Welcome to our bi-monthly e-newsletter publication. Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah! May your season be joyous, bright and filled with holiday delight. In addition to reading our e-newsletter, be sure to visit our website regularly to see public notices, news and other items of interest.

**News, Events, Highlights**

**Special COW and Council Meetings Scheduled for Tuesday, December 19**

Due to the upcoming Christmas holiday, Safety, Finance, Committee of the Whole and City Council will meet on Tuesday, December 19, instead of the originally scheduled date of December 26. Meetings for Planning and Zoning and Service and Recreation, originally scheduled for Tuesday, January 2, have been moved to accommodate for New Year's. Below is the schedule.

**December 19, 2017**
- 6:30 p.m.: Safety Meeting
- 7:00 p.m.: Finance Meeting
- 7:30 p.m.: COW Meeting
- 8:15 p.m.: City Council Meeting

**January 2018**
- Jan. 2: NO meetings; New Year's break
- Jan. 9: 7:30 p.m., COW; 8:15 p.m., City Council
- Jan. 16: 7:30 p.m., Safety; 8:30 p.m., Finance
- Jan. 23: 7:30 p.m., COW; 8:15 p.m.; City Council
- Jan. 30: 7:30 p.m., Planning & Zoning; 8:30 p.m.; Service & Rec

**Continuous Leaf Pickup to Continue Until End of December**

Continuous leaf pickup will continue until the end of December. You do not need to call
to arrange pickup. To review the Service Department pickup log and review guidelines for putting leaves out, please visit us online. After December 31, please plan to bag your leaves and place them outside for pickup by your rubbish company.

**Richmond Heights Recreation's Youth Basketball League Starts Saturday, January 6**

The Richmond Heights Recreation Department’s Youth Basketball League kicks off on Saturday, January 6. There are four teams in each division, with divisions marked by grades (K-Grade 2; Grades 3-4; and Grades 5-7.) Register now by calling the Recreation Department at (216) 383-6313 or stopping by City Hall. The fee to participate is $70 per child.

**Next CPR Course is Monday, January 8**

Richmond Heights Division of Fire in partnership with UH Richmond Medical Center offers bi-monthly CPR courses to residents of Richmond Heights. The Heartsaver® CPR AED Course is a classroom, video-based, instructor-led course that teaches adult CPR and AED use, as well as how to relieve choking on an adult. The course will be held at the Richmond Heights fire station on Monday, January 8, 2018, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Contact the Division of Fire at (216) 383-6304, if interested.

"Safe Passages Initiative" Offers Police Assistance for Opiate Addiction

Starting today, December 19, 2017, individuals suffering from an opioid-related addiction may walk into the police departments of Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, Richmond Heights, Mayfield Heights or Mayfield Village to seek help Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Individuals will be able to receive expedited placement into an appropriate detox or treatment program, without fear of arrest. The "Safe Passages Initiative" will be overseen by the Suburban Police Anti-Crime Network's Drug Enforcement Unit.

**Spartans Favored to Win in Chagrin Valley Basketball Conference**

The Richmond Heights Local School District’s high school basketball team is favored to win in the Chagrin Valley Conference. Thus far, the team has already defeated Orange, Independence and Kirtland. The district encourages the community to rally around its potential state champions by attending upcoming games for the 2017-18 season.

**Did You Know?**

The creek behind Richmond Heights City Hall was recently named Claribel Creek in honor of the City's historic roots. Richmond Heights was once known as the Village of Claribel. Claribel derived its name from a woman whose name was Clara Bell, who was the daughter of Franklin Bell—the second postmaster of the Claribel Post Office at 444 Richmond Road. We are proud to keep this history alive through the creek naming.