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Mayor's Message

Welcome to our bi-monthly e-newsletter publication. Our annual Memorial Day ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 28. 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

Memorial Day Ceremony is Monday, May 28, at Richmond Heights Community Park

Join us in remembering those who gave the ultimate sacrifice by participating in our annual Memorial Day ceremony. This year's event is scheduled for Monday, May 28, at 10 a.m. at the Richmond Heights Community Park Veterans Memorial. The ceremony features guest speaker Col. Carl Carter, live taps by Andrew Minor and other special highlights.

REMINDER: Trash pickup is delayed until Tuesday, May 29 this week due to the Memorial Day holiday.

For more information please click here.

Pool Opens Monday, June 4

Pool Passes are available for purchase in the Recreation Department beginning in May. Day Passes are available at the gate. The Pool and Spray Ground are also available for residents to rent as an event space. This year the pool is open June 4 to August 12; fees vary, and swim lessons are available for purchase. Standard hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5
p.m. Pool closing is possible due to inclement weather below 68 degrees, lack of attendance, lightning in the area or other weather-related issues.

2018 Hillcrest Summer Concert Series Begins on Saturday, June 9

Lyndhurst, Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, Richmond Heights and South Euclid are bringing scores of fun, family-friendly concerts to the Hillcrest area this summer. The Hillcrest Summer Concert Series kicks off on Saturday, June 9. View the full lineup online.

Special Recycling Programs at the Service Garage – 26260 Chardonview Road

HHW - Household Hazardous Waste Disposal: This collection will be held every Saturday in the months of July and October, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. View accepted items online.

Annual Fire Hydrant Testing in Richmond Heights

The Richmond Heights Division of Fire began conducting its annual Fire Hydrant Testing Program May 7th. The work should be completed by the end of June.

The goal of our testing program is to assure a reliable water supply in the event of a fire. The testing is required by the Insurance Service Office (ISO) and must be completed annually in order to maintain our Fire Protection Rating, which directly affects property owner insurance premiums.

In addition to being a requirement of ISO, hydrant testing provides many benefits for fire personnel. We gain firsthand knowledge of where hydrants are located, assure they are visible from the road, operational as a “first water” source, and are able to confirm they are maintained on a regular basis.

Annually the Division of Fire conducts inspections to assure the hydrants we depend upon for extinguishing fires are operational, provide adequate water flow, and maintain adequate system pressure. NFPA standards also call for all public fire hydrants to be inspected on a regular basis. We perform annual inspections not only for the purpose of complying with the standards, but we also need to have a high degree of confidence that all hydrants will perform properly in an emergency.

A number of circumstances can affect a hydrant's performance including vandalism, accidental damage, wear and tear, mechanical malfunction, and even contractors performing work on water lines who forget to reopen hydrant tap valves. We want to detect any of these problems and correct them prior to the hydrant being needed.

This year starting in May we resume our normal hydrant testing and maintenance program. Testing includes cleaning the threads, flushing, and checking for working condition and flows. All testing is done by on duty personnel. Any fire hydrant found to be in need of repair is identified and tagged. Repairs are reported to and completed by the Cleveland Division of Water.
Should you notice fire personnel checking hydrants in your area, be assured our intentions are not to waste water or destroy property; we are working to ensure your safety. Should you notice a hydrant in need of repair, please call the Division of Fire or the Service Department so repairs can be initiated.

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