

<u>Deer Park News – City Manager BJ Jetter</u>

Summer is here and it's time to relax and enjoy our wonderful community. Now that there has been a decrease in pandemic levels, the citizens of Deer Park are outdoors walking and visiting the park. The Park Board has lined up a great season of bands for Party in the Park. Check out the schedule for the rest of the season below.

We were not successful in getting the grant from the State of Ohio, but we continue to work hard to secure funds for a music pavilion so live music and other cultural programs can be presented in Chamberlin Park.

The 2022 road program has been pushed back due to planned projects by Cincinnati Water Works. They have identified streets we had earmarked for mill and paving to be part of a watermain replacement project in 2023. The city will have a chance to partner with Cincinnati Water Works to repave the streets after the construction is done. Plainfield Road is part of this project.

Street maintenance crews will continue to do brush/chipping services on Fridays and repair catch basins throughout the summer.

There has been a lot of interest in properties for development available in Deer Park and we are working closely with Hamilton County Economic Planning and Development to bring new projects to the Blue Ash Road business district. Watch for future updates.

The Townhomes at Wentworth experienced some delays and are now targeting August 1st for the model home grand opening. You will be able to tour the model home and see if townhome living is for you!

Cincy Magazines newest issue recognized Deer Park as one of the Top 10 Burbs in the Cincinnati area. The article stated this was our first appearance in the Top 10 due mainly to our low crime rate and our strong home sales. The median home price in Deer Park has risen 71% since 2016. For more information on this article, visit cincymagazine.com and click on the summer issue.

Save the Date: Day's In the Park Festival, August 5th & 6th with fireworks on Saturday at 10:00pm.

Be safe & enjoy the summer fun.



SUN July 17, 2022 5 pm - 8 pm (Maui Pranksters)

Sat July 23, 2022 7 pm - 10:30 pm (String Theory)

Sat August 27, 2022 7 pm - 10:30 pm (Every Day People)

Sat Sept 3, 2022 7 pm - 10:30 pm (Red Idle)

Sat Sept 17, 2022 7 pm - 10:30 pm (Cassette Junkies)

Sat Sept 24, 2022 7 pm - 10:30 pm (The Remains)

<u>From the Desk of</u> Police Chief Michael Schlie

In April of 2022, the police department welcomed its newest member, Police Officer Sara Lamping. Officer Lamping grew up locally and served in the United States Army. Officer Lamping is working her way through field training and will be released to road patrol in August of this year.

The Police Department worked closely with the Hamilton County Prosecutors Office, Hamilton County Coroner, and CIS on a homicide investigation that occurred in June of 2022. The investigation revealed a domestic/family related feud that led to a homicide. The case was closed in just a few days when the murder suspect took his own life.

The Police Department is working closely with the surviving family member to assist in any way possible. This was a tragic event for all involved and our prayers are with the family.

The Deer Park Police Department reminds everyone to report any suspicious activity in your neighborhood and to be cautious with telephone, email, and social media solicitations.

We continue to receive reports of scammers soliciting residents, and reports of stolen mail from home mailboxes and the blue mailboxes located throughout the City. When mailing anything, it is safest to take them inside the post office.

We urge residents to not release personal, financial, or identification information unless you are absolutely sure with whom you are dealing.

Service Department Update: Ron Schwettman, Foreman

In June and July we had several strong storms blow through the Greater Cincinnati area. Deer Park residents were very fortunate that we only had a couple of trees down and mostly smaller limb damage. The Service Department responded by spending additional days chipping up the debris.

We continue to provide the brush chipping service every Friday and encourage our residents to utilize this service to help them keep their properties maintained and, as a result, have a more welcoming and beautiful community.

Visit our website or call for more information on this and other city services and updates.



What's going on at the Deer Park Jr./Sr. High School

You may have passed by the Deer Park Jr/Sr High School and wondered what is going on! Changes are happening inside and outside.

The Bus parking is being relocated to the back of the building, 55 new parking spaces are being added and the windows on the front of the building are being replaced. Inside, the science classrooms were completely gutted and are being redone and a new secure entrance is being added inside the front doors of the building.

We will be welcoming many new teachers to our family this year and some positions have been combined and new ones have been created.

NEW positions:

Director of Teaching and Learning K-6

- Brandon Grubenhoff

Director of Teaching and Learning 7-12

- Mindy Robertson

NEW Staff Jr/Sr High School:

- Principal John Vander Meer
- Asst. Principal Jonaya Brown
- Secretary Casey Gausmann Teachers:
- Jami Baker Special Education
- Karen Henry Health Teacher
- Ella Kinkade Special Education 7&8

NEW Staff Amity Elementary

- Asst. Principal Laura Warman Teachers:
- Bridget Vaughn 6th Grade Math
- Kellie Wallace Special Education

Why Recycle

The average American generates nearly one ton of trash a year, creating serious problems if it all goes into the landfill. Committing to household recycling goes a long way in reducing waste.

Rinse out and wash your plastics before you recycle them.

Contaminants on recyclables are a leading reason that items are often rejected from the recycling process.

Messy containers, dirty pizza boxes, empty plastic bags, toothpaste tubes, paper towels, and napkins are items that are often mistaken as being recyclable materials, but instead disrupt the entire recycling system.

Many times an entire shipment of legitimate recycled items is rejected simply because "dirty" items have mixed in with the shipment.

Acceptable materials that can typically be recycled:

- Glass Bottles & Jars (all colors)
- Metal Cans: Aluminum cans, steel cans and lids, empty aerosol cans with the lids and tips removed
- Plastic Bottles (empty, crush, reattach lid):
 Bottles and jugs that have a small mouth and
 wider base, such as milk jugs, soda bottles,
 laundry detergent bottles, water bottles,
 shampoo bottles and contact solution bottles
- Plastic Tubs: Containers for butter, sour cream cottage cheese, yogurt, Jell-O and fruit slices would fall into the tub category. Lids should be reattached prior to recycling.
- Paper: newspaper, magazines, cardboard, mixed office paper and envelopes, paperboard (cereal boxes), pizza boxes free of food debris and grease, telephone books and catalogs
- Cartons: food and beverage cartons, such as milk, juice, soup, wine, broth and other cartons.

NOT for Recycling

 No plastic bags, cassette tapes, hangers, metal chains, garden hoses, batteries, needles, syringes, electronics, fast food foam containers, buckets, car parts, yard waste, light bulbs, drinking glasses, ceramics, pots, pans, and scrap metal.



Recycling Tips

- Mix all items together no separation is required
- Empty all bottles, jugs and cans
- · No need to remove labels
- For plastic bottles, empty, crush and reattach lids
- For cartons, remove plastic caps and straws
- RINSE out and wash your plastics before you recycle them
- NEVER place medical sharps or needles in the recycling
- DON'T use plastic bags

Let's talk plastic bag recycling.

You may already know that you can recycle plastic bags at your local grocery store, but did you know you can also take your PLASTIC FILM to be recycled? Any items we can keep out of a landfill, helps the environment!

The following items are accepted at Kroger on Hunt Road. As you walk in the lobby of the store, there will be a container for you to deposit your recycled materials:

- Plastic retail bags
- Produce bags
- News Paper Bags
- Dry Cleaning Bags
- Product wrap on cases of water/ soda bottles, paper towels and bathroom tissue
- Sealed air pouch packaging materials





The Deer Park Park Board's annual DAYS IN THE PARK FESTIVAL 2022

Friday, Aug. 5th & Saturday, Aug. 6th

MUSIC:

Friday, Aug. 5, 2022 6 pm - midnight (Band @ 8 pm: The Remains)
Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022 6 pm - midnight (Band @ 8 pm: Cassette Junkies)
FIREWORKS @ 10 PM ON SATURDAY NIGHT!
Rides, games, local food vendors, music. Fun for all ages.
For the safety of everyone, we request no pets, please.