

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS

Anthony Gimellia, Editor

The CITY EDITION**DID YOU KNOW?**

1. In 1925, the County Board tried to merge Richmond Heights into the South-Euclid Lyndhurst School District, but this matter was taken to court, and the Richmond Heights Local Schools remained independent.
2. In the fall of 1950, the Richmond Heights Parent-Teacher Association was organized.
3. The 1960 census demonstrated that Richmond Heights had more than 5,000 residents, enabling it to become the City of Richmond Heights. This same census made us the fastest growing community in the state of Ohio, from 891 residents in 1950 to 5,068 residents in 1960. This was a 468% increase in the Richmond Heights population.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 29
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A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DAVID H. ROCHE

Our 2017 Centennial Celebration is well underway. From a series of five Richmond Heights Centennial concerts to our “Junk in the Trunk” Community Garage Sale and National Night Out police-community awareness event, we’ve had an entertaining, widespread celebration that has helped our community come closer together. The fun is not over yet, so be sure to watch for more activities this year—including our biggest event for 2017—Our Fall Fun Fest at the Farm and 5K Run/Walk, scheduled for Saturday, September 16, at Greenwood Farm. See Page 2 for details.

Recently, I gave Oaths of Office to two new police officers and one new firefighter. We are now up to 22 full-time officers and 1 part-time officer. Our new firefighter replaces a previous staff member, keeping us at a staff of 18 full-time firefighters/EMS. See Page 5 for a photo and more details about our new team members.

Thanks to a regional collaboration, prisoners are now housed at the County Jail, which has successfully relieved the Richmond Heights patrol division from duties that are necessary when housing prisoners. Now, our force has more time for patrolling activities and community policing. We are also working toward joining the Heights-Hillcrest Communications Center, which will provide regional dispatch services for fire/police/EMS.

Our Master Plan process is complete and was made possible through grant funding and collaboration with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. The plan explores the City’s existing demographics—including our neighborhoods, housing, environment, transportation networks and infrastructure—as well as our image, business districts, employment and economic development outlook. Development of the plan began in June 2016, and the final Master Plan will be posted to our website in the near future.

I look forward to seeing you at our Fall Fun Fest and 5K Run/Walk, where everyone is invited to come together and celebrate our Centennial together. It’s an event designed for the whole family, and one you won’t want to miss!

UPCOMING RICHMOND HEIGHTS CENTENNIAL-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Fall Fun Fest/5K Run Walk Saturday, September 16 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Greenwood Farm	Pasta with a Purpose Saturday, October 14 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Cleveland Jet Center	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Saturday, November 11 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Kiwanis Lodge	Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 2 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Kiwanis Lodge
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Fall Fun Fest at the Farm & 5k Run/Walk

5k

Run/Walk

8 a.m. – Check-in

9 a.m. – Race

10 a.m. – After Party

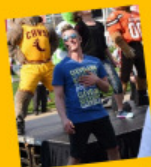
*Free blood pressure checks
and refreshments
provided by:*



Race Registration:

zapevent.com/reg/event/8545

*Race entertainment
provided by:*



Magician Rick Smith Jr., 12 p.m.



Entertainment



Live music by "Shout!"
2-5 p.m.



Dancing Wheels, 3:15 p.m.

Free

Kids' Zone

11 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Jungle Bob 1 p.m.

Inflatables

Bubble Station

Balloon Artist

Face Painting

AND MORE!!!!

AARP Real Possibilities
Ohio

Raffle

\$100 Target
gift card

1-year

SeatStir

membership
& more!

Beer Garden, food, hay ride, tours of historic Greenwood Farm

2017 ROAD WORK

In addition to the work being done by the Service Department, sealed bids were taken and contracts executed for up to \$400,000.00 of work including the following: Asphalt resurfacing of Dundee and the Radford Drive/Meadowlane Drive intersection, plus portions of Chardon Road, Brush Road, Horizon Drive, Steven Boulevard and Kenbridge Drive. Concrete repairs on Curtiss Wright Parkway and several local streets. Crack sealing and some road striping City-wide. Additional detail is available on the Engineering page on our website, located under the Departments drop-down at richmondheightsohio.org

RICHMOND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Tuesday, August 29

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Kiwanis Lodge
27285 Highland Road**

Mayor David H. Roche, City Council and members of the City of Richmond Heights administration will host productive conversations.

The meetings are resident-driven conversations about our City and will include roundtable discussions with members of the administration representing the various City Departments. The goal of the small group discussions will be to build and strengthen relations, as well as help residents better understand our challenges, bridge gaps, generate innovative solutions and inspire collaborative action.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER AND DANCING

Volunteer help and sponsors are essential to the success of the many activities that the Richmond Heights Recreation Department has offered to its residents. On Saturday, November 11, the Recreation Department is hosting a Volunteer/ Sponsor Appreciation Dinner and Concert to say thank you and recognize the individuals who volunteered or were a sponsor for a City event in the **last calendar year**. This fun-filled event will take place from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at the Kiwanis Lodge. If you have volunteered or sponsored and would like to attend, please contact the Recreation Department at (216) 383-6313 before October 4.

RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE SHOWCASE

"Come and see what Richmond Heights has to offer at this 3rd annual event!"

Tuesday, October 10

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Richmond Heights City Hall, 26789 Highland Road

Mission: To promote and highlight the strong and stable housing stock within our community by providing information for those looking to purchase or sell a home in Richmond Heights.

Purpose: The purpose of the gathering will be to gain information that will help you buy, sell and/or finance homes in Richmond Heights. Real estate lenders, brokers and agents will be on hand to answer your questions and help you find the right Richmond Heights home for your family. The event offers **FREE** general public admission!

Why Attend? Fun and educational seminar to present or learn about: Credit repair, mortgage interest rates, down payment assistance programs, Fair Housing, Network with: Realtors, bankers, developers, home repair contractors. Information about: City of Richmond Heights exterior home inspections, financing options, and more!

Sponsors & Presenters Wanted! Sponsors, presenters and booth participants are welcome to join with a sponsorship of \$50. Please register by Monday, September 25. Email economic.development@richmondheightsohio.org if you are interested in participating in any of the aforementioned roles.

PASTA WITH A PURPOSE FEATURING A CENTENNIAL COCKTAIL HOUR

Saturday, October 14, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Cleveland Jet Center; 26380 Curtiss-Wright Parkway

Join the Richmond Heights Education Foundation and the City of Richmond Heights for Pasta with a Purpose! This year's event features live entertainment and an eclectic, new location at the Cleveland Jet Center. Imagine yourself surrounded by jets as you dine on a mouthwatering meal including pasta, meatballs, salad, rolls, beverages and a delicious dessert. This aviation-themed fundraiser and award event is a special collaboration between the City and the Richmond Heights Education Foundation. In honor of the City's Centennial, we will have a Wine and Cheese Cocktail Hour, which is included with your ticket. Discounts are available for seniors ages 55 and up. Open to all ages; wristbands will be provided for ages 21 and above for cocktails. Please bring a valid license or state identification card the day of the event to enjoy our fine assortment of cocktails. **Ticket Fee: \$25.**

Purchase tickets by Monday, October 2, at City Hall or from the Richmond Heights Education Foundation

SHRED DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

**RICHMOND HEIGHTS CITY HALL
26789 HIGHLAND ROAD**

CENTENNIAL SUMMER FUN IN RICHMOND HEIGHTS



CITY SEEKS INDIVIDUALS FOR VARIOUS POSITIONS

The City of Richmond Heights is currently seeking qualified individuals for various paid and volunteer positions, including the following:

- Auxiliary police (2 OPENINGS)
- Part-time police (IMMEDIATE OPENINGS)
- Service Department personnel, including:
Seasonal, part-time and weekend (IMMEDIATE OPENINGS)
- Part-time fire (IMMEDIATE OPENINGS)
- A part-time Economic Development Intern (1 OPENING)
- Members for the Commission on Aging (IMMEDIATE OPENINGS)
- A member for the Recreation Board (1 OPENING)
- A member for the Zoning Board of Appeals (1 OPENING)

For more details on police openings, contact Chief Rowe at (216) 486-1234. For fire openings, contact Chief Neumann at (216) 383-6325. For any of the other opportunities, contact Human Resources Manager Kathy Gamber at (216) 486-2474, or email hr.manager@richmondheightsohio.org.

The City of Richmond Heights is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

GENERAL ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 7, is General Election Day. Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Ward 1 will vote at Christian Assembly, located at 25595 Chardon Road in Richmond Heights. Ward 2 votes 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. Lastly, Ward 4 votes at Richmond Heights Church of the Nazarene at 499 Trebisky Road.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Chief Rowe welcomed two new police officers who were sworn in at the June 27 Council Meeting in front of friends and family. The new Officers are Ptl. Marlonn Webb and Ptl. Deann Frazier. Both officers have prior law enforcement experience and though working for other agencies, took our police exam and wanted to work in Richmond Heights. Wishing them both well for a long and successful career.



REGIONALIZATION/COLLABORATION

The City recently signed an agreement with the Euclid Annex of the Cuyahoga County Jail for the housing of persons arrested by our department. The move was designed to free police officers from duties in the jail and provide them with more time to be patrolling the community. In addition, the Police Department continues to explore the possibility of consolidating our dispatch center with a regional center. Discussions are currently underway with a new regional center, the Heights-Hillcrest Communications Center, which currently includes the cities of Cleveland Heights, South Euclid, University Heights and Shaker Heights.

TWO NEW POLICE VEHICLES PURCHASED

The Police Department purchased two new vehicles, enabling the department to retire two vehicles with over 100,000 miles. The two new vehicles are 2017 Ford Police Interceptor SUVs, which have proven to be excellent vehicles for the department, especially in the winter months.

NEW AMBULANCE TO BEGIN SERVING THE COMMUNITY

In August the Division of Fire will take delivery of a new Type I ambulance. The new ambulance (Squad 742) will replace an older unit which has served the community for over thirteen years. New Squad 742 will facilitate the safe, effective response of our firefighter paramedics to the scenes of emergency medical and public safety incidents for many years to come. A significant amount of the unit's features were designed by our city's firefighter paramedics. 100% of the funding for the new ambulance originated from the proceeds of ambulance transport billing. Acquisition of the new ambulance for our community was made possible because of the support and guidance of Mayor and Council.

FIRE RECEIVES GRANT FOR TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT

The Division of Fire has been awarded a \$4,050 grant to help pay for EMS training and equipment. The funding comes from the Ohio Department of Public Safety Emergency Medical Services. Grant recipients were announced in late June. Fire Chief Neumann reported that this year's grant award is the most the Division of Fire has received from the Department of Public Safety Emergency Medical Services. Last year, the Division received \$2,750.

NEW RESTAURANT OPEN AT RICHMOND TOWN SQUARE

A new restaurant/lounge called Kevante's recently opened at Richmond Town Square and features Midwest Southern-style entrees, sides and appetizers.

Kevante's is open seven days per week: Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.; Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.; and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. The restaurant features live jazz from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and then opens for dancing after the band completes its performance. Reach Kevante's via phone (440) 446-0000 to place an order or make a dine-in reservation.

RICHMOND HEIGHTS LIBRARY FALL PROGRAMS

HISTORY OF CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN

September 16 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

CREEPY CUYAHOCA

October 26 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The Haunted Housewives return with more chilling tales of the unexplained - ghosts, urban legends and high strangeness, right from the Northeast Ohio area. Please call (440) 449-2666 to register. Ask about our Homework Center. www.cuyahogalibrary.org

Also, look for the Haunted Housewives Paranormal Exploration of Greenwood Farm this fall.

GREENWOOD FARM MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

The Greenwood Farm Historical, Cultural, & Arts Association is accepting new memberships and membership renewals for 2017 at this time. If you are interested in becoming a member or helping in any way, please check the Greenwood Farm website at www.greenwoodfarmassn.org, or obtain a membership form at City Hall.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT NOTES

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday – Friday

Phone: (216) 731-7014

Leaf Season: Some quick reminders: 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. Once we start picking up leaves, we will not be chipping branches until we are done picking up leaves.

Please do not put sticks, rocks or any other materials in with your leaves; our men could be injured and equipment could be damaged.

Rake leaves as close to the street as possible but do not put the leaves in the street. The Service Department will not make special pick-ups for leaves, we have to stick to the route that we are on. We do a continuous loop of the city. You can go on line to www.richmondheightsohio.org to see what streets we have been on daily during leaf season.

***During leaf season and throughout the year, you can bundle your branches in four foot lengths, tie them and put them out with your trash. This would be especially helpful if you only have a few branches (twigs). Or you can put them in a brown bag made for yard waste or a trash can. ***

Please Note: All trash must be out by 7:30 a.m. Monday morning, or the evening before pickup, but not before sundown. This is per Ordinance 951.04.

Rural Mailboxes...Now would be the time to think about your rural

mailbox. The weather is nice enough to take a look at it and make sure it is in good condition. Make sure the post is stable and not loose, and the mailbox is attached securely to the post, so it 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.

Post mount boxes should be positioned 6-8 inches from the curb and approximately 42-46 inches high measured from the lawn to the top of the installed mailbox, not the top of the post. If the post has a vertical arm, the arm should not extend any closer than 6 inches from the curb. If a mailbox is damaged or the post is broken because of thrown snow or improper placement, the City is not responsible for repair or replacement. **The City only repairs or replaces 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 we do have to replace because of a direct hit from our plows will be replaced with a conventional box and wood post only.

2017 CITY BEAUTIFICATION SPONSORS

- Central Exterminating Company, "On Behalf of Cindy Doe, Longtime Resident" - \$100
- J. Elizabeth Duncan - \$50
- Joan S. Prentice, "In Memory of John Keeny" - \$50
- Mayor David H. Roche and Aire K. Roche - \$50
- R & P Polburn, "In Appreciation of EMTs" - \$50
- Richmond Heights Garden Club, "In Memory of Bernie Blue" - \$50
- Richmond Heights Senior Citizens Club, "In Memory of Departed Members" - \$50

RICHMOND HEIGHTS SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB NEWS

As part of the Richmond Heights Senior Citizen Club, you will reap the benefits of an accepting, friendly atmosphere coupled with the joy that comes with mingling with friends and neighbors. You must simply be a Richmond Heights resident who is 50 years of age or older to enjoy this highly social, intrinsically rewarding group.

If you are not a member yet, now is the time to join! Senior members of the club are currently recruiting new, young-thinking individuals. Currently, the group's membership consists of a few dozen people, with numerous members actively attending general meetings. We are looking to grow, so come alone—or better yet, bring a friend or neighbor who is also 50 years or older. Dues are a mere \$10 annually, and general meetings include a snack, in addition to entertainment or a live speaker. General meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Kiwanis Lodge, located at 27285 Highland Road. For more information, please contact Senior Club President Mitzi Binder at (216) 531-1585.

SET THE 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 5,
at 2:00 a.m.

This is also the time to
change the batteries in your
smoke detectors.

RICHMOND HEIGHTS KIWANIS CLUB NEWS

The Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club is a place where you can help sustain the local community, with a special focus on supporting youths.

Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club President Jerry Hoover said members continue planning activities for the City's 2017 Centennial Celebration. This year, the Kiwanis Club is also celebrating an anniversary, with 55 years in the making. "We are the longest, continuously running service organization in Richmond Heights," Hoover said. "We are youth-focused. Our whole organization is designed to support children," he added.

The club is open to folks ages 21 and older—including both males and females—and members pay a small annual membership fee of \$110. General meetings are held each Thursday at the Lodge at 6:30 p.m. The group starts with a standard opening, and then members enjoy a delicious meal together (cost, \$8) before engaging in a general meeting format. At times, meetings include a special guest speaker. On occasion, the group engages in special entertainment, such as hosting clam bakes, organizing Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and other holiday festivities, attending horse harness races, enjoying a Kiwanis Night at the Captains, and more.

The Kiwanis Club is free to check out, and members of the public are welcome to join a general meeting to explore what the club is about. "We'll even throw in a free guest meal. Simply give me a call at (216) 780-4087 to indicate you will be attending," Hoover said. Also, be sure to look up #KidsNeedKiwanis on Twitter for more information on how Kiwanis members nationwide are supporting youths.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Richmond Heights Garden Club meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Kiwanis Lodge, 27285 Highland Road, located at the rear of the Richmond Heights Community Park. Annual dues, set at just \$10, are kept low to ensure all interested individuals can participate. From furnishing multiple opportunities for social involvement to providing participants with hands-on projects, the Garden Club is an ideal organization for people from all walks of life to get involved in. If you are interested in joining the Garden Club and for more information on how to become a member, please contact Dolores Sciaulino at (216) 382-7866.

KIWANIS BENCH PROGRAM

The Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club is furnishing individuals and organizations the opportunity to sponsor a Richmond Heights Community Park bench that can feature personalized plaques. Up to two plaques can be featured on each bench. Richmond Heights Kiwanis has already placed six benches with plaques in the park and has two remaining benches to be placed. Sponsorship is \$250 per plaque. For more details about this program, contact Kiwanis Club member Aire Roche at (216) 291-2207.

JOIN THE FUN!

RECREATION DEPARTMENT LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS
TO HELP AT CITY EVENTS.
(216) 383-6313

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CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club

Scholarships

Anna L. Famadico

Brush High School

Czarina M. Legitimas

Richmond Heights High School

Tina Rozman

Beaumont School

Trevor Ward

Richmond Heights High School

Richmond Heights Garden Club

Scholarship

Anna L. Famadico

Brush High School

The Jason Michael Cash

Memorial Scholarship

Kodee Williams

Richmond Heights High School

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Please type in the subject field
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The Richmond Heights Recreation Board

Presents:

Fall Bus Trip to Amish Country!

November 4, 2017

Departing from Richmond Town Square



Itinerary (subject to change):

- Walnut Creek Cheese Factory
- Carlisle Gifts & Amish Bakery
- Lunch at Der Dutchman Restaurant (tax and tip included)
- Holmes County Flea Market
- Bulk Food Store
- Dutch Valley Market
- Breitenbach Winery

\$40/Person, Price Includes:

- Motorcoach Transportation
- Lunch
- Giveaways
- 50/50 Raffle
- Door Prizes
- Time to shop

Contact the Recreation Department to Register 216-383-6313