



Welcome to the new City Newsletter, connecting you to your City! We hope you will find interesting, helpful and timely information to help you **Re-Discover Deer Park** and feel connected to your local government.

The Newsletter will be mailed quarterly to all homes in Deer Park, and posted on our website and Facebook page. If you would prefer to receive the Newsletter electronically, sign up on our website, www.deerpark-oh.gov. If you have questions or comments call 513-794-8860 or email rtolliver@deerpark-oh.gov.

A Word From Mayor John Donnellon

Good things are happening all around Deer Park! In late October, our beloved Library will move into their new high tech quarters at the old T J Maxx space in the Dillonvale shopping center – with 24,000 new items and space for community meetings, students and readers of all ages, plus multi-media to bedazzle you. The same friendly staff will multiply, with new part time positions available; a great first job for students!

We hosted possibly the best ever Days in the Park Festival last month and hundreds have attended our free monthly Concerts in the Park this year. We encourage the entire community to gather and connect with each other and enjoy the great entertainment under the stars. If you are looking for a way to get involved, but aren't the "meeting" type or have limited time, we are always looking for volunteers to help set up or work at these events in the Park. Thank you to all of our sponsors for your support for these events. We could not do them without you.

December 1st the new City Charter takes effect, be sure to come out and vote on Tuesday, November 2nd for your city council representatives and help us continue the work we have been doing.



BooFest – October 2, 2021 **Chamberlin Park**

The Deer Park Park Board invites you to attend BooFest 2021 in Chamberlin Park at the lower shelter, on Saturday, October 2nd, from 6:00 to 10:00.

There will be Food, Games and the Haunted Trail is BACK! Costume Parade at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there.

Deer Park News – Safety Service Director B.J. Jetter

The Blue Ash Streetscape Project is nearing completion and the barrels will soon be gone! As part of the beautification project for Blue Ash Road, banners along the corridor, park benches, planters and additional plantings, will be added to give the finishing touch to the project. At the same time, water main projects on Blue Ash Road, Duneden, Richmond and Orchard will all be completed by October.

Housing in Deer Park has seen an all-time high in increased sales. As a result, market prices have been rising and homeowners are now considering property improvements by applying for Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) funds through the City, which allows you to defer taxes on the improvements. For more information on this program contact Gerry Stoker, Chief Buildings Officer at 513-794-8860. Despite the rise in prices, Deer Park is still viewed as an affordable community.

Thanks to the support of our residents, the road levy has allowed us to complete paving for these streets in 2021; Lansdowne from Plainfield to the corporate line, Superior from Plainfield to Ohio Avenue, Matson Court, Matson Ave from Blue Ash to Dalton, and Carnation Ave to Ohio Ave.

In March of 2021, we welcomed El Jinete Restaurant to the old Barresi's location on Webster Avenue. They did extensive renovations and recently added an outdoor patio area for dining. Stop in for some great Mexican cuisine!

The City's website is undergoing a complete makeover. We are concentrating our efforts on organizing the information to make it easy to find and have added a search field to help you navigate quickly to the information you are looking for. The new website should be active by November 2021.

The City has received funds from The American Rescue Recovery Fund (ARRF) that has provided funding for a Covid Impact Study. As part of this study, a Master Plan for improvements to Chamberlin Park was done to include a possible amphitheater and more! Watch for more news on this. The study showed that while some businesses in Deer Park were adversely affected, others reinvented themselves and in some cases expanded services.

The City received a Wi-Fi Grant to provide free Wi-Fi along Blue Ash Road to Webster, Galbraith from Blue Ash to Plainfield, and Plainfield to Webster Avenue. This project should be complete by November 30, 2021. So if you are out for a stroll on these any of these streets you will have free access to Wi-Fi!



**Leaf collection will take place starting
October 15 until December 15**

Leaves should be placed at the curb, not in the street. In order to prevent injury and damage to the equipment, leaves must be free of brush, vines, and foreign debris.

After the regular leaf collection period, any remaining leaves should be placed in bags or cans and put out for pick-up on your regularly scheduled garbage day.

Census 2020 Interesting Facts

Total Population as of April 1, 2020 - 5432 vs
Total Population as of April 1, 2010 - 5736
Male Population 48.9% Female Population 51.1%
Population Under 19 years of age 19%
Population 65 years of age or over 15%
Households with a computer 88.1%
Owner occupied housing 67.8%
High School Graduates 25 years of age or older 91.5%
Bachelor's Degrees 25 years of age or older 31.8%

Dedication of World Trade Center Memorial

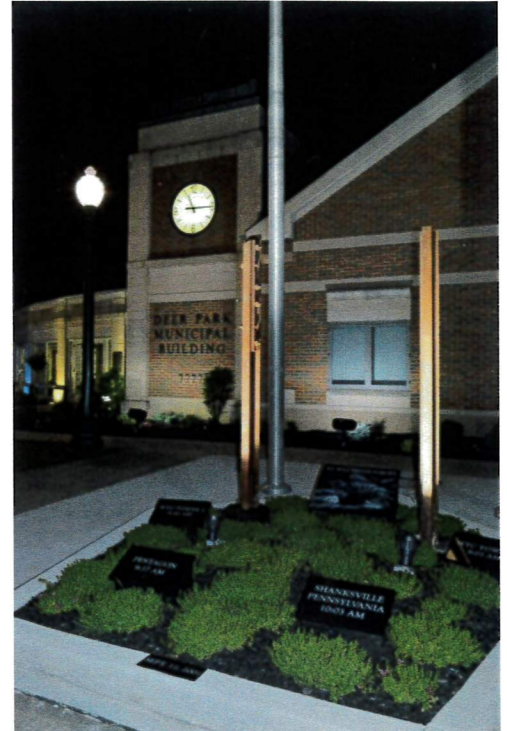
On July 27th, 2016, Lt. Robert Miller and Police Officer Jeremy Jordan set out for New York's JFK Airport to receive a portion of the World Trade Center Subway Rail that was part of the mass transit system that ran beneath the World Trade Center towers and return it to Deer Park for a planned 9-11 Memorial.

A committee was formed, and donations were solicited from the public to create a memorial to honor all who were lost on September 11th, 2001 and to all our brave heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice.

On Saturday, September 11th, 2021 a dedication ceremony was held in front of the Deer Park Municipal Building for the new World Trade Center Memorial.

In attendance for the dedication was Congressman Colonel Brad Wenstrup, Mayor John Donnellon and other City Officials and residents. Pastor Bob Schwartz from Greater Grace Church did the invocation. Presentation of the colors was provided by the Hamilton County Police Association Honor Guard.

Thank you to the Deer Park Service Department for their work on the construction and all of the individuals and businesses whose donations made this memorial possible.



New Townhomes Coming to Blue Ash Road

Changes continue to happen on Blue Ash Road! Earlier this year Strikes and Spares, Rusty's Restaurant, Camp Safety and the buildings up to the corner of Blue Ash and Galbraith Road were all demolished to make room for new construction.

In the former Camp Safety location, a new housing project to be called The Townhomes at Wentworth is under way. This is the first major development of homes in Deer Park since 1970!



Ryan Homes will be constructing forty five, two and three bedroom Townhomes, starting at \$225,000 to \$300,000. Construction of the streets has already started and plans are to have the first model home completed by December 2021.

We look forward to welcoming new families to Deer Park!

Did You Know.... Mandatory 10 Digit Dialing

Effective Oct 24, 2021, those with area code 513 must dial the area code to complete a local call (full 10-digit phone number). Make sure to update your contacts on your cell phones!

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City Council Meetings

2nd & 4th Monday every month - 7:00 pm

City of Deer Park Municipal Building
7777 Blue Ash Road

October 11th & October 25th

November 8th & November 22nd

December 13th & December 27th

Block Watch Meeting

2nd Tuesday every month - 7:00 pm

Chamberlin Park Community Center
7640 Plainfield Road

September 21st

October 19th

November 16th

December 21st

Feature Your Business Here

We are looking for Business Sponsors to be highlighted in the newsletter each quarter.

If you are interested in advertising your business to all Deer Park households, please contact the City Office at 794-8860.