Our City Public Works crews are starting the spring cleanup in the park so the spring and summer activities can begin! The tennis courts have been converted into Pickleball courts and all residents are encouraged to use them. If you have not used the walk path lately, you may want to check it out. Some landscaping and signage have been added. Several memorial trees have been planted along the path as it winds through the park for a nice relaxing and enjoyable walk.

The city has been working on several grants for economic development and is seeking funds for Phase II of the Blue Ash Road Street Scape Program. We invite you to join us at a public hearing on April 1st, at 6:30pm at the Deer Park Municipal Bldg, 7777 Blue Ash Road, for the purpose of hearing public comments on the City's community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2024 program year. This is your chance to have a voice in the future of our city.

The city has had several complaints about on-street parking blocking access for Rumpke on trash pickup days. Please be mindful of your neighbors and allow enough room for Rumpke to access the trash receptacles.

May is quickly approaching. Don't forget the Memorial Day parade on May 27, 2024, starting in Silverton, moving into Deer Park, laying a wreath at the Veterans Memorial in Chamberlin Park, and then moving into Sycamore Township for a final wreath-laying ceremony at Bechtold Park. This fun community event includes many local schools and civic organizations and features the Deer Park Band providing music during the parade.

I hope to see everyone along the parade route and as always, it's a great time to Re-Discover Deer Park!

## **From the Desk of Police Chief David Battin**

The Police Department continues to function at a high level while training for our newest police officer Clint Townsend, hired in January, continues.

We recently had the privilege of hosting the local scouts for a tour of the police department and council chambers. It's hard to know who had the best time, the kids or us!

The Police Department stepped up patrols due to increased traffic, and thefts from vehicles and businesses. We urge 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 is always proactive and urges residents to report suspicious behavior, if you see something please say something.



## Service Department Update – Jake Preston

Spring has arrived and as the weather gets nicer, please slow down in the construction zones throughout the city. We have begun repairing numerous catch basins on Plainfield Rd in preparation for the final restoration.

As a reminder, our brush chipping service continues throughout the city every Friday. Please place your brush on the curb line for us to collect, don't block the sidewalks and place all the limbs facing the same direction.

Also, as the weather warms up, we will be turning the water back on in the park in early April. As always, until this is completed, the bathrooms located at the back of the City Building are open year-round.

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## Fire Department Update – Fire Chief Denny Meador

As the weather starts to warm and thoughts turn to spring, please take this opportunity to combine your spring cleaning with health and fire safety. These simple tips can significantly increase the fire safety in your home.

- Household and pool chemicals, paints, and poisons should be marked appropriately and stored under lock and key, away from children's reach. Properly dispose of any that are leaking, expired, or look bad.
- When cleaning up hazardous household chemicals, wear rubber gloves and eye protection. Never mix chemicals in the same container. If you do not know how to dispose of the product properly, contact Hamilton County Environmental Services at 513-946-7777. Never dispose of chemicals by pouring them down your household drains or in the trash.
- Ensure that gasoline and cleaning fluids are well marked and stored in a cool, dry place and out of the reach of children and pets. Use only approved containers to store gasoline. Never store gasoline near heat sources, such as furnaces or water heaters. Never use gasoline to clean skin, clothes, or auto parts.
- Check your barbecue grill for leaks and cracks in the gas line. Do not store extra tanks inside your home or garage if you have a propane grill.
- Remove all fire hazards, including stacks of newspapers, magazines, and rags. Pay special attention to areas around your furnace, water heater, and dryer. Do not store combustible materials underneath your stairs.
- Ensure you have home fire extinguishers in the proper areas of your home. Some critical locations for extinguishers are in the kitchen, garage, work areas, and near the barbecue grill.
- Take the time to replace the batteries in your home's smoke detectors. If you need assistance with home smoke detectors, don't hesitate to contact the Fire District at 791-2500. We will be happy to assist you!

By taking these precautions when warm weather beckons, you and those around you can enjoy a safer, healthier spring.

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## Tax Department Update

The due date for filing your taxes this year is Monday, April 15th, 2024. If you need assistance with your return, here's how we can help:

- Submit your documents (W-2s, W-Gs, 1099's, Federal Form 1040, Schedule E or C) and we'll prepare your return for you. You can mail your documents, upload them electronically to the **secure email link\***, or put them in the physical drop box at the municipal building (there is one outside by parking lot and one inside). Be sure to include contact information with your documents so that we may call or email you with questions.
- All residents now have the ability to **e-file your tax return\***. Using the e-file link, the program walks you through entering your information and uploading your documentation. Click submit and you are done. If you owe taxes, you can pay those online with our **secure payment link\***. If this will be the first ever tax return you file with the City of Deer Park, you must first set up an account by contacting the tax office. If you have filed a return in the past, you already have an account and can access the e-file link now.
- If you would like us to prepare your return while you wait, schedule an appointment by calling our office at 513-794-8863 during business hours (8:00 AM - 4:30 PM). Appointments are available Monday through Friday from 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM.

NOTE: YOU MUST HAVE AN APPOINTMENT, walk in service is NOT available.

\***Links to the bold items** can be found on the City website. Click on the Taxes box below the large picture on the front page.

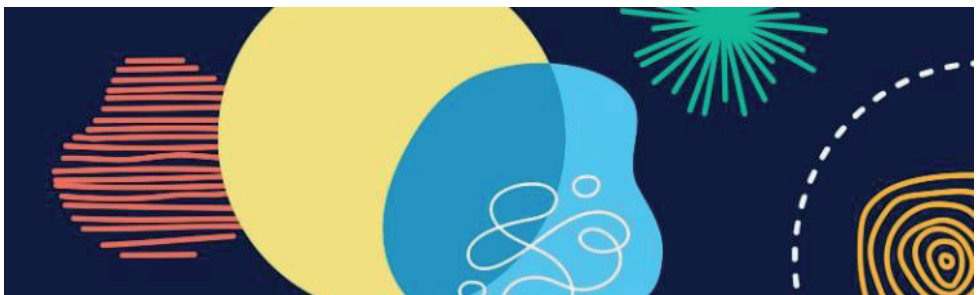
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Check out these upcoming events at the Deer Park Library



Join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Plant Swap – May 9<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm

Bring any seeds, cuttings, or plants to share with your neighbors and in exchange find something new to take home! Please label your plants and provide basic care instructions.



Family Storytime – Every Tuesday & Thursday 10:30 – 11:30am

Enjoy books, songs, activities and more while building early literacy skills. All ages are welcome!

Senior Lunch – Every Wednesday 12:00 – 1:00pm

Seniors 60+ join us for free lunch and conversation. Registration is required by 8:00am every Monday. Please call 513-561-8150 to sign up.

Adult Craft Circles – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month 7:00 – 8:30pm

Meet other crafters in your local community and enjoy an evening of mingling and music! Bring a work-in-progress and trade tips with your fellow crafters, or work on something new with provided materials. All crafts and ability levels are welcome. Adults only.

SHREDDING EVENT

SATURDAY MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

10AM – 12PM

Lakeside Center  
at Wards Corner  
6279 Tri-Ridge Blvd  
Loveland, OH 45140

Bring Old Statements,  
Documents, anything with  
personal information you  
would like destroyed.  
No limit or residency restrictions.



If you would like to advertise in the next City Newsletter, Contact Janet at 513-794-8860.



**CHECK THIS OUT** - On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month May – September, Summit Park in Blue Ash, hosts The O.F.F. Market.

The O.F.F. Market is a monthly marketplace that brings together small businesses, artisans, brewers, bakers, farmers and the like to provide a unique shopping experience that supports strong community connections and strives to grow a hearty local economy. Always the second Saturday of the month, May through September from 10-4pm at Summit Park. Always: Free Admission, Family {dog} Friendly, Packed Full of Vendors, Lots of Food Trucks **#SHOPTHEOFF**

For more information see their Facebook page The OFF Market

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Deer Park, Ohio 45236

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## Summer Concert Series 2024

All concerts take place on Saturday 7 pm – 10:30 pm  
(except for 7-14 Sunday 4-6pm)  
in the Upper Shelter at Chamberlin Park.

- Sat May 4 Scott Luck Band - country, rock, blues
- Sat Jun 1 Billy Rock Band - 'soul pocket'; blended groove, rock, soul
- Sat Jun 22 Deja Vu - 60's music
- Sat Jul 6 Vinyl Countdown - 80's new wave; pop/arena rock
- Sun Jul 14 Jumpin Jive Big Band - Big Band music 4 pm - 6 pm
- Sat Aug 17 String Theory - multi genre, 40's to present
- Sat Aug 31 The Gamut - 80's to present; rock
- Sat Sep 14 Paisley Cain - classic rock with a twist, harmony vocals



### Waste Collection tidbits:

A reminder that trash & recyclable receptacles should not be placed at curb prior to noon the day before your pick-up day and should be retrieved back from the curb by end of day of pick up.

Mattresses and other upholstered furniture need to be completely and securely wrapped in plastic for Rumpke to pick them up on your trash day.

Please contact Rumpke with any collection issues: 513-742-2900