A Message from Mayor David H. Roche

Since our last publication, we are continuing our positive forward momentum in each of our City departments. This past spring, we submitted a balanced general fund budget to the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission. As a part of that budget, Police Chief Rowe is now able to add two new full time officers, up to three part time patrolmen and several auxiliary officers. This budget also enables our Service Director, Don Kerniskey, to invest in much needed plow trucks.

In addition to our balanced general fund budget, our departments continue to work collaboratively, for the overall good of our community. The Building and Service Departments worked with City Council in January and February to update our City’s grass cutting ordinances. This means that the City has a far more active process to eliminate unsightly tall grass and overgrown shrubs.

In the past few months, we have filled open positions with highly qualified individuals. For example, we have strengthened our Recreation Department by bringing on Jessica Gift as our part-time Director of Recreation. Jessica will use her years of experience in the recreation field to coordinate and plan the City’s programs and events. She is also actively involved in re-establishing the Recreation Board, which I know is welcome news for many of you.

By now, I hope you have had a chance to visit our City’s pool. This year, we have contracted with the YMCA to operate our pool, provide swim lessons and aquatic programs and give the Richmond Heights children an opportunity to participate with the YMCA’s swim team. The pool will be open longer hours and will also be open on the warmer weekends through Labor Day.

We have been working with Cuyahoga County on several projects including an improved website, Contact Management Software, and the demolition of three nuisance/deteriorated properties. We received several grants, including a $100,000 Demolition Fund Grant and $2,000 for an oxygen cylinder carrier for EMS.

Please join us for the Community Conversation Series which is scheduled quarterly. Plan to attend to get updates and answers to your questions directly from myself, City Council and City Department Directors.

Lastly, we truly appreciate your support of the Flower Basket Beautification Program. Beautiful hanging flower baskets have been installed at our City’s buildings, parks and major intersections. Kudos to the Service Department for their outstanding work on our parks, ballfields and municipal areas. We are doing everything we can to make our City look and be its best.

I wish you a safe and happy summer.
**POOL FEES**
Identification Card....................$4
Replacement Id Card.................$7
Program Membership Fee......$20
Resident Individual Pass.........$50
Resident Family Pass for 4......$110
Each additional family member..$10
Richmond Hts Resident ages 60+Free
Non-Resident Individual Pas........$70
Non-Resident Family Pass for 4.$155
Each additional family member.$15
Summer Group Fee $20 per individual
General Admission....................$5

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**SUMMER SWIM SCHEDULE**

**SESSION 2:**
June 29 - July 2, Monday-Thursday  
Fee: $20

**SESSION 3:**
July 6 - July 9, Monday-Thursday  
Fee: $20

**SESSION 4:**
July 13 - July 16, Monday-Thursday  
Fee: $20

Please note: To register for Swim Lessons, all participants must have a valid 2015 Richmond Heights Pool Pass. Register with the YMCA for swim lessons and pool passes and register for pool passes at City Hall.

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**OPEN SWIM SCHEDULE**

June 23 through August 14  
Monday through Friday 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

June 27 through September 5  
Saturday 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

June 28 through September 6  
Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday, September 7 (Labor Day)  
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Please note: Possible pool closing due to inclement weather below 68 degrees, lack of attendance, lightning in the area or other weather related issues. Plans are underway for extending pool hours during extreme occurrences above 90 degrees.

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**ONE WEEK INTENSIVE SWIM LESSONS SCHEDULE**

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Tuesday 6:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Adult/Teen ages 13 & over lessons

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**ACTIVE OLDER ADULT WATER EXERCISE MONDAY & WEDNESDAY**

11:00 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.  Fee: $2 per class

**ADULT AQUA AEROBICS MONDAY & WEDNESDAY**

6:45 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.  Fee: $5 per class or $25 for one entire month

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**POOCHES AT THE POOL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

Come to “Pooches at the Pool!” Day at Richmond Heights Pool on Saturday, September 12 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (All dogs must be current with their vaccinations). Bring your well-behaved dog to Richmond Heights Pool for a swim or a meet and greet. Admission is $1 per person with 1 can of pet food or $2 per person without. Proceeds to benefit rescue organizations. Treats available for purchase for humans and canines alike. Each dog must be accompanied by a human companion! Only dogs will be permitted in the pool and all persons must wear foot coverings at all times in the area surrounding the pool and sprayground.

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**SUMMER FUN THAT WON’T COST YOU A TON…**

* Playing tennis at the Richmond Heights Community Park  
* Catching fireflies at night  
* Have a family picnic  
* Attend a Summer Concert Series at the Community Park or at Greenwood Farm  
* Pick wildflowers and make a flower arrangement  
* Go for a hike in the MetroParks  
* Read a book  
* Volunteer with the Richmond Heights Recreation Department  
* Go to the public Library  
* Buy a “Day Pass” to the Richmond Heights Pool  
* Write a story  
* Check out the 6th Annual “Junk in the Truck” Community Garage Sale at Greenwood Farm  
* Play a pick-up game of baseball or basketball  
* Try cooking a new recipe  
* Take a FREE Heartsaver CPR/AED course at the Fire Station in August
**RICHMOND HEIGHTS SUMMER POOL SCHEDULE**

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**NEW RECREATION DIRECTOR APPOINTED**

Meet Jessica Giff, our new Recreation Director. She graduated from Kent State University with a degree in Parks and Recreation Management, is a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional, and has a Certified Pool Operator’s license. Jessica’s work history includes positions as Assistant Recreation Manager at Wild Dunes Resort in Charleston, South Carolina, Recreation Manager at Stowe Mountain Lodge in Stowe, Vermont, and Sport Program Director at the Cleveland Skating Club in Shaker Heights, Ohio. With over 7 years of programming and recreation management experience, she hopes to bring new and innovative ideas to the Richmond Heights community for our residents to enjoy. Stop in to the Recreation Department to meet our newest member of the team.

**RICHMOND HEIGHTS FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

**Wednesday, July 8**  Pop Tarts (60’s) 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Richmond Heights Community Park, 27285 Highland Road  
* Free yogurt parfait to first 75 people courtesy of Richmond Heights McDonald’s

**Wednesday, July 22**  Nick Puin Band (Jazz) 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Richmond Heights Community Park, 27285 Highland Road  
* Sponsored by Done Right Automotive

**Wednesday, July 29**  Dennis Samsa & Night Breeze 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Greenwood Farm, 264 Richmond Road  
* Sponsored by Citizens Bank

**Sunday, August 9**  The Singing Angels 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Greenwood Farm  
* Sponsored by the Waterford of Richmond Heights
TRASH AND RECYCLING INFORMATION

If you have any problems with your trash collection call Waste Management at: 1-866-797-9018, they will handle all your missed trash or complaint calls.

All trash must be placed on the tree lawn either after dusk the night before your pickup or no later than 7:30 a.m. Monday morning and removed from the tree lawn as soon as possible after rubbish pickup. All trash must be out by 7:30 a.m.; be aware of the fact that sometimes the rubbish company changes their routes or they have a new driver and this could change the time of day your trash is picked up.

The recycling pickup schedule for the South side of Highland Road is the 1st & 3rd Monday of the month, and the North side of Highland Road is the 2nd & the 4th Monday. If there is a 5th Monday in the month, there is NO pickup. If a holiday falls on a Monday, your recycling or trash will be picked up on the next day. The schedule of holidays is on the City website.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PURCHASES A NEW VEHICLE

The Police Department purchased another Police Interceptor SUV vehicle in December. The police fleet now has three (3) of these vehicles. The Ford Explorer vehicles have proven to be more than an adequate replacement for the Ford Crown Victorias the department utilized for years. The new Explorer vehicles are all-wheel drive and have vastly improved the department's capability and access to all parts of the city during the harsh winter weather we had this past winter. The Police Department was able to assist many motorists utilizing the push bars on the front of the vehicles, saving citizens from the costly expense of a tow.

POLICE DEPARTMENT SAFETY AND SERVICE INFORMATION

The Police Department encourages residents to be vigilant and observant in their neighborhood of suspicious vehicles or other activity and to call when something does not look right. In addition, it is always helpful for residents to report any other safety concerns that they observe in the event that our officers are unaware of them. Get to know and look out for each other in your neighborhood. The residents are the eyes and ears of the police department and it is essential that we communicate with one another to enable us to provide the best possible service. One of the principles of modern policing stated more than 185 years ago still applies today:

“Police, at all times, should maintain a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the police are the public and the public are the police; the police being the only member of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence.”

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY PROGRAM

A local Chapter of the “Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club” contacted Police Chief Rowe about conducting a community program that their Toledo Chapter sponsored in October 2014, titled, “What to do when stopped by the Police”. The Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club is a national association created in 1993 for African-American motorcyclists with a mission of community support. The program was designed to educate community members about their legal rights and responsibilities when coming into contact with law enforcement. Participants in the program will include law enforcements representatives from the Richmond Heights Police Department, the Cleveland FBI, the Cuyahoga County Sheriff’s Office, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the Buffalo Soldiers. A program was completed for the Richmond Heights Students in the Middle School and High School on May 26, and a second program is planned for the community at-large at the Kiwanis Lodge, though a date has not yet been determined.

SHRED DAY
PITCH YOUR PAPERS!
CLEAR YOUR CLUTTER!

Saturday, September 26
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Richmond Heights City Hall
26789 Highland Road

For more details, please call (216) 383-6313

COMPUTER RECYCLING & SCRAP TIRE ROUND-UP IN AUGUST

Every Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
**BASIC SUMMER HEAT SAFETY TIPS**

Everyone should follow these basic heat safety tips in order to avoid the dangers of heat exposure.

**During the hottest hours of the day, stay inside.** If possible, stay inside an air-conditioned building. The hottest hours of the day are typically from mid-morning to mid-afternoon.

**Dress lightly and when sleeping, use lightweight, breathable covers.**

**Drink plenty of water and other fluids.**

**Avoid drinking alcohol and beverages that are carbonated or contain caffeine when temperatures are high, as they can lead to dehydration.**

**Keep blinds and curtains closed from morning until the late afternoon to block extra direct heat from sunlight.**

**Move your exercise routine to early morning or later in the evening.**

**Never leave a person or a pet in the car in hot conditions while you run to do a quick errand. People and animals can succumb to heat exposure and death very quickly in a hot car. Cars can become overheated quickly and when overheated become like ovens. It's never safe.**

**Properly supervise children during outdoor play, being sure to monitor them closely and frequently.**

**Seek medical care immediately if you become nauseous, start vomiting, or experience cramps.**

**Stay on the lowest level of your home.**

**Use a fan.** Don’t place the fan directly in front of a window because it may push hot air in. Try placing the fan so that it blows in the room and out the window instead.

**Use small appliances like slow cookers and tabletop grills rather than your traditional oven or stove to keep kitchen heat to a minimum.**

**DIVISION OF FIRE IMPROVES ISO PUBLIC PROTECTION CLASSIFICATION**

Congratulations to the Richmond Heights Division of Fire for completing the ISO - Public Protection Classification Survey and earning an exceptional rating of 3 out of 10 (with 1 being the best possible score). This represents an improvement from the City’s previous rating of 4. The ISO collects and evaluates information from all communities in the United States on their fire suppression capabilities. Richmond Heights is 1 of only 184 communities in the State of Ohio assigned a Class 3 PPC.

So what exactly is an ISO rating and what does this new rating mean? ISO stands for Insurance Service Office, and what they do is evaluate and assess fire protection in municipalities and counties throughout the United States. In each community, ISO analyzes data on fire protection (generally from what is known as a Fire Suppression Rating Schedule or FSRS) and assigns the community a Public Protection Classification number. These numbers are like a grading system and range from Class 1 (most desirable) to Class 10 (least desirable).

The grading is divided into three different areas. The three areas include: Fire Department, Water Supply System and Communications System, making this a community level achievement. The Fire Department section accounts for 50% of that final scoring and is broken down further into Training, Personnel, and equipment sections. The other two evaluated areas are water supply which accounts for 40% and communications which is 10% of the overall rating.

What this means to you, as residents of the City of Richmond Heights, is not only are you being protected by some of the finest personnel and best facilities in the region, you may also be entitled to a lower rate on your homeowners insurance. Home insurance premiums are based on many different factors, such as credit rating, the ISO rating, and previous losses. Most insurance companies utilize the ISO ratings when calculating the amount of premium although some carriers use a different format.

The new rating of 3 puts our City in the top 6% of all communities in the Nation! This rating goes into effect on August 1, 2015. Be sure to check with your insurance carrier to see how this may affect your rates.

**DIVISION OF FIRE OFFERS FREE CPR COURSE TO RESIDENTS**

The 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 individual. The next course will be held at the Richmond Heights fire station in August. The date and time for the August class to be determined. The class size is limited to 12 students per class and 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. Call Chief Neumann at (216) 383-6304, for information about upcoming classes.

**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.

www.richmondheightsohio.org
Basic Summer Heat Safety Tips
complete article
RICHMOND HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB

The Richmond Heights Garden Club members enjoyed many informative and interesting gardening and horticultural programs as well as the popular well-attended Holiday and Spring Luncheons.

In June the Garden Club will have the installation of officers for the upcoming year.

Congratulations to the scholarship winners who were awarded $500 from the Richmond Heights Garden Club in June:
- Devonne Bonner-Tinnon
- Richmond Heights High School
- Seng Choi
- Richmond Heights High School
- LeAndra Grant
- Richmond Heights High School
- Christopher Thompson
- Richmond Heights High School

Donations were made to the Flower Basket Program, Neighbors Make a Difference at Richmond Heights Schools, Friends of Euclid Creek, and Greenwood Farm. The Garden Club also participated in Arbor Day and donated a tree at the Richmond Heights Community Park near the entrance of the tennis court.

The Garden Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month from September thru December and March 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 at (216) 382-7866.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BEAUTIFICATION DAY WAS HUGE SUCCESS

On Wednesday, May 13, 2015, the entire Richmond Community came together to help spruce up our school campus. The Campus Beautification Day was sparked by the Richmond Mall Key Bank employees who approached our superintendent to have their staff work with the district in their annual “Neighbors Make a Difference” Day. The superintendent then decided to expand the day and invite the students, parents, staff, community members and government officials. Ms. Tamitra Peavy, a former parent and former board member, volunteered to spearhead the event and get everything organized. Ms. Peavy definitely exceeded the expectations that Superintendent Willis had originally set. She was able to get donations of food, money, supplies, and even golf carts. The day began at 1:00 p.m. with staff and students beginning to de-weed flower beds and paint benches and stones around the campus. Our government officials also came over to lend a helping hand. Councilwoman Juanita Lewis and Council President Eloise Henry worked at the elementary school in the courtyard and the front flowerbed. Councilman Jeremy Kumin helped by painting the picnic table in the elementary courtyard and Councilman Frank Lentine lent a helping hand to the Environmental Club as they raked leaves from the parking lot fence. Mayor David Roche and Mrs. Aire Roche made a huge impact by assisting the Environmental Club. Reporters from Fox 8 and The Sun Messenger were on hand to witness the entire project come together. The day was much more than just a beautification day. The day brought together the entire Richmond Community for a show of support and commitment to our students, our facilities and our Richmond Pride. Superintendent Willis thanked everyone that donated money or items, but she especially thanked those that took time out of their schedule to lend a hand. We are a Spartan Nation!! Pictures can be found on Cleveland.com and the school district’s website in their photo gallery.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE CITY BEAUTIFICATION SPONSORS

Agent’s Choice Insurance Agency
- Richard R. & Annmarie W. Binder In Memory of Richard L. Binder
- Done-Right Automotive
  - J. Elizabeth Duncan
- Traci L. Edwards In Memory of Statcia Nicole Bronston
- Eloise Henry In Memory of Rosie Lee Cotton
- Hollywood Scapes, Inc
- Kiwanis Club of Richmond Heights In Memory of Anthony Destro
- Kiwanis Club of Richmond Heights In Memory of Charlene Thur
- Longstreet Auto Body & Sales Inc.
- MACE Islamic Center
- MJB Service Inc/DBA Hillcrest Sunoco
- Rick & Patti Polburn In honor of first responders (Fire, Police & EMS)
- Richmond Heights Board of Education In Honor of RH Schools Students
- Richmond Heights Garden Club
- Richmond Heights Senior Citizen’s Club In Memory of Departed Members
- Sands Company Jewelers
- Friends of Kenny Yuko In Honor of Senator Kenny & Pam Yuko
- Kenny & Pam Yuko In Memory of John & Georgene Yuko
GREENWOOD FARM NEWS, NOTES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Have you been to Greenwood Farm lately? Have you seen the improvements in the house? Have you attended any of the programming scheduled thus far for 2015? Please make every effort to attend some of the programs/events planned for the benefit of the community for the remainder of 2015!

Mark your calendars for these Upcoming Events:

($) Denotes a nominal donation suggested.

July 11 6th Annual “Junk in the Trunk Community Garage Sale”.
Space is $30. Registration forms available at City Hall and www.greenwoodfarmassn.org. ($)

July 29 Concert under the Stars featuring Dennis Samsa and Night Breeze 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

August 5 Midsummer’s Night at the Creek with Highland Heights Green Task Force, Friends of Euclid Creek & Chad Clink, Community Forester/Holden Arboretum 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

August 9 The Singing Angels at Greenwood Farm ($) 2:00 p.m.

September 19 7th Annual “Fall Fun Fest at the Farm” 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

December 12 Cookies & Cocoa at the Farm (TBD)

Renovation work continues in the main house at Greenwood Farm. Nearing completion on the main floor is the work on the living room, dining room, library and men’s bathroom. The next major projects to be tackled are the ladies bathroom and the kitchen. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Progress would be made at a faster pace if we had more volunteers. If you would like to volunteer helping with renovation work, gardening, cleaning and/or assisting with events at Greenwood Farm, please contact Lee Gase & Pam O’Donnell at GreenwoodFarm@Mail.com or stop by a Saturday morning when volunteers are working. Check out our website for complete details of the events: www.greenwoodfarmassn.org.

RECREATION IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Richmond Heights Recreation Department is searching for volunteers to help with Recreation events. If you visit the park frequently or want to lend a helping hand, please call the Recreation Department at (216) 383-6313.

RICHMOND HEIGHTS SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB NEWS

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 Richmond Heights Seniors Club.

The Senior members are presently recruiting new young-thinking seniors. The Senior group’s membership consist of 40 individuals with 20 to 30 active members attending the general meetings. Come alone; better yet, bring a friend or neighbor. The dues are only $10 per year. General meetings with a snack and entertainment are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Kiwanis Lodge. For more information, please contact Senior Club President, Mitzi Binder, (216) 531-1585.

RICHMOND HEIGHTS KIWANIS CLUB
2015 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Jamie Grattino Simon
Richmond Heights High School

Aaron R. Hoover
Lake Catholic High School

Moriah Nance
Richmond Heights High School

David J. Storey
Richmond Heights High School

All students are residents of Richmond Heights

KIWANIS CLUB OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS

The Annual Richmond Heights Kiwanis Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday, August 19 at Pine Ridge Golf Course at 11:00 a.m. The cost is $85/per person which includes lunch and dinner. The money raised from the golf outing will benefit underprivileged children and the Kiwanis Scholarship Program. For reservations, contact Jim Giarelli at (330) 405-1441 or micelian@hotmail.com

It has been said that “Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.” This is the mission and goal of our local Kiwanis Club. Volunteers that are interested in advancing our mission and becoming involved in the community, please contact David H. Roche, President, at (216) 291-2207 or davidroche@roadrunner.com

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The City with the Forward Look!
Editor's note: I would like to thank Stephanie Barry, Christel Best, Jessica Gift, Jeremy Kumin, Valerie Stevenson and Gwen Warren for their assistance during the production of this City Edition. I also want to thank everyone who submitted an article for their contribution.

Special Thank You
Dave's Market
Hilltop Plaza
Memorial Day Donation

Congratulations!!
La Taqueria
5115 Wilson Mills Road
Richmond Heights
Voted Best Mexican Eats
Yelp's International Eats Competition

City of Richmond Heights Donates $700 for Harvest for Hunger

Between May 1 and May 22, the City of Richmond Heights conducted a City-wide “Harvest for Hunger “Campaign” and donated $700 in cash to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. The City also collected and donated canned and boxed food items to the Food Bank during its May campaign. “We donated $200 more than the goal we set for ourselves of $500. This just shows what a generous and caring community we have.” Said Christel Best who helped organize the food drive and fundraiser. Throughout May, City employees collected donations at City Hall, during the Shred Day in the City Hall Parking lot and at a Zumba Fundraiser. “It helped that we had large donations from the Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club and from Lewis Exterminating Company”, explained Best who believes that goal-oriented community projects such as the Harvest For Hunger campaign help to galvanize a community. Stay tuned for more community projects that we can all share in together.