A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DAVID H. ROCHE

This summer our City departments were busy spearheading a number of initiatives that benefit residents and businesses. We contracted the Hillcrest YMCA to assist our Recreation Department with the management of the pool safety and programming. This arrangement with the YMCA enabled all of us to enjoy the pool—swim lessons and special programming.

We also created summer jobs throughout our City departments through collaborations with Cleveland State University’s “Career Ready Internship” and through the local non-profit agency called “Youth Opportunities Unlimited” (Y.O.U). Through these two local programs, we provided summer jobs to six hardworking and deserving young people who helped with everything from office work and filing, to fire hydrant painting, park cleanup, grant writing and supporting economic development efforts. We strategically leveraged this temporary boost in our workforce while providing opportunities for summer employees to explore career options and master employable skills.

Another highlight from the summer was the Hillcrest Summer Concert Series with over 20 events in collaboration with our neighboring cities. These concerts helped to bring our communities together! Thank you to our local company sponsors and our Service and Recreation Departments for ensuring the success of our events. As we enjoyed the summer, from days at the pool to concerts in the park, we were, and continue to be, well-protected by our safety forces. I encourage you to read Chief Rowe’s column introducing his new patrol officer who just joined the Richmond Heights Police force. (see page 4).

We also worked with Richmond Town Square to establish a procedure to facilitate City-wide events, such as the recent Regional Real Estate and Business Showcase. This partnership helps to promote activity at Richmond Town Square, while providing an excellent venue for our community events.

As the seasons change, our City departments will continue their programs and projects. We are looking forward to our 7th Annual Fall Funfest at the Farm. This event, featuring food, fun and entertainment has quickly become our signature Family Day event. On Tuesday, September 29, we will have our Community Conversations from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Come and join our round table discussions, enjoy refreshments and ask questions of your City representatives and department heads. We welcome the Richmond Heights School District as an added table top topic to discuss “It’s the Dawning of a New Day at the Richmond Heights Local Schools”.

I look forward to seeing you in the near future and, of course, if you have a specific concern, please don’t hesitate to contact me.
COMMUNITY CONVERSATION SERIES
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 29

Mayor David H. Roche, City Council and members of the City of Richmond Heights administration cordially invites all residents to come to the Community Conversations on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The community event will take place at the Kiwanis Lodge, located at 27285 Highland Road. The meetings are resident-driven conversations about our City and will include roundtable discussions with members of the administration representing the various City Departments. Other topics include development opportunities and interaction with school leaders on their Strategic Plan Implementation. The goal of the small group discussions will be to build and strengthen relations, as well as help residents better understand City challenges, generate innovative solutions and inspire collaborative action.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH RICHMOND HEIGHTS SCHOOL LEADERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

KIWANIS LODGE

Refreshments Served

Stop by and hear about the great student opportunities available at our schools. Pose questions and get answers from the Superintendent and other school leaders.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

- September 12 - Pooches at the Pool 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- September 19 - Fall Fun Fest at Greenwood Farm 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. page 2
- September 22 - School Community Forum 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. page 2
- September 26 - Shred Day 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. page 2
- September 29 - Community Conversations 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. page 2
- October 8 - Kiwanis Clambake 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. page 7
- October 22 - Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. page 1
- November 7 - 17th Annual Fall Craft Show 9:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. page 1
- November 13 - Ghosthunters at Greenwood Farm 9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
- November 14 - Pasta with a Purpose 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. page 8
- December 5 - Breakfast with Santa 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. page 8
- December 12 - Cookies & Cocoa at Greenwood Farm (TBD)

SHRED DAY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

PITCH YOUR PAPERS! CLEAR YOUR CLUTTER!

RICHMOND HEIGHTS CITY HALL 26789 HIGHLAND ROAD
RECREATION DEPARTMENT
OFFICE HOURS:
Monday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday: CLOSED
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month: 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

THE LUNCH BUNCH
Join us for the social gathering of the year! Participants will be sent to various restaurants in the surrounding area to try new and delightful cuisines and get to know each other on their lunch dates together. Must call Richmond Heights Recreation Department to reserve a spot 48 hours prior to lunch date.

Ages 18 and up; $12 per person for the YEAR!
1st Thursday of each month; reservations are at 1:00 p.m.
Address locations vary *Participants are responsible for their own transportation and meal check.

CARS 101
How do I change a tire? How do I check my oil? What is that weird noise coming from my car? Learn the answers and more with this introductory class to car maintenance.
Ages 16 and up; Fee: $20 for series.
2nd and 4th Saturday of the month; 1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
September 12 & 26
October 10 & 24
November 7 & 21
Presented by:
Done Right Automotive
463 Richmond Road, Richmond Hts.

MARTIAL ARTS
Learn self-defense skills, basic martial arts moves and get physically active in a new thrilling way! Kids will experience posture and stances, exciting Kung Fu races while gaining agility and cardiovascular training.
(Tuesdays September 8 - November 24)
Ages 8 and up; $100 for Fall session; 12 classes
3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. at the Richmond Heights Elementary School Gymnasium

MONEY MANAGEMENT – SPONSORED BY DOLLAR BANK
Need help understanding finances? Not sure when to start saving for retirement or how much to save? How about a little help balancing your checkbook? Join us and get the answers! (Wednesdays, September 30 - November 18)
Ages 18 and up; $10 per class or $50 for 8 classes
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Richmond Heights Fire Department

LEMONADE FOR LIFE – Your Motivational Support Group
Experienced a life changing event? Want some direction and resources on how to deal with things? Meet people and tell your story with the support and guidance you deserve. Bi-weekly outings; (Thursdays, September 10 - December 3)
Ages 18 and up; $40 for Fall session; 12 classes
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Richmond Heights Fire Department
*Participants responsible for all costs associated with outings

YOUTH TENNIS CLINIC
Learn the basics of tennis in this enjoyable and entertaining clinic. It's a great way for kids to have fun and get some exercise while learning a new skill! Come and get your backhand on the right path!
(Saturdays September 19 - October 10)
Ages 5 to 12; $40 for Fall session; 4 classes; 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Richmond Heights Community Park Tennis Courts, 27285 Highland Road

Deadline To Register For Classes Is One-Week Before The Start Date. Sign-Up At Richmond Heights City Hall In The Recreation Department. Please Make Checks Payable To The City of Richmond Heights

ATTENTION ALL BOYS & GIRLS KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 8 RICHMOND HEIGHTS YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Registration for the Richmond Heights Youth Basketball League has begun. The deadline to register to play in the league will be on Tuesday, October 27. Team practices will begin in November. All teams will practice once a week. Team practices are held at the Richmond Heights Elementary School. The first game will be played on Saturday, January 9. The season will conclude on February 27. Regular season games for the Kindergarten - 8th grade leagues are mostly 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. Fee: $70
POLICE DEPARTMENT

The City hired a new police officer in August of this year. The new officer is Brian J. Flick. Brian is married and has 4-children. Ptl. Flick had prior part time police experience with the Eastlake Police Department and the Mentor in the Lake Police Department. Ptl. Flick is fulfilling his career desires and looks forward to serving the citizens of Richmond Heights.

Dispatcher Joe Casarona retired from the Police Department on June 30. Joe had been employed by the city for 23 years, first as a member of the Service Department and then in 2001 became a Police/Fire Dispatcher. Joe helped out at many City events volunteering his expert cooking skills. We wish Joe well and thank him for his 23 years of service to the community.

The City is continuing its effort to update an aging fleet of vehicles in the Police Department. Two new 2015 Ford Police Interceptor Sedans will be purchased this fall that will enable the department to retire two vehicles that have well over 100,000 miles (176,000 and 126,000). With the purchase of these two vehicles, five of the nine marked police units will have been replaced since late 2013. In addition to the vehicles, two new in-car video systems (dash cams) were also purchased. Dash cam grants are being pursued for the other vehicles in the fleet.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Address: 26260 Chardonview Rd.
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Phone: (216) 731-7014

Leaf Season...Just a quick reminder: the Service Department will start picking up leaves the 3rd or 4th week in October; this will depend on “Mother Nature” how quickly the leaves start falling. Any changes will be posted on City Hall’s message board. Please DO NOT put sticks, rocks or any other materials in with your leaves; our men could be injured & equipment could be damaged. Bake leaves as close to the street as possible but DO NOT put the leaves in the street. Please put your leaves out as soon as possible – we will get to them as quickly as we can. We will update on the city website each day where we will be.

Snow Season...The following information will help us get through another winter. Residents should always be prepared for poor weather and road conditions at all times. If poor conditions are in the forecast, please leave earlier.

If we encounter continuous heavy snowfall, residents should not have “unrealistic expectations” of the Service Department. Please understand that living in a snow belt means the snow gets heavy. In these conditions, the first priority is keeping the main roads clear. After the plow trucks concentrate on the main roads (Richmond, Highland, Wilson Mills…etc.), the secondary streets are plowed next, then the side streets and then the cul-de-sacs in that order.

The City is NOT RESPONSIBLE for the removal of snow thrown into any driveway by City snow plows. Residents or snowplowing contractors should avoid plowing, shoveling, or blowing any snow onto the road surface. Piles of snow in the road can create dangerous obstacles for motorists and the City snowplowing equipment. If a person is reported leaving snow in the roadway, he or she could be subject to a possible citation. Residents should also stress to their children to stay out of the path of snow being thrown off the plows; as there could be rocks or ice in the snow which could injure a child in its path. Also, children should NOT dig tunnels in the snow or build igloos near the roadway or roadside ditches.

Rural Mailboxes…Mailboxes should be kept in good condition so they can withstand being hit by the force of the snow being thrown off the plow trucks. If a mailbox is damaged or the post broken because of thrown snow, the city WILL NOT repair or replace it.

The City will only repair or replace a mailbox that has been hit directly by the snowplow equipment. If the City does have to replace a mailbox post it will be done with a post that is no larger than a 4"x4". All mailboxes and posts that are replaced because of a direct hit from the plows, will be replaced with a conventional box and wood post only.

LOOKING FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT?

The City of Richmond Heights is looking to hire people for the following part-time positions:
Payroll Clerk, Laborer, Custodian
Interested candidates can obtain a job application at Richmond Heights City Hall or submit a resume to search.comm@richmondheightsohio.org

SNOW PARKING BAN

Whenever snow accumulates in excess of 2 inches on City streets, a snow parking ban shall exist which prohibits vehicles from parking on any and all City streets. Vehicles found in violation will receive a citation and may be towed at the owner’s expense.
FUN ENTERTAINING PROGRAMS AT GREENWOOD FARM

Dennis Samsa and Nightbreeze entertained a large crowd at Greenwood Farm on Wednesday, July 29.

FREE RECYCLING BAGS

Want to be friendlier to the environment while helping the City reduce solid waste collection costs? The City of Richmond Heights is providing recycling bags to help our residents participate in the citywide curbside recycling program. Best of all, the bags are FREE to residents, as part of a 2015 Community Recycling Awareness Grant that was awarded to Richmond Heights by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. The bags are available at City Hall in the Recreation Department. Be sure to stop by to get yours. (Proof of residency required)

SENIOR CITIZENS’ CLUB

The Senior Citizens’ Club is the place to be this fall. They are bowling on Monday mornings then having lunch at various nearby restaurants; they also play cards on Tuesday at City Hall.

General meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Kiwanis Lodge. Entertainment is planned for every meeting; refreshments and pastry are available for $1. Please come and give the group a try. For more information, please contact Senior Club President Mitzi Binder at (216) 531-2207.

UPDATE ON GREENWOOD FARM’S HISTORIC DESIGNATION PROCESS:

The Ohio Historic Preservation Office has accepted Greenwood’s National Register nomination package as complete. It has been confirmed that Greenwood Farm is on the schedule for the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board meeting on September 25.

Three programs/events, of the fourteen scheduled for the year 2015, remain on the calendar (See page 2 for a list of upcoming events). The Greenwood Board of Directors is very proud of the ambitious programming schedule and sincerely thank members of the Richmond Heights City Council and the City Administration and the many volunteers for their help in making these programs happen. More help is always needed. Please contact the Volunteer Team at GreenwoodFarm@Mail.com

SNOW PLOW PERMIT REQUIRED

City ordinance 783.01 requires any person removing snow from private driveways or parking lots by means of a snow removal vehicle, to obtain a snow plow permit from the Police Department. The permit fee is $ 10 per vehicle and is valid October 15 - April 15. A new permit is required each year. Persons are prohibited from depositing snows onto a roadway. Snow removed from any driveway or sidewalk must remain on the property the snow was removed from.

NEW HR MANAGER

The City of Richmond Heights is pleased to announce the hiring of a part-time HR Manager, Kathy Gamber. Kathy has been a resident of the City of Richmond Heights for the past 39 years. She was appointed in April, 2014, to serve as volunteer on the Richmond Heights Search Committee, assisting with the hiring of employees for the City. Kathy worked an HR Generalist for the Cleveland Clinic and recently retired after 44 years of service. She has extensive human resource experience in the areas of employment law, recruitment, employee relations, leadership training, policy development and benefit administration.
GENERAL ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, November 3, is General Election Day. Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Ward 1 and Ward 2 vote at the Kiwanis Lodge, 27285 Highland Road, in the back of Richmond Heights Community Park. Ward 3 will vote at Saint Gregory of Narek Church at 678 Richmond Road. Ward 4 votes at Richmond Heights Church of the Nazarene at 499 Trebisky Road.

GARDEN CLUB
The Richmond Heights Garden Club is entering its 47th year. Re-elected officers for the coming 2015-2016 year are: President – Aire Roche, Vice President – Myrna Yeager, Recording Secretary – Susan Myers, Corresponding Secretary – Eleanor Riznar, and Treasurer – Dolores Sciaulino.

In October, the Garden Club will have a field trip. The Garden Club’s annual bake sale and raffle will be held on Saturday, November 7 at the Richmond Heights Recreation Department Fall Craft Show.

The Garden Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month from September thru December and February thru June at the Kiwanis Lodge, 27285 Highland Road located at the rear of the Richmond Heights Community Park. Yearly membership dues are $10.

If you are interested in joining the Garden Club or for more information, please contact Dolores Sciaulino (216) 382-7866.

CPR COURSE OFFERED BY RICHMOND HTS FIRE DEPARTMENT
Richmond Heights Division of Fire in partnership with University Hospitals 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, October 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. If interested, please contact the Division of Fire at (216) 383-6304 or e-mail your request to marc.neumann@richmondheightsohio.org. Class size is limited to 12 students per class. These classes are FREE to residents of Richmond Heights. This course is for the general public; it is not the Healthcare Provider Course. Participants must be at least 16 years old to attend.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT RON’S AMOCO
The story of the abandoned gasoline station at 26102 Chardon Road has been a long and complicated one. To help guide you through the details, Council Woman Marcia Starkey Morgan prepared the list of frequently asked questions and answers. For more information, we have a full analysis on the City website or available for pick-up at the Richmond Heights City Hall in the Building Department.

Question – “Who owns the property at 26102 Chardon Road?”
Answer – The Property is in the possession of the State of Ohio and is considered a forfeited property—but it is technically still titled to Don Gerhardstein, who filed bankruptcy before he died in 2007 due in part to outstanding tax liens. Between the tax liens and the petroleum contamination identified on the property, the bankruptcy trustee and the estate abandoned the property altogether. Later efforts by the Cuyahoga County Sheriff’s office to sell the property were similarly unsuccessful. Thus the property was forfeited to the State of Ohio.

Question - “I thought the City received a substantial grant to tear down that gas station about two years ago, why is it still standing?”
Answer – The gas station is still standing because the grant, a $200,000 Brownfield Grant awarded by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency in 2013 to the City of Richmond Heights, only permits the City to remediate the soil contamination, not to demolish the building. Out of fiscal responsibility, the City invested time into searching for a source of money to demolish the building itself. Fortunately in 2014, the City received from Cuyahoga County, another grant for $80,000 to demolish the building. In the fall of 2014, Richmond Heights contracted with the Cuyahoga County Land Bank to manage the project of tearing down the building and removing the soil contamination within a total budget of $280,000.

Question – “When will the City take possession of the property and when will the site finally look presentable?”
Answer – By end of October, 2015 the Land Bank should have all the consents necessary from the OEPA to move forward with building demolition and contaminated soil removal. The site finishes, including grass planting, and other beautification components should be completed by end of November, 2015. These improvements and others mark a new beginning for this area, an important gateway for the City of Richmond Heights.

SET CLOCKS BACK DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
Don’t forget it’s time to “FALL BACK”. Set your clocks back one (1) hour on Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 a.m.
This is also the time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.
ATTENTION RICHMOND
HEIGHTS RESIDENTS
YEARLY CITY INCOME TAX
REQUIREMENT
All residents of the City of Richmond Heights are required to file a tax return or exemption certificate each year with the Regional Income Tax Agency. If you have any questions, please call the Regional Income Tax Agency at (440) 526-0900.

Residents — Do you work in your home for a company located outside of the City of Richmond Heights?
If your employer withholds city taxes for another city, Richmond Heights does not get any of that money. Your employer should be paying that money to RITA for Richmond Heights. Help our city finances by having your employer correct their withholding. Contact the City Tax Administrator Tony Miceli micelian@hotmail.com.

NEW BUSINESSES IN RICHMOND HEIGHTS

5 POINTS GRILLE
239 RICHMOND ROAD

BASHI
691 RICHMOND ROAD

SPIRIT OF HALLOWEEN
5174 WILSON MILLS ROAD

SUBCITY SPORTS LOUNGE
691 RICHMOND ROAD

VERN’S BBQ
26199 CHARDON ROAD

HAPPY HALLOWEEN
TRICK OR TREAT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

RECREATION SURVEY
We want to hear from you! It’s our job to create and develop programs that the residents of Richmond Heights look forward to attending. Please share your input with us regarding future program ideas that you would like to see in your City!
Please fill out the blank information pertaining to the programs you would be most interested in attending. Cut and return to Richmond Heights Recreation Department; 26789 Highland Road; Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143. This form can also be emailed to recreation.director@richmondheightsohio.org.

Line Dancing / Dance classes / Culinary Classes
Theater Classes, Arts Classes/ Driver’s Education/ Yoga

Name of Class:_________________________
Day of the Week: ______________________
Time you would like the class: ____________
The cost you would pay to attend: __________

RICHMOND HEIGHTS KIWANIS CLUB
Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time” We are aggressively looking to add new members interested in becoming involved in our community. Contact Jerry Hoover, President at jerryh@centralpower.com
The Kiwanis Club has been presenting scholarships to Richmond Heights residents who are graduating seniors for over 45 years. The members coordinate fundraising events to support this activity throughout the year. These include dinners, Family Day food concession, a Golf outing, Placemat Ads used at our dinners, and parking cars at the Mud Volleyball event held at the Cuyahoga County Airport.

The Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club Annual Clambake will be held on Thursday, October 8. Doors open at 6:00 pm. The clambake is open to the public but reservations are required. For more information, please contact Jim Giarelli at (330) 405-1441.

NEW BUSINESSES OPENING AT THE RICHMOND TOWN SQUARE
LaSalle is planning to open mid-October. Locally owned and operated, the home furniture store will provide shoppers with the widest selection of furnishings at affordable prices. They will carry household items for any room including living room, dining room and kid’s furniture, along with accessories including wall art, lamps, mirrors, rugs and more. They offer the Healthiest Choice of mattresses and are the only company in Cleveland offering all natural 100% organic mattresses. Preview them at LaSalleHome.com.

Subcity Sports Lounge will open early October, just in time for the first Cavaliers game. Their specialty is hot subs and wings. Offering over 30 sauces, patrons can create their own sauces, too. Subcity Sports Lounge will feature 20 different hot subs, cold wraps, chicken & shrimp Alfredo, rice bowls, salads, quesadillas, loaded potatoes and a kids menu with chicken tenders, spaghetti, macaroni and cheese and mini corn dogs.
The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District introduced the PUP Program – PUP is short for “Pick Up Poop!” – to encourage dog owners to “doo” the responsible thing and pick up their pets’ poop. Free small lawn signs are available at City Hall in the Recreation Department.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RECEIVING THE RICHMOND HEIGHTS BI-MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER?**

Please e-mail to special.projects@richmondheightsohio.org

Please type in the subject field “RH E-NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION”

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**18TH ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

The Richmond Heights Recreation Department and the Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club are teaming-up on Saturday, December 5, for the City’s 18th 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 the Kiwanis Lodge! Breakfast will be served from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Ticket prices are $5 each and free to children under 2. The children will be able make a holiday craft. There will also be face painting and other characters to meet!

Tickets will go on sale in the Recreation Department on Monday, November 9. **Tickets must be purchased in advance.** This event has sold out every year, so don’t wait to purchase your tickets!

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**RICHMOND HEIGHTS EDUCATION FOUNDATION PRESENTS**

**PASTA WITH A PURPOSE**

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14**

**5:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**

**RICHMOND HEIGHTS KIWANIS LODGE**

$15 Dine-In/$10 Take-out

$8 Seniors & Children

For more information contact Charlotte Camp (216) 440-6637