



THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS

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The CITY EDITION

Family Day 2005



Members of the American Legion Post #775.



The In Demand Band kicked-off Family Day with a performance at the Richmond Heights Community Park Gazebo on the Saturday evening before Family Day.

A Message from Mayor Daniel J. Ursu

The tragic Hurricane Katrina events in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, as well as the recent Hurricane Rita, remind us to make the best of each day and to not take for granted the basic necessities of life. Thankfully, most of us will never experience the severe problems and challenges presented by such a terrible natural catastrophe. Nevertheless, this is a good time for all of us to review our family and individual preparedness to live through a disaster.

A very simple emergency preparedness kit that would include a flashlight and batteries, candles, canned foodstuffs, water, and a battery operated radio could provide you with a degree of comfort in time of emergency. With winter approaching, take a few minutes to make sure that you have such items on hand. Although we fortunately will not ever experience a hurricane, I don't need to remind you that winter snow and ice storms knock out power in the Cleveland area not infrequently. To assist you in preparing a kit, we have emergency preparedness checklists from both the American Red Cross and the Richmond Heights Fire Department available for the asking at City Hall.

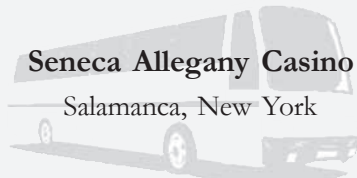
As our country moves further in time from Hurricane Katrina and towards the spiritual season of giving, keep in mind that the effects of Katrina along the Gulf Coast will be long-lasting. For those of you who have already contributed money or goods, or for those who have not but are considering doing so when your personal economy allows; please remember that organizations such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army and all religious groups will be ministering to that part of the country for a long time to come. As media coverage fades and the fantastic outpouring of contributions that we have witnessed in recent weeks recedes, your donations will be even all the more appreciated by those living and working in the devastated areas in the months ahead.

Have a joyous Holiday Season!



Upcoming Casino Bus Trip

Date: Wednesday, October 5



Seneca Allegany Casino
Salamanca, New York

Cost: \$25 per person/\$15 coin voucher and \$5 food given at casino

Departure: 6:30 a.m. from Richmond Town Square/Sears side

Return: 6:30 p.m.

To register, please call Recreation Department at (216) 383-6313.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, December 3, for the City's **8th Annual Breakfast With Santa.**

Enjoy fresh hot pancakes and delicious sausage while



waiting for

the scheduled appearance of that special visitor from the North Pole, right here at our City Lodge!

Breakfast will be served from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 am. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$4 for children ages 2 to 12 and free to children under 2. The children will make a holiday craft and there will be other fun opportunities available for them. Tickets will go on sale in the Recreation Department on Monday, November 1. **Tickets must be purchased in advance.** This event has sold out every year, so don't wait to purchase your tickets!

ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN IN GRADES 1 THRU 6 BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION BEGINS OCTOBER 1

Registration for the Richmond Heights Recreation Department Basketball League will begin on October 1 and continue until October 28. Team practices for the league will begin in November and the first game will be played on Saturday, January 7. The season will conclude on February 25. All regular season games for grades 1-6 are played at the Richmond Heights Middle School Gym. Register for the league at the Recreation Department inside City Hall. For more information, call (216) 383-6313.

Resident Fee: \$45 Non-Resident Fee: \$55

HOLIDAY FUN IN RICHMOND HEIGHTS

Santa will be riding through the streets of our community on Saturday, November 26. He will give a quick wave and a wink of encouragement to any children who would like to see him. He will begin his ride on the south side of Richmond Heights starting at 4:00 p.m. After Santa has concluded his ride, he will be happy to greet everyone at the Holiday Walk in the Park.



The Holiday Walk in the Park begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Gazebo in the Richmond Heights Community Park. All participants are encouraged to follow the lights and pathway to the concession area in the near the pool. Bundle up and come join us for music, free hot chocolate and share in the holiday cheer! Newf Neighborhood will be on hand for pictures with their very special "reindeer".

RICHMOND HEIGHTS RECREATION FALL CRAFT SHOW

Mark your calendar now for the **Recreation Department's Seventh Annual Fall Craft Show** which will be held on **Saturday, November 5** from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Over 50 crafters will display their homemade creations at the Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge. Great food and refreshments will be available. This is a perfect opportunity to purchase beautiful autumn or winter decorations and get an early jump on that holiday shopping!

CITY ORDINANCES

Below is a list of ordinances that residents are reminded of as the winter season and snowfall approaches.

Ordinance No. 783.01

Requires persons plowing snow in the community to obtain permits from the Police Department.

Ordinance No. 783.03

Prohibits any person, by any means, of depositing snow onto to public streets.

Ordinance No. 521.06

Duty to Keep Sidewalks in Repair and Clean is the responsibility of the owner or occupant of the property that abuts the sidewalk.

Ordinance No. 351.17

Prohibits the parking on City streets when a Snow Parking Ban is put into effect as a result of a heavy accumulation of snow.

Ordinance No. 346.01

Prohibits the parking of unlicensed or out of repair vehicles on any property within the City for more than 15 days. Vehicles in this condition can only be parked in an enclosed building or garage.

Ordinance No. 351.03 (a) 19

Prohibits the parking of vehicles on grass or any area not approved for vehicular use.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

TRICK OR TREAT



MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

POLICE PERSONNEL

Two new officers were hired over the summer to replace two retired officers.



The officers are Andrew Lessick and Richard Morgan. Ptl. Lessick is 22 years of age, single and resides in Eastlake. Andrew comes from a police family, having brothers who are police officers in Willoughby and Beachwood. Andrew has an Associates Degree in Law Enforcement from Lakeland Community College and attended and graduated from the Cleveland

Heights Police Academy.

Ptl. Morgan is 22 years of age, single and resides in Willoughby. Richard has an Associates Degree from Lakeland Community College and also attended and graduated from the Cleveland Heights Police Academy. We welcome both officers and wish them a long and successful career in law enforcement for the City of Richmond Heights.

Ptl. Richard Olexa, a 10-year veteran of the Police Department, was promoted to Sergeant in April. Sergeant Olexa will be a shift commander in the uniform division of the Police Department.

Ptl. Denise DeBiase, also a 10-year veteran, has been assigned to the department's Detective Bureau. Detective DeBiase will handle juvenile matters in addition to her other Detective Bureau assignments. Many of you know Denise from her years in the Bike Unit and from teaching the DARE Program in the City schools.



RICHMOND HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB

The Richmond Heights Garden Club is entering its 37th year. The club has many civic projects, from planting flowers around the City, trimming the Christmas tree at City Hall, and working with the 2nd graders from the Richmond Heights Elementary School on various garden related projects, in conjunction with the Gates Mills Horticulture Center. The club also gives several scholarships each year to deserving students from the area.

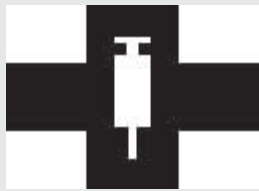
Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month from September thru June at 1:00 at the Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge, 27285 Highland Road, located at the rear of the Richmond Heights Community Park.

Many interesting programs and social events are planned for the coming year. All Richmond Heights residents interested in joining the Garden Club may contact Membership Chairperson Virginia Kostelec at (440) 585-7754.

ANNUAL FLU SHOT PROGRAM

Thursday, November 3
 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 Richmond Heights City Hall
By Appointment Only

Open to Senior Adults 65 +
 And Younger Persons with
Diagnosed Chronic Illness



FOR BILLING PURPOSES, PLEASE NOTE:

- If you have Medicare Part B as your primary insurance, you must bring your Medicare card with you.
- If you have Qual Choice, you must bring your membership card with you.
- Anyone who belongs to a Medicare HMO or a Senior HMO cannot bill Medicare for the flu vaccine at the program. These people should go to their HMO to receive the flu vaccine.
- If you choose to pay for your vaccine, the fee is \$18 (cash only).

Registration
October 10 - October 28
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday
(216) 486-2474

UHHS/RICHMOND HEIGHTS HOSPITAL NEWS

WE NEED YOU

Have you considered volunteering one day a week for 4 hours? UHHS Richmond Heights Hospital is rapidly growing and has a need to increase its volunteer staff. We have positions at the Information Desk, on patient floors and in offices. Join our small, friendly group by calling Georgia at (440) 585-6431.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

A group of volunteers in the Volunteer Department at UHHS Richmond Heights Hospital has been formed to administer the distribution of student scholarships. The volunteers have various activities to raise the funds for these scholarships. The scholarship is available to a high school student who is an active member of the department and in good standing. The student must have been accepted by a University or Vo-ed school. For more information, please call (440) 585-6431.

**EUCLID CREEK WATERSHED
 CUYAHOGA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Keeping Clean Streams at the Car Wash

Whether washing your car in the driveway or helping out at a fundraiser, car washing can cause storm water pollution to our rivers, lakes and streams. Waste water from carwashes include soaps and detergents, mud, rubber and grease that flow into storm drains from street gutters and enter into our local streams. Keeping our cars and streams clean at the same time can be accomplished with a few good practices.

Where to wash your car:

- Reduce the amount of soapy water directly entering into a storm drain by washing on the grass or draining the water into a grass or gravel area when using a driveway.
- When planning a car wash fundraiser, try using a car wash checklist found on the web to ensure good practices are part of your event.
<http://www.lacity.org/SAN/wpd/WPD/education/bmps/carwash.htm>
- Consider using commercial car washes. They treat the waste water before disposing in the sewer.

When you wash your car:

- Use biodegradable, phosphate-free cleaners only.
- Use detergents and soaps sparingly.
- Empty the buckets of dirty and soapy water into a sink or toilet that will be treated through the sewer system.

Revised Public Works Timetable

Location	Type of Project	Estimated Construction Date
Euclid Chagrin & Meadowlane	Resurface	Completed
Douglas, North Harris, Dumbarton	Recycle & Resurface	Completed
Richmond Road (Chardon & White)	Sanitary Sewers	Restoration Remains
Richmond Road Side Streets	Sanitary Sewers	Winter/Spring 2006
Donald, Cary Jay, Hillcrest	Repair & Resurface	Summer/Fall 2005
Dundee & Sunset	Repair & Resurface	Fall 2005/Spring 2006
Skyline & Glen Oval	Watermain & Paving	Summer 2006

NEW RECREATION CLASSES HELD AT KIWANIS LODGE

“Play with me, Mommy”

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

October 11 – November 15

Cost: \$37.50 per 5 classes

“Play with me, Mommy” offers 45 minutes of fun activities for you and your child. The class will focus on social, emotional, and physical development through play. The creative activities will build listening and speaking skills, encourage your child to practice gross and fine motor abilities, and enhance the bond between you and your baby.

“Li’L Da Vinci’s”

Tuesday 11:15 a.m. – Noon

October 11 – November 15

Cost: \$37.50 per 5 classes +

\$5 supply fee payable at first class

This is a 45-minute class for children who are developing their social and cognitive skills, and getting ready to enter the school world. Through a structured and engaging curriculum, children will be introduced to new discoveries in language and math skills and will acquire pre-school readiness skills. Each week they will take home handmade creations. Children engage more readily in activities or teams that are relevant, of interest, and concrete. The curriculum consists of activities that support the fundamental concept that children learn by doing and by interacting with their world, and by building on their own personal life experiences. The activities are developmentally appropriate, and encourage engagement of the whole child in individual small and large group activities. They are designed to meet individual needs and learning styles.

AT YOUR SERVICE DEPARTMENT NEWS AND NOTES

LEAF SEASON REMINDERS

Please make sure your leaves are as close to the curb as possible, and that there are no twigs or branches in with the leaves. This will make pick-up quicker and won’t clog the machines.

SERVICE GARAGE RECYCLING

- Don’t forget all mixed paper is now accepted. This includes phone books, junk mail, etc. Make sure there is no plastic mixed in.
- Don’t forget the Service Department has Planet Aid bins for clothing and shoes too. The Service garage is located at 26260 Chardonview Road.

SNOW SEASON

Please remember that in the event of a snow storm the Service Department will maintain the main roads before plowing the side streets. In the event we get a substantial accumulation of snow, the side streets will be plowed.

NOTE: Please be patient and courteous with the snow plow drivers. They are trying to keep the roads safe for residents and commuters.

Note from Service Director Don Lazar: The Service Department will be checking rural mailboxes before the snow falls. If any are in disrepair the resident will be informed.

A JOB WELL DONE

Special recognition to Richmond Heights Service Department employee Sal Amata. Working under the guidance and supervision of Service Director Don Lazar, he is responsible for the beautification throughout the City with all floral beds. Sal is a resident of Richmond Heights and a retired construction worker.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Aircraft Complaints: Call the Cuyahoga County Airport Office, (216) 289-4111, to register complaints on aircraft operating between 11:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m. Call the Control Tower, (216) 261-0550 for complaints on aircraft operating between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Preferably, write to: Steve Nagy, Manager, Cuyahoga County Airport, 26300 Curtiss Wright Parkway, Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143.

Animal warden: Call (216)486-1234

Richmond Heights Post Office: 454 Richmond Road, (800) 275-8777
Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR A SAFE WINTER SEASON

It is important to practice building safety the year round and special attention should be paid to building safety during the winter season when people spend more time indoors.

Be certain to keep your batteries fresh by replacing them when you change your clock to "fall back" or "spring ahead".

Make a safe exit by keeping exit elements such as windows and doors and exit passages such as hallways and stairways free of decorations, clutter and obstacles that tend to occur in the winter particularly during the holiday season, that may prevent you from exiting your home in an emergency.

Don't burden an electrical outlet by overloading it with more appliances or holiday lighting than it is designed to hold and be certain that the lighting and appliances are listed, being used in the manner suggested by the manufacturer and do not have damaged cords. If you use a power strip, be certain it has surge protection.

Lastly, have your gas furnace inspected and cleaned once every year by a qualified heating specialist.

HILLCREST ROTARY

The Rotary Club of Hillcrest will host its fifth annual "A Taste of Hillcrest". Join us at our new location - Executive Caterers of Landerhaven, 6111 Landerhaven Drive, Mayfield Heights. The event will take place on Wednesday, October 5 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The cost remains at \$30.00 per person, with packages of 8 or more available for \$25.00. The proceeds from this event will be used to purchase AED's (Automated External Defibrillators), present public education seminars about their use, and to fund health initiatives.

Participating restaurants to date include: Aladdin's Eatery, BD Mongolian Barbecue, Champ's Restaurant & Bar, Costco, Heavenly Ham, Honey Baked Ham, Lady Charlton's Tea Parlor, La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, Otani's Japanese Restaurant, Starbucks, Tony Roma's, Winking Lizard, Yours Truly and Zampini's Grille. There will be live entertainment, a Chinese raffle, silent auction and more.

Last year's event was a huge success with over 500 community members in attendance! Hillcrest Hospital, Cleveland Clinic Health System is the title sponsor of this event with Philips Medical Systems and HCR ManorCare as major sponsors.

Sudden Cardiac Death is not a heart attack - it's more serious and more deadly. Sudden Cardiac Death kills about 250,000 people in the United States each year. That's nearly 700 deaths every day and currently accounts for more deaths than breast cancer, lung cancer and AIDS combined. Using AEDs can help. Statistics show that the chance of survival decreases by 10 percent for every minute that passes before defibrillation. Through the efforts of the Rotary Club and others, AED's are being placed in public areas increasing the chance of survival for thousands of people.

The Rotary has been serving the Hillcrest communities of Richmond Heights, Gates Mills, Highland Heights., Lyndhurst, Mayfield Heights., Mayfield Village and South Euclid since 1959 with programs such as Special Olympics, Meals on Wheels, Safety Town, Academic Scholarships, Special Education Needs, Vocational Awards Dinner, Senior Citizen Play Night and more. The club's annual fund raiser, "A Taste of Hillcrest," has provided funds for the club to purchase and place sixteen AED units. For more information on the Rotary Club of Hillcrest or to be involved in "A Taste of Hillcrest," please visit us at www.hillcrestrotary.org or call (440) 605-7144.



The Singing Angels entertained a large crowd at the Richmond Heights Community Park Gazebo this summer.

WHAT'S NEW IN TOWN

Now Open For Business

Georgio's Pizza
25999 Highland Road

CUT-OUT AND SAVE

**HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP
UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**Thanksgiving (11/24)
one day delay
beginning November 24**

**Christmas (12/25)
No delay**

**New Year's (1/1)
No delay**

**IMPORTANT HOLIDAY TRASH
PICK-UP INFORMATION**

Please note: When a holiday falls on a week day, trash pick up will be delayed one day. When the holiday falls on a weekend, there will be **NO** trash delay.

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED
MEETINGS**

All meetings are held at City Hall
in Council Chambers

Formal City Council Meetings
Second & Fourth Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.

Council Committee Meetings
First & Third Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.

Architectural Review Board
First & Third Monday 1:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals
First Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission
Second Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Recreation Board
Third Monday 7:00 p.m.

RICHMOND HEIGHTS SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Senior Citizens Club is the group to be with this fall. Come have fun in a friendly atmosphere with friends and neighbors. If you are a Richmond Heights Resident and 50 years of age or older, there is an activity for you with the Seniors Club.

The seniors are looking forward to bowling on Mondays, weekly golf on Saturdays until the weather changes, and cards on Friday. Several trips and parties are sprinkled in for variety. Don't forget music in the Kiwanis Lodge on the first Wednesday starting in October.

Come join in on the fun. You meet new people and make new friends. Come alone; better yet bring a friend or neighbor. The dues are only \$5.00 per year. General meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Kiwanis Lodge. Entertainment is planned for every meeting, Refreshments and pastry is available for \$1. Please come and give the club a try. For more information, please contact Senior Citizen Club President June Endres at (216) 486-4552.

CONGRATULATIONS

**Teen Citizen of the Year
Peter Rozman**

**Richmond Heights Adult Bocce Ball Champions
The Karl Krew: Denise Brennan & Bob Dotson**

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY COUPLES!

The Richmond Heights citizens celebrating 40 years or more of marriage in 2005: **Harold & Nina Baldini, January 13; Lawrence & Jennie Rozman, February 12; Glen & Gayla Schriefer, April 10; Sam & Linda DeVito, July 11; Dick & Bethine Filion, July 23; Emilio & Olga Cesari, August 13.**

Heartiest congratulations to all couples from your home town!

RECYCLING NEWS

- Curbside recyclables are cans, glass, plastics
Rinsed, sorted, in 2 mil clear or blue plastic bags
Place on tree lawn by 7:30 a.m., 4 feet from regular trash
- Drop Off Center: 26256 Chardonview Drive
Regular recycling hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. weekdays
Additional hours: Tuesday 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Drop-off recyclables are cans, glass, plastic, newspapers, magazines, used unmixed motor oil

Upcoming Round-ups:

Collected at the Richmond Heights Service Garage

Watershed Improvement Day: October 2

NOTE: The Service Department will be collecting used unmixed motor oil & antifreeze, as a service to residents in the watershed community.

Old Paint: October 22, October 25 & October 29

NOTE: Latex paint will not be accepted in this collection event.

Latex paint is considered a non-hazardous material. Latex paint should be dried up and disposed with your regular trash pick-up.

Special Thanks to the 2005 Family Day Sponsors

Agent's Choice Insurance	K-9 Kingdom
Associated Estates Realty	La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant
Bamboo Palace Chinese Restaurant	Longstreet Auto Body
Benander Games/Sports Data	Mar-Lou Shoes
Central Heating & Air Conditioning	Michael's Bar & Grille
Cleveland Chinese Christian Church	Nail City
CVS/Pharmacy	Ohio Savings Bank
Dingus & Daga Inc., CPA's	Rehab Professionals
Dollar Bank	Richman Animal Clinic
Early Steps Learning Center	Richmond Heights Christian Assembly
Erin Medical Center	Richmond Park Apartments
Fatica Hardware & Rental Center	Stephen Hovancsek & Associates, Inc.
G-N of Richmond DBA McDonald's	Strassman Insurance Services, Inc.
Highland/Brittany Residential, Inc.	Tops Markets
Hillcrest Community Credit Union	University Hospitals Health System
Integrated Mill Systems, Inc.	US Bank
International Excess	US Bancorp
J. Poole Realty Company	Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers

UPCOMING DANCE SCHEDULE

First Wednesday of the Month
 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
 Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge

October 5 Bob Lubeck & Sidemen

November 2 Billy Kaye Trio

December 7 The Gigolos

January 4 Ray Polantz Orchestra

This schedule is subject to change or substitutions.

Dances feature a live band and light refreshments are served. Dances are held on the first Wednesday of the month. Cost is \$3 at the door. The Kiwanis Lodge is located at 27285 Highland Road in the back of Richmond Heights Community Park.

GENERAL ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 8, is General Election Day. Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Ward 1 votes at the Christian Assembly Church, 25595 Chardon Road. Wards 2, 3, and 4 vote at the Kiwanis Lodge in the back of Richmond Heights Community Park. **See you at the Polls!**

Editor's note: I would like to thank Nancy Benander for her assistance during the production of this City Edition. I also want to thank everyone who submitted an article or took photographs for their contribution.

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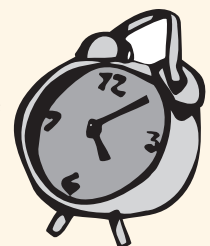
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Don't forget it's time to "FALL BACK". Set your clocks back one (1) hour on Saturday night, October 29. This is also the time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.



The City with the Forward Look!