

A look back at Blue Ash History...

Happy anniversary to us! The Blue Ash Historical Society was organized in April 1986 (incorporated in 1987). As we celebrate our 36th anniversary, here's a look back at how it started, how far we've come, and where we are now.

What started out in a single room in the Blue Ash Municipal & Safety Center, opening in 1991 with a limited number of displays and artifacts, has grown into a full-blown museum at the Hunt House with six rooms of original and reproduction pieces of Blue Ash history.

Original officers of the Society were Mary Nineff, membership chairman; Paul McKinney, treasurer; Jim Sumner, president; Tom Simpson, vice president; Karen Mathein, secretary, and Mrs. George Bell, projects chairman.

A charter membership drive held in September, 1987 resulted in over 45 individuals, families and Blue Ash companies joining the Society.



Beverly Mussari and a group of students from Blue Ash Elementary school in the History Room (date unknown)



Ribbon cutting at the opening of the Hunt House in 2005. Pictured left to right Jack Buckman, BlueAsh Mayor, Betty Hunt Bell, owner of the property at the time of the sale to Blue Ash, and visiting representative from twin city in Germany.

In 1995 the Society received a Hamilton County award for “Increasing the understanding of the value of historic preservation.”

In 2003 the City purchased the property located at 4364 Hunt Road with the “intent to preserve the property and house as a museum for present and future generations to remember and honor our past.” After an extensive professional restoration that brought the first floor of the house back to how it looked in 1860, the house was opened to the public in 2005. The home features many historic photos of early Blue Ash as well as a collection of period furniture and artifacts that have been donated by various members of the community over the years.

Celebrate with us!

What's a celebration without cake? Join us on Saturday, April 9 for our grand re-opening and anniversary party! Details on page 3

Did you know.... the Historic Hunt House and Museum is available for private group tours - scout troops, schools, civic clubs, history buffs, etc. Contact Tom Bell at tomnkt421@aol.com, or 513-324-7145 for details

It's Moving Day!

After almost two long years, the Hunt House is ready for habitation again. The wood-eating beetles are gone, restoration has been completed, and now it's time to put the house in order. With the help of Blue Ash Parks and Recreation staff Callie Fisher, Sara Tauer, and Director Brian Kruse (and their donation of coffee and donuts!), BAHS members Tom and Kate Bell, Marlene Morris, Dave and Elaine Davis and Jen Wood worked tirelessly to unpack boxes, arrange and rearrange furniture, organize display cabinets and just do whatever was necessary to make the house presentable again. We can't wait to show you!

After several days we went from this:



to this:





*You Are Cordially Invited to the
Re-Opening Celebration
of the Historic Hunt House
4364 Hunt Road, Blue Ash
on Saturday, April 9
1:00-4:00*

*Blue Ash Mayor Marc Sirkin
will host the ribbon-cutting ceremony
to re-open the house
Refreshments served*



Yellow Dot Program Provides First Responders with Important Information!

Guests at our open house will receive Yellow Dot materials, a program designed to help first responders provide life-saving medical attention during the first “golden hour” after an auto accident or other emergency.

The Yellow Dot kit contains a medical information card and a yellow dot decal in a vinyl folder. Participants complete the card, attach a recent photo in the pocket on the front of the folder, place it in the glove compartment of their vehicle, and place the Yellow Dot decal on the driver’s side rear window. First responders arriving at the scene of the emergency will be alerted by the decal to look for the folder with

medical information, emergency contact names and numbers, allergies, medical insurance, etc. in the glove compartment.

It could save your life!