

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS

Anthony Gimellia, Editor

The CITY EDITION

Flower Basket Program

Individuals and businesses can contribute to Richmond Heights beautification through the support of the Flower Basket Program. The City plans to purchase and install 24 baskets at the main intersections in Richmond Heights, City buildings and park locations. The Service Department will maintain the flower baskets through the summer months.

Suggested minimum support is \$100 for a business and \$50 for individuals. Baskets can be purchased “in honor of” or “in memory of” someone special. Please make checks payable to “City of Richmond Heights Flower Basket Program”. Please mail to: Finance Director; City of Richmond Heights; 26789 Highland Road; Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143. Donations will be accepted throughout the year. Recognition will be made in the “City Edition” and by calendar year on the website.

SPECIAL THANKS

The Richmond Heights Garden Club Tree Trimming Committee – Dolores Sciaulino, Dorothy Smirtnik, Bernice Blue, Ann Torer and Nancy Rice decorated the holiday tree at City Hall with the assistance of Richard and Mitzi Binder who set up the lights and tree. Also, a special thank you to the Richmond Heights Senior Club for decorating the Kiwanis Lodge.

A Message from Mayor Daniel J. Ursu

“The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found a way to serve.” – Dr. Albert Schweitzer

Certainly, one way to serve is volunteering for community service and I am pleased to let you know that volunteerism is on the move in Richmond Heights!

As reported earlier in the City Edition and in the media, the Richmond Heights Cultural Commission-sponsored Mediation Program is now up and running with fourteen (14) resident volunteers who underwent months of training to qualify as mediators for the program. Neighbors with a dispute can now bring their disagreements to the mediation teams for resolution. As reported in the past, this avoids an escalation to the police or court system and can save residents much frustration and expense. Call (216) 486-3777 for more information regarding this very beneficial program.

Residents can learn about a new opportunity to volunteer in Richmond Heights for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) by reading the article on page 7. The team will respond to community-wide emergencies that might occur; for instance, from a severe storm, power interruption or large water main breaks. Councilwomen Kathy Gambatese and Eloise Henry, working with Fire Chief Mike Cek and resident Kevin Sur, have organized the program which is now ready to roll out. The CERT promises to be a volunteer resident-driven asset that has the potential to make a positive difference in times of calamity!

Always available for volunteer opportunities are Recreation program activities, especially Family Day which is always the third Sunday of July. To find out more about volunteering for the Recreation Department call (216) 383-6313.

Remember to drive safely, especially in the icy and snowy conditions of this winter season!



Please visit the
City of Richmond Heights
online at
www.richmondheightsohio.org

FIVE OR FEWER**Monday, January 25**

If you are tired of recipes with long ingredient lists, try this class. All the recipes use 5 or fewer ingredients. Mostly main dishes and sides, there are also some delectable desserts. Learn to make dinner simply, often using items you can have on hand and by using some convenience foods. Food fee of \$8 payable at class. **Fee:** \$15
Times: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Judi Strauss
 Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge
 Pre-Registration required, (216) 383-6313.

BREAD BAKING**Saturday, January 30**

Nothing beats the aroma of fresh baked bread. In this class you'll learn how to bake a perfect loaf of bread every time. There will be a demonstration of braiding bread and shaping dinner rolls. You'll also see a loaf of yeast bread that can be made in one hour! Plenty to taste in class and recipes to take home. Food fee of \$7 payable at class.

Times: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**Instructor:** Judi Strauss

Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge

Fee: \$15 Pre-Registration required.

For information, call (216) 383-6313.

CUPCAKES**Monday, January 25**

Get in on the hottest trend in baking! Cupcakes are loved by young and old and can be the right dessert for casual and formal events alike. In class you will get recipes for a variety of cupcakes and frostings including chocolate mint, very vanilla, lemon, strawberry, pumpkin and many more. This will be a hands-on class with a chance to bake and decorate cupcakes. Food fee of \$7 payable at class.

Fee: \$15**Times:** 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**Instructor:** Judi Strauss

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SPECIAL-OCCASION DANCE CLASS**Date:** Saturday, February 6 **Time:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**Location:** Kiwanis Lodge **Cost:** \$15 per person

Weddings, Valentine's Day dance, corporate dance, prom! A special day or dance should leave no detail to chance. Dance Instructor Louise has choreographed some of the top weddings in the area. Your dance should have that same elegance and style. Whatever the occasion, learn the appropriate dances to help make the affair a special event! **Registration Deadline: Tuesday, February 2.**

SATURDAY YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAMS**Starting January 23 until March 6****GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CLINIC**

Bump! Set! Spike! Learn the game of volleyball or work on improving your game. The clinic will be held at the Richmond Heights Elementary School Gym on Saturday afternoons. **Fee:** \$30 **Grades** 4 – 6 **Saturday** 1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

CHEERLEADING

A little shy? Well, have no fear! Join as we learn to cheer! Get pumped up and bring your gear. We'll yell it out for all to hear!!! Join us for fun, simple gymnastics and lots of spirit! The program will take place Saturday mornings at the Richmond Heights Elementary School. **Fee:** \$30 **Grades** 1-6 **Saturday** 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

SPRING TRAINING BASEBALL

Hey, Kids! Here's a great opportunity to get out of the house this winter and work on your baseball skills. Vince Benander will instruct you on throwing, fielding, hitting, and base running. The program will take place Saturday afternoons at the Richmond Heights Middle School.

Fee: \$30 **Ages:** 5 - 12 **Saturday** 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**YOUTH INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE**

Grab your shin guards and water bottle and get ready to play! Games will be played on Saturdays at the Richmond Heights Elementary School Gym. **Fee:** \$30 **Ages:** 5 - 6 **10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Ages: 7 - 9 **11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.****Register by Thursday, January 21!!!****Please make checks payable to: City of Richmond Heights**

Richmond Heights Recreation Dept.

26789 Highland Road, Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143

For more information, please call the Recreation Office at: (216) 383-6313

EGG HUNT AT THE KIWANIS LODGE**SATURDAY, MARCH 27 10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.****SNACKS AND CRAFTS****COST: \$2 PER PERSON****TICKETS ON SALE IN MARCH IN RECREATION****NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR**

**RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP
IN RICHMOND HEIGHTS**

Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will be hosting a Rain Barrel Workshop with the City of Richmond Heights, the Greenwood Farm Historical, Cultural & Arts Association, Inc., and the Friends of Euclid Creek on **Wednesday, May 12 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Greenwood Farm (264 Richmond Road)**. A rain barrel is a container used to collect and store rainwater that would otherwise be lost to runoff and likely diverted to a storm drain. Collected water may then be used to water lawns and gardens. Cost is \$60 (Greenwood Farm Association members receive a \$10 discount) and includes the barrel, all materials and the downspout diverter. To register for this workshop (**registration is required**), contact the Euclid Creek Watershed Coordinator at (216) 524-6580 extension 16 or cposius@cuyahogawcd.org. Registration is open to Richmond Heights residents on April 12, and open to the public April 19.

**KIWANIS CLUB
OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS**

“Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time” The Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club is aggressively looking to add new members interested in becoming involved in the community. Contact David H. Roche, President, at (216) 291-2207 or davidroche@roadrunner.com

**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CULTURAL COMMISSION
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE 4TH ANNUAL
COMMUNITY-WIDE BOOK DISCUSSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3**

The City of Richmond Heights Community Connections Cultural Commission is pleased to present another cultural-related program.

WHAT: You are cordially invited to read the following selection being featured in this year’s book discussion. ***The Boat* by Nam Le** is an engaging collection of seven (7) short stories. These stories speak to topics ranging from intergenerational relationships and the importance of one’s perceptions to the quest for freedom. The Cultural Commission has again chosen one of this year’s Anisfield-Wolf Award winners, which celebrates its 75th anniversary!

WHEN: **Wednesday, March 3**
7:00 pm - Refreshments
7:30-9:00 pm – Book Discussion

WHERE: **Faith United Church of Christ, 575 Richmond Road,**
(North of & next to the Richmond Town Square Mall)

WHO: The Rev. Dr. Eugene McAfee and the Faith United Church of Christ book discussion group have graciously offered to once again host our book discussion. Childcare will be available for children kindergarten and up.

Copies of *The Boat* (both in hardcopy and on tape) will be available at the Richmond Heights branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library located at 5235 Wilson Mills Road. In addition, copies will be available for purchase at a discounted rate through City Hall. Our thanks to Barnes & Noble at Eaton for their generosity. The Cultural Commission enthusiastically encourages you to obtain the book, spend time reading as a family, and then on March 3rd join other members of the community in a thoughtful discussion.

REGISTRATION: Please call City Hall at (216) 486-2474 by **February 24** to indicate your attendance.

RICHMOND HEIGHTS CITY HALL, AT YOUR SERVICE!

Richmond Heights City Hall business hours are weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The address is 26789 Highland Road, Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143. The phone number to City Hall is (216) 486-2474. The information line, (216) 383-6300, can be accessed 24 hours a day/seven days a week. Information is updated on the 1st and 15th of each month.

GET INVOLVED RICHMOND HEIGHTS AMATEUR SPORTS

Richmond Heights Amateur Sports is a nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to providing the youth of Richmond Heights and surrounding communities the opportunity to learn and play recreational, competitive, and organized baseball from May to July. Boys and girls from age 5 through 18 are encouraged to participate regardless of skill level.

All community members and parents are welcomed to volunteer as coaches, board members, and fundraisers. All community businesses are also encouraged to participate as team sponsors and advertisers. Anyone with questions or who would like to volunteer can call Jerry Hoover at (216) 780-4087 or check out our website at www.leaguelineup.com.

In person registration will be held on Sunday, February 28 at the Kiwanis Lodge from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

GARDEN CLUB PROGRAMS

February 18 - "Heritage Gardens at the Governor's Mansion in Columbus" presented by Carol Powers, Ambassador & Master Gardener

March 18 - "Living Green" presented by Tracie Williams from Metroparks North Chagrin Reservation

The Garden Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month from September thru June at the Kiwanis Lodge, 27285 Highland Road. Yearly membership dues are \$10.

If you are interested in joining the Garden Club or for more information, please contact Karen Murray at (216) 371-1578.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Responsible Pet Ownership

There is an entire Chapter in the Codified Ordinances of Richmond Heights that deals with animals and owner responsibility. This is Chapter 505 and it can be found at www.richmondheightsohio.org. Some of the most common complaints received by the Police Department are relative to animals running at large, loud or barking animals or animals being or causing a nuisance.

Although dogs bark, owners have a responsibility of ensuring that their dog(s) do not bark continuously and/or disturb other residents. Leaving a dog tied outside will usually lead to complaints from neighbors. (Ord. 505.09)

Owners are also responsible not to let their animals run at large. "At Large" means not under control by leash, cord, chain, tether or other physical control device. (Ord. 505.01)

Persons who are walking dogs are required to clean up after them. Animal excrement is required to be picked up when the animal goes on any public property or any property of another. (Ord. 505.08)

Violations of any of these ordinances can result in a \$100 fine and in some cases \$250 if an individual is cited for the offense more than one time in a three year period.

Vehicle Parking

Another common complaint in our neighborhoods is the parking of vehicles on lawns or other grassy areas. City Ordinance prohibits the parking of vehicles on any surface that is "not improved for vehicle use." (Ord. 351.03(19)) Any area improved for vehicle use is a surface that is either asphalt or concrete and complies with City Building Code Ordinances.

BASEBALL, GIRL'S SOFTBALL & SWIM TEAM SIGN-UPS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

KIWANIS LODGE 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

RICHMOND HEIGHTS AMATEUR SPORTS POOR MAN'S REVERSE RAFFLE SATURDAY, MARCH 6 KIWANIS LODGE, 27285 HIGHLAND ROAD

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM
DINNER SERVED AT 7:30 PM
RAFFLE BEGINS IMMEDIATELY AFTER DINNER
MUSIC AND DANCING
BEER, WINE, AND WASH PROVIDED/ B.Y.O.B.**

**\$1,000 MAIN BOARD 50/50 SPLIT ALL SIDE BOARDS
\$50 PER COUPLE/\$30 SINGLE
FOR TICKETS CALL JERRY HOOVER (216) 780-4087**

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CORNER

RICHMOND HEIGHTS SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

If you're a Richmond Heights resident and 50 years of age or older, there is an activity for you with the Richmond Heights Senior Citizens Club.

There is Entertainment, Bowling, Golf, Cards, Dancing, Trips, and Refreshments; all in a friendly atmosphere of friends and neighbors.

The general meetings which include snack and entertainment are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Presently, bowling takes place every Monday morning 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (special discount rates-\$4/3-lines); then having the highlight of the day; a great lunch at a local restaurant. Several card games are on tap for Fridays at City Hall in the Caucus Room. Special event dinner parties are held during the year. Presently membership is in excess of 125 individuals, with 60 to 80 active members attending the general meetings.

Come join in on the fun. The dues are only \$5 per year. General meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Kiwanis Lodge which is located at the back of the Richmond Heights Community Park. Please come and give the group a try. For a schedule of the meetings or more information, please contact Senior Club President Nancy Rice at (216) 382-2926.

SPECIAL 60TH ANNIVERSARY COUPLE!

**Dick & Bernie Blue, 60 years
on November 22, 2009.**

Heartiest congratulations from your home town!

NEIGHBOR PROFILE

Richmond Heights has its very own Junior Olympic champions! Yes, brothers Cameron (10) and Brandon (8) Searight won three medals each at the 2009 AAU - Junior Olympic Games held in Des Moines, Iowa this past August. Cameron won a Gold medal in Olympic Sparring, and Bronze medals in Forms and in Point Sparring. Brandon won a Gold medal in Forms, and Bronze medals in Point Sparring, and in Olympic Sparring.

Adrian and Kathy Searight are very proud of their children. Kathy is a REALTOR® with Century 21 Homestar. Adrian and his mother Grace are the owners of the Ohio Martial Art Training Center, which is where Cameron and Brandon developed their interest in and dedication to the sport of Tae Kwon Do. Their father, Master

Adrian Searight, has trained Cameron and Brandon for over 2 years. They both have competed in 13 martial arts tournaments to date. Cameron has earned 26 Medals: 19 Gold, 4 Silver, and 3 Bronze. Brandon has earned 28 Medals: 17 Gold, 4 Silver, and 7 Bronze. The brothers unanimously agreed that focus, discipline, excellent listening skills, and dedication to their daily training schedule are the key ingredients for the making of a great champion. When you combine those skills with an excellent master trainer, championships will inevitably follow.

The boys are students in the Richmond Heights school district. When asked what they enjoyed most about their school, Cameron replied, "All my teachers are so very nice" and Brandon replied, "People in school are very nice and always say hello." Science and Reading are Cameron's favorite subjects. Brandon's favorite subjects are Math and Reading. The boys love living in Richmond Heights because their neighbors are friendly, the community is clean and safe, and they have numerous friends from all walks of life.

As for their future goals, Cameron and Brandon want to help their father grow his non-profit foundation, Elite Team Foundation, established to make martial arts training available to Richmond Heights' youth and other youths throughout the Greater Cleveland area through scholarship awards. They also will be focusing on their preparation for the Nationals, West Coast Junior Olympic, and East Coast Summer Olympic Martial Arts Tournaments scheduled to take place beginning mid July 2010. Finally, they both have long-term goals to win the Heisman Trophy, play in a Super Bowl championship game, and win many Olympic Gold Medals. Given their championship drive and determination, these goals are definitely within their reach. If you would like to see these young champions in action, you can check out their videos on You Tube or visit www.ohiomatc.com.



A DOOR OF HOPE IS OPEN

Christian Assembly Church has partnered with The Emergency Assistance Center to form Achor House. Achor House is a non-profit agency providing emergency food assistance, personal hygiene items and clothing to those in need in the Hillcrest area. There is no charge or obligation for any services provided, but an application is required to establish need. Food and financial donations are welcomed from the community.

Achor House is located at 25394 Chardon Road and is available to the public by appointment. If you would like to receive assistance, make a donation or learn more about this community outreach, please call (216) 261-7105 or visit www.achorhouse.org. Achor House exists to provide **a door of hope** in troubling times, and that door is now open.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Aircraft Complaints: Call the Cuyahoga County Airport Office at (216) 289-4111 between 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, excluding holidays, to register complaints on aircraft operation between 11:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m. OR complaints can be e-mailed to [ccairport@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:cairport@cuyahogacounty.us)

Preferably, write to:

Kevin Delaney 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
(216) 481-4461
Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Greenwood Farm Historical, Cultural, & Arts Association

What is likely one of the most often asked question in Richmond Heights these days? It might be, "Can you tell me what's going on at the large piece of property with the big old-fashioned farm house that sits way back on Richmond Road?"

In 2004, the City of Richmond Heights purchased one of the last large properties remaining within it's borders, the Phyper estate located at 264 Richmond Road. In 2006, the City completed purchase of the two parcels of land totaling 16.9 acres of land. The cost was borne by the City's Capital Fund and later financed over a 10-year period to be paid off in 2015.

The last of the original family members and owner, Ruth Pypers Danforth remained in the main house until her death on October 21, 2006 at the age of 100. The Phyper family began living at the farm in 1908 and named the large expanse of land Greenwood Farm (GWF) which was owned and lived on by the family until June Phyper who lived to be 100 years of age died in 2006 while living in the main house.

The historical Main House, Barn, and Cottage invite many visions and dreams of what the future might be. A non-profit organization has been formed whose Board of Directors has as a mission statement: Greenwood Farm Historical, Cultural, and Arts Association, Inc., is dedicated to the preservation, renovation, operation, maintenance and programs of Greenwood Farms, and enhancing the use of the property by promoting and strengthening the diverse historical, environmental, cultural, and artistic assets of the community.

The GWF Board has begun a membership drive to engage the community in and around Richmond Heights including the business sector to raise funds that will support necessary maintenance and fund strategic planning to ensure its goals.

The Founders Circle for Charter Members of the Greenwood Farm Historical, Cultural and Fine Arts Association, Inc. will lay a foundation for the organization by embracing two core values:

- Charter Members will help establish the foundation of this organization for today's and for future generations.
- A healthy community needs to celebrate its history, sustain the environment, embrace its cultural diversity, and nurture creativity.

A Founders Circle plaque will commemorate all Charter Members.

The three levels for Charter Membership are:

Founder (Individual) at	\$50.00
Founding Family at	\$100.00
Founding Benefactor	\$250.00 (businesses/corporate)

The GWF Board of Directors sincerely hope you will join us at one of these levels of membership. The Charter Membership Drive will conclude the end of May, 2010.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.greenwoodfarmassn.org> where you will also find a link to and can join our Greenwood Farm Volunteers - Yahoo groups. As a registered volunteer you will receive updates on work activities ongoing at the Farm.

Membership forms and Volunteer registrations can be found on the web site or picked up at City Hall. Checks may be made payable to Greenwood Farm Historical, Cultural, and Arts Association, and mailed to: City of Richmond Heights; 26789 Highland Road; Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143

**RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES
THE FOLLOWING FREE
ONLINE SERVICES
ARE PROVIDED THROUGH
THE REGIONAL INCOME TAX AGENCY**

R.I.T.A. E-File: A quick, easy and secure way to file your municipal income taxes online with R.I.T.A.

R.I.T.A. E-Payment: A convenient, simple and secure method to pay municipal income taxes online. R.I.T.A. uses the latest Internet security technology to secure your transaction. All you need is your bank routing number and account number found at the bottom of your checks.

R.I.T.A. E-Registration: A fast and simple electronic method to establish your municipal tax account with R.I.T.A., if you have not previously filed a municipal tax return with R.I.T.A.

For more information log on to www.ritaohio.com or call (800) 860-7482.

RICHMOND HEIGHTS FORMS A COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM

Richmond Heights is pleased to announce the formation of a Richmond Heights Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

A steering committee led by Fire Chief Michael Cek, Councilpersons Eloise Henry and Kathryn Gambatese and Richmond Heights CERT Leader, resident Kevin T. Sur, developed a volunteer application form and training plan. Volunteer interviews will take place for all potential members.

The mission statement of the City's CERT is: *Richmond Heights CERT is a community-based citizen corps established to aid and assist citizens of the community that may be affected by public emergencies, working under the Incident Command structure and the authority having jurisdiction.* Richmond Heights CERT purpose is: to find individuals that would be willing to become leaders in the four defined quadrants of the city and who would prepare for and assist in establishing emergency shelter during an incident until professional responders arrive.

In partnership with volunteer leaders from the churches serving Richmond Heights, the first meeting of a Leadership Core was held on January 7, 2010. Agenda items included setting up a training schedule, determining training course priorities, and procedures for training, team activation, transportation, and communication.

Volunteer interviews will take place for all potential members. Members will be required to make a commitment to a monthly meeting and participation in all trainings to be offered. Interested persons can find application forms at City Hall and online at <http://www.richmondheightsohio.org>. Applicants must be willing to have a background check and must provide a personal and a professional reference.

Requisite FEMA NIMS Courses can be found at www.richmondheightsohio.org and potential volunteers can get a head start by completing them.

REVISED PUBLIC WORKS TIMETABLE

Location	Type of Project	Estimated Construction Date
Richmond/White/Chardon	Sanitary Sewers	Assessments Certified
Richmond Road Side Streets	Sanitary Sewers	Completed/Assessments to follow
Swetland (part)	New Concrete Pavement	Completed
Swetland (part) & Nan Linn	Curbs & Gutters, Repair & Resurface	Completed
Geraldine (East) & Ruth Ellen Drive	Repair & Resurface	Completed
Richmond Road (South)	Joint Repairs & Crack Sealing	Completed
2010 Road Repair Program	Concrete & Asphalt	Spring/Summer 2010
2010 Sidewalk Program	Spot Replacement and/or Leveling	Spring/Summer 2010

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The City with the *Forward* Look!

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RICHMOND HEIGHTS SCHOOL BOARD NEWS & NOTES

Page 8 is printed on behalf of the Richmond Heights School Board for those residents who are part of the Richmond Heights School District.

THANK YOU, RICHMOND HEIGHTS VOTERS



The passage of the Richmond Heights Schools levy last Fall has allowed the district to provide transportation for all students in grades K-8 and improve academic programming for students. The students, staff, parents, administration and school board sincerely appreciate your support.

BOARD OF EDUCATION SELECTS NEW SUPERINTENDANT

The Board of Education selected Dr. Linda T. Hardwick as the district's superintendent because of her many accomplishments labeling her a true pioneer in 21st century learning whose innovative approaches create the platform for children to become world class thinkers, innovators and leaders.

As a graduate of Cleveland Public Schools, Dr. Hardwick completed her undergraduate degree at Central State University, Master's degrees at Case Western Reserve University, one in Multicultural Education, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Education from the University of Akron. She started her career teaching at three Cleveland Elementary Schools before being promoted to Assistant Principal at Miles Standish Elementary. She served as an Executive Administrator at Forest Hill Parkway Academy and Early College High School of the Cleveland Municipal School District as well as a Night School Principal. During her 30 year tenure in the Cleveland Schools, Dr. Hardwick promoted academic success for students.

Dr. Hardwick is the recipient of numerous awards, including:

- Harvard Business School Club of Northeastern Ohio Excellence in School Management Award (2005)
- Department of Education, Fulbright Award (Brazil Exchange) 2005

Dr. Hardwick is a 23-year resident of Richmond Heights with a strong commitment to the community. We welcome Dr. Hardwick to our district and wish her every success in her new position.