

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS

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The CITY EDITION

ATTENTION: SENIORS & DISABLED ADULTS

TRANSPORTATION BUS AVAILABLE MONDAY - FRIDAY

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**HALLOWEEN PARTY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29**



Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge
27285 Highland Road

Hayride, Fall crafts, fun games and delicious snacks. Feel free to come in costume. Tickets must be purchased in advance starting on October 1 at City Hall in the Recreation Department.

Fee: \$3 for children and adults

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**12TH ANNUAL
RECREATION DEPT.
FALL CRAFT SHOW**

Saturday, November 6

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Kiwanis Lodge

Handmade Crafts & Great Food

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DANIEL J. URSU

As you know from the last "City Edition", despite the City's prolonged efforts to reduce expenses (including layoffs, shortened workweeks and salary decreases) to help maintain current levels of overall city services, it was necessary for Council and I to pass legislation to have residents begin sharing in the cost of rubbish pick-up effective July 1, 2010. Republic Allied Waste has sent out the first of its quarterly billings at about \$2.20 per week or 30¢ per day. The City still pays for the disposal costs.

As a resident, you will see no other changes in the garbage collection process. We were able to negotiate our contract in a way which avoids placing a limit on the number of bags that a household may set out for collection; furniture, appliances and recyclables will continue to be collected for no additional charge. In keeping with our prior policy, residents may schedule the free pickup of freon-bearing appliances (such as refrigerators and freezers) through City Hall.

However, knowing that even the smallest increase in one's expenses can be difficult, we were able to coordinate participation in First Energy's Electric Aggregation program to coincide with the rubbish program in an effort to offset as much of the added rubbish expense as possible. First Energy indicates that it will help most residents save at least between \$5 and \$6 every month and potentially much more if you reduce usage or take energy saving steps (see page 3).

At the same time, I want to remind you about the many great programs which the staff is working hard to continue, albeit on a greatly reduced budget. In the pages of this issue of the City Edition, you will see information on our annual Halloween Party, Craft Fair and Seniors Flu Shot Clinic. In addition, you will see what some of our newest organizations, including the volunteer CERT and Mediation Programs, have to offer as well as what the Greenwood Farm Association has in store this Fall with its "Fun Fest 2010."

Have a joyous Holiday Season!

**CONGRATULATIONS
Richmond Heights Teen Citizen of the Year
Gabrielle Kisner**

**Richmond Heights Citizen of the Year
Jerry Hoover**

RUBBISH BILLING QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

The following are some frequently asked questions with answers regarding the City's new rubbish collection:

Whose responsibility is it to pay the bill for rubbish pickup?

It is the responsibility of the home owner. If a rental home is involved, it remains the home owner's responsibility.

By what authority is the City requiring every home owner to pay for rubbish pickup?

City Codified Ordinance 951.07 authorizes the City to require home owners to have rubbish picked up by a City contractor and for home owners to pay for this service. This Ordinance is a public health, safety and general welfare power granted to cities by the home rule provisions of the Ohio Constitution.

What is the billing cycle?

The billing cycle is quarterly - every three months beginning July 1, 2010.

Are there any special services for the elderly or the disabled?

A special service of having the rubbish containers picked up at the garage instead of at the street can be arranged by contacting Republic Services. Their phone number and hours are listed in the next question.

Who should I call with questions or concerns, or to make a complaint about the service?

Call the Republic Services customer service at (216) 441-3600 or 1-(800)-968-7789; Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more FAQ's please visit www.richmondheights ohio.org

HOME OCCUPATION ORDINANCE BEING UPDATED

City Council is currently reviewing and contemplating a revision to the Home Occupation Ordinance. Over the last 25 years, the business environment has changed greatly and many people are operating "legitimate" businesses out of their homes. However, that change has caused some people to push the limits of the ordinance and introduce situations where the business owner may be causing a "hardship or disturbance" to the residential nature of our city. Council wishes to maintain the residential nature of our city. They also recognize that some people have started businesses out of their homes in order to make a living. Council's job is to balance these two opposing ideas and strike a fair balance so that businesses can operate without disturbing their neighbors or changing the residential nature of each neighborhood.

Some of the changes that are being contemplated are regulating how many and what type of vehicles and equipment can be stored or parked on a property. We realize that there are many different sizes of property and we are attempting to scale the size of an operation relative to the size of the property. We are also going to require an upgrade of screening a business with the proper use of fencing and landscaping materials. We will also require that all business owners register with the City and acquire a permit to operate a business in their home.

These discussions have been ongoing since January in the Planning and Zoning Committee and a draft of the ordinance has been prepared and is nearing introduction.

Once the bill is introduced and council has a document that they can support, we will have a public hearing (tentatively scheduled for October 5 at 7:45 p.m.) At that time we will formally hear from business owners and residents to get their input before the legislation is passed. Changes to the ordinance can still happen after the public hearing but we hope to have entertained input from all groups before the public hearing. I encourage any interested parties to contact the Clerk of Council to obtain a copy of the draft legislation to review and provide input to the ordinance so that all parties are satisfied that we have reached a fair and balanced proposal.

Feel free to contact me personally if you have questions. My committee and I are committed to doing what is right and fair for all the people in Richmond Heights.

Donald O'Toole, Chairman - Planning and Zoning Committee of Council



2010 Citizen of the Year Ceremony. Top row: Mayor Dan Ursu; Bottom Row: (L to R) Citizen of the Year Jerry Hoover, Edward Crouse, Roy Schlachter, Evelyn Kaden, Dan Saltzman.

ENERGY SAVING TIPS

- Replacing an old refrigerator (18 years or older) reduces electric usage by 35 percent.
- Vacuum clean the condenser coils on older refrigerators every 3 months.
- Chest-type freezers use up to 27% less energy than upright freezers.
- Use your microwave oven; they draw less than half the power than conventional ovens.
- Task lighting (over desks, tables and tool benches) eliminates the need to illuminate an entire room.
- Compact fluorescent bulbs use 75 percent less electricity; also use dimmer switches.
- Wash and rinse clothes in cold or warm water.
- When drying clothes avoid overdrying.
- Run your dishwasher with a full load.
- Look for the Energy Star label when purchasing new appliances
- A LCD tv uses much less electricity than a plasma tv.



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN
TRICK OR TREAT**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Personnel

Dispatcher Myron (Mike) Hubler retired after 30 years of service for the City as a Police/Fire Dispatcher. We wish Myron and his family the best in the years ahead.

Cell Phone Usage

Although the City currently does not have a specific ordinance prohibiting talking on the cell phone (other than hands free) or texting while driving, citations can still be issued under existing local ordinance 331.34(c) which states, “*No person shall operate a vehicle without giving full time and attention to the operation of such vehicle.*” Obviously, full time and attention cannot be given to operating the vehicle if you have a cell phone in your hand or are preoccupied composing and sending a text message. The fine for this violation could be as much as \$150.

Other 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 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 improved for vehicular use. Improved for vehicular use is defined in the City's building codes. Laying down stone or gravel is NOT considered “improved for vehicular use.”



2010 Teen Citizen of the Year Ceremony. Top row: (L to R): Police Chief Gene Rowe, Sergeant Denise DeBiase, Mayor Dan Ursu; Bottom Row: (L to R) Teen Citizen of the Year, Gabrielle Kisner, Alexandra Arlesic, Jordan Green, Teen Citizen of the Year Runner-up, Annie Matz, Rachel Rielinger. (Not Pictured Joshua Dingus)

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

Date: Wednesday, October 6

Seneca Allegany Casino

Cost: \$30 per person

\$25 slot dollars/\$10 food voucher

Departure: 7:00 a.m. from

Richmond Town Square

Return: 6:45 p.m.

Date: Wednesday, November 3

The Rivers Casino

Cost: \$30 per person

\$25 slot dollars

Departure: 7:00 a.m. from

Richmond Town Square

Return: 6:45 p.m.

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

ANNUAL FLU SHOT PROGRAM

WHEN: Wednesday, October 20 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge, 27285 Highland Road

Residents 65 years of age and older and adults who have a chronic illness, such as asthma, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, HIV/AIDS or kidney disease are eligible.

- **NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE SCHEDULED.**
- **YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN BY MAIL OR DROP OFF AT CITY HALL BY OCTOBER 13.**
- If you have Medicare Part B as your primary insurance, you must bring your Medicare card with you.
- If you have a Medicare HMO or a Senior HMO, Medicare CANNOT BE BILLED for the flu vaccine through our program. These residents should receive their vaccine from their HMO provider. You do have the option to self pay for the flu vaccine if you decide to do so. The cost to you is \$30 (**CASH or CHECK ONLY**).

FLU SHOT REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE CLIP AND MAIL BY OCTOBER 13 TO: City of Richmond Heights
ATTN: Flu Shot Program
26789 Highland Road
Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143

NAME(S) & DATE(S) OF BIRTH: include first and last names of all person(s) registering

NAME(S) & DATE(S) OF BIRTH: include first and last names of all person(s) registering

COMPLETE ADDRESS: include zip code

TELEPHONE NUMBER w/area code **CHECK ONE:** MEDICARE or
 SELF PAY

IF YOU HAVE A MEDICARE HMO OR SENIOR HMO YOU MUST SELF PAY

RICHMOND HEIGHTS SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB NEWS

The Senior Citizens' Club is the place to be this fall. They are bowling on Monday mornings with the highlight of the day--lunch at various nearby restaurants; also playing cards on Friday afternoon at City Hall.

On October 27, the Halloween Party will take place at Kristy's at 1:00 p.m. December 8 is the Holiday Party at Alfredo's at the Inn in Mayfield Village. The Showstoppers will provide the entertainment for the event.

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 are available for \$1. Please come and give the group a try. For more information, please contact Senior Club President Nancy Rice at (216) 382-2926.

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.

HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**Thanksgiving (11/25)
one day delay
Thursday & Friday pick-
ups only**

**Christmas (12/25)
NO DELAY**

**New Year's (1/1)
NO DELAY**

"Family Fun Fest At The Farm"

Saturday, September 25 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**at Greenwood Farm
264 Richmond Road; Richmond Heights**

Fun activities for all ages!!!

**Student Art Show, Baking Contest, Entertainment,
Classic Cars, Games...**

**...And a "Critter Corner" Sponsored By K-9 Kingdom,
Where Friendly, Leashed Dogs Are Welcome To Get
His/Her Nails Trimmed, Ask The Trainer, Buy Awesome
Pet Items, Be Left For A Short Time While You Enjoy
The Other Areas Of The Fun Fest...OR...Maybe Adopt A
New Family Friend!**

Bring Your Own Chairs or Blankets

**For more details & parking information, please visit
WWW.GREENWOODFARMASSN.ORG**

GREENWOOD FARMS INFORMATION & OPPORTUNITIES

The Charter Membership Drive for Greenwood Farm that recently ended on May 31, 2010, concluded with **51** members joining, producing a total of **\$5,100.00** in revenue for Greenwood Farm.

For a complete listing of those Charter Members whose memberships support our mission and strengthen our community, and provide seed money to continue the much needed work at the farm, check the Greenwood Farm website at www.greenwoodfarmassn.org. The Greenwood Farm Board of Directors thanks the Charter Members for recognizing the value of preserving the Phypers Estate for its historical, cultural, and environmental benefit to our community!

The Junk in Your Trunk Community Garage Sale held at Greenwood Farm on July 24th generated **\$1,697.53** in revenue for Greenwood Farm. This too will go towards the necessary work to be done to renovate the Farm.

The Greenwood Farm Board of Directors is seeking dedicated people to fill vacant volunteer positions on the Board of Directors. If you, or someone you know, are interested in serving your community in this unique way, please get a **Greenwood Farm Board of Directors Application of Interest** from City Hall or print the form off the website at www.greenwoodfarmassn.org.

The Greenwood Farm Association needs volunteer workers to assist in the on going renovation program at the former Phypers estate at 264 Richmond Road. Work parties are scheduled for each Saturday, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. until Saturday, October 30.

For further details please contact President David H. Roche at (216) 291-2207 or go to greenwood_farm_volunteers@yahoogroups.com

BOARD OF ELECTIONS NOTIFICATION

The General Election will take place on Tuesday, November 2. Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

If you are not registered to vote, you can pick up a voter registration form at City Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Registrations are to be mailed to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and must be postmarked by Monday, October 4.

Ward 1 and 2 vote at the Kiwanis Lodge, 27285 Highland Road, in the back of Richmond Heights Community Park. Ward 3 will vote at Faith United Church of Christ, 575 Richmond Road. Ward 4 votes at Richmond Heights Church of the Nazarene, 499 Trebisky Road. Please be sure to take a photo I.D. to your polling place. For more information, contact the Board of Elections at (216) 443-3298.

NEW COMMUNITY PROGRAM - CERT

The City of Richmond Heights has recently formed a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program. The CERT concept was developed and implemented with the purpose of training citizens along with private and government employees as a means of preparing for a disaster. In disaster, the demands placed on police/fire and medical services make it virtually impossible for City personnel to respond to all aid that is requested and needed. CERT was formed as an extension of first responder services offering immediate help to victims until professionals arrived. CERT is about readiness, people helping people, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. It is a program where the action of citizens can make a difference.

CERT members were out and about this summer distributing literature in our neighborhoods. You may have seen them at Family Day, the Junk in Your Trunk Sale or the Back to School Celebration. On September 25 they will be at the Greenwood Farm Fun Fest. Please make it a point to stop by to learn more about this program or call City Hall at 216-486-2474.

Finally, the CERT Committee would like to recognize the following members who have completed their initial CERT training and provided proof of course completion for ICS 100, 200 and 700. Congratulations to David Roche, David Storey, Marybeth Muehle and Eloise Henry. Also, congratulations to Nelson & Tobi Barmen for completing the ICS 100 and 200 training sessions.

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 7 at 2:00 a.m. This is also the time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

REVISED PUBLIC WORKS TIMETABLE

Location	Type of Project	Estimated Construction Date
Richmond Road Side Streets	Sanitary Sewers	Assessments Certified
Karen Isle	Curbs & Gutters, Repair & Resurface	Completed
Swetland & Nan Linn intersections at Richmond Road	Replace and/or Repair & Resurface	Completed
Donald Avenue (West)	Repair and Asphalt	Completed
Chestnut Lane	Repair & Resurface	Completed
Claymore Boulevard (part)	Repair & Resurface	Summer/Fall 2010
Royal Oak Boulevard (part)	Repair & Resurface	Summer/Fall 2010
City Wide	Asphalt Rejuvination & Crack Sealing	Fall 2010
2010 Sidewalk Program	Spot Replacement and/or Leveling	Summer/Fall 2010

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The 13th Annual Breakfast With Santa will be on Saturday, December 4 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 am. The event will take place at the Kiwanis Lodge. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$4 for children ages 2 to 12 and free to children under 2. Tickets will go on sale in the Recreation Department on Monday, November 8. **Tickets must be purchased in advance.** This event has sold out every year, so don't wait to purchase your tickets!

BOYS & GIRLS GRADES 6 - 8

Jump right in! Learn to do rope tricks and routines. Have a blast while working out! Begins Monday, October 4. Sign-up in Recreation Department. For details call (216) 383-6313.

Fee: \$20- includes rope!

GARDEN CLUB

The Richmond Heights Garden Club is entering its 42nd year. Newly elected officers for the coming 2010-2011 year are: President – Theresa Simmonds Vice President – Aire Roche Recording Secretary – Marjorie Zlatoper Corresponding Secretary – Eleanor Riznar Treasurer – Dolores Sciaulino.

Congratulations to Richmond Heights students: Brittany Pollard, Tyler Lowe, and Raquel Velez, who were each awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Richmond Heights Garden Club.

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, Membership Chairperson at (216) 371-1578.

PLEASE SEE WHAT'S NEW!

www.richmondheightsolio.org

AT YOUR SERVICE DEPARTMENT HELPFUL TIPS

Leaf Season... Just a quick reminder; the Service Department will start picking up leaves the last week in October. Any changes will be posted on City Hall's message board and at www.richmondheightsolio.org. **Please do not put sticks, rocks or any other materials in with your leaves; our men could be injured and equipment could be damaged.**

Snow Season... It is a little early to be talking about snow but this City Edition covers mid-September through January. The following will help us all get through the winter months...

-Residents should be prepared for poor weather conditions at all times. If poor road conditions are forecast, you need to make arrangements to leave earlier.

-If you encounter poor road conditions it would be wise to reduce your vehicle's speed and allow ample stopping distance between you and another vehicle. This is also important when traveling behind a City plow truck. These trucks throw blinding snow off their plows and could make sudden stops and often back into intersections after dumping snow to plow the return lane.

-If we encounter continuous heavy snowfall, residents should not have **"unrealistic expectations"** of the Service Department.

-The City is NOT responsible for the removal of snow thrown into any driveway by City 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 stress to their children to stay out of the path of snow being thrown off the plows; there could be rocks or ice which could injure a child in its path. 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 mailbox & posts that we do have to replace because of a **direct hit** from City plows will be replaced with a conventional box and wood post only.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY COUPLES!

Richmond Heights residents celebrating 50 years or more of marriage in 2010: **Lawrence & Anna Smith, 60 years on June 10; Gene & Bev Nagy, 50 years on July 2; Tom & Gerry Staab, 50 years on September 24.** Heartiest congratulations to all couples from your home town!

KIWANIS CLUB \$500 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Alexandra D. Pierce – Regina High School

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Annie Matz – Richmond Heights High School

Dexter Dorsey – Richmond Heights High School

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The City with the Forward Look!

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Names listed are the donations received since Summer 2010 City Edition

The City of Richmond Heights would like to thank the following area businesses who so generously donated to our Citizen & Teen Citizen of the Year 2010 winners and nominees:

Benander Games/Sports Data
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Fatica Hardware
Fitworks Fitness Center
Georgio's Pizza
Giuseppe's Pizza
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Key Bank
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