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Welcome to the  
City of Richmond  
Heights, Ohio  
e-newsletter

**News, Events,  
Highlights:**

**City Website** updated  
frequently at  
[www.richmondheights ohio.org](http://www.richmondheights ohio.org)

**Daily Facebook** Updates

[Fire Department](#)

[Police Department](#)

[Recreation  
Department](#)

**Virtual  
Meetings via  
Zoom**  
Check website for  
links!

**1.26.2021  
COMMITTEE OF  
THE WHOLE  
7:30 P.M.**

**1.26.2021  
CITY COUNCIL  
8:15 P.M.**

**MAYOR'S MESSAGE**



**Richmond Heights Mayor  
David H. Roche**

Welcome to our e-newsletter publication. Elizabeth Hiser, Program Manager at Cuyahoga SWCD, shared these great local events with us this morning. Beat those winter blues while loving your environment and looking forward to Spring. [Native plant, plant kits and bundles Programs \(cuyahogaswcd.org\)](#). [Master Rain Gardener Programs \(cuyahogaswcd.org\)](#) We hope to have in person classes at some point this year but, in the meantime, classes will be online. [2021 Poster Contest \(cuyahogaswcd.org\)](#). [Love It Don't Trash It Events \(cuyahogaswcd.org\)](#). First county-wide virtual cleanup of the year!

**NEWS, EVENTS, HIGHLIGHTS**

**COVID VACCINE UPDATES & LOCAL PROVIDERS**

**Ohio's Vaccination Program**  
– Phase 1B Vaccination Start Dates

 <b>January 19</b> – Ages 80 and older.	 <b>January 25</b> – Ages 75 and older. – Those with severe congenital, developmental, and early onset medical disorders.
 <b>February 1</b> – Ages 70 and older. – Employees of K-12 schools that wish to remain or return to in-person or hybrid learning.	 <b>February 8</b> – Ages 65 and older.

*All available vaccines will be administered to those who choose to receive it.*

   [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov)

**COVID-19  
ESSENTIAL  
PHONE  
NUMBERS:**

**Ohio Dept. of  
Health COVID-19  
hotline:**

833-4-ASK-ODH or  
833-427-5634

**MetroHealth 24/7  
COVID-19 hotline:**  
440-59-COVID or  
440-592-6843

**Cuyahoga County  
Board of Health:**

Business/After  
Hours:  
216-201-2000  
5550 Venture Drive,  
Parma, OH 44130

**2021 AARP FOUNDATION TAX AID PROGRAM COMPLETED REMOTELY BY  
TRAINED VOLUNTEERS**

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation help to anyone and if you are 50 and older and cannot afford a tax preparation service. With the help of our team of IRS-certified volunteers we make it easy for you. Watch the video in our link to answer all your questions about how the program works this year, the changes Covid has brought and to see if you are eligible and how to get started.

**SENIOR TRANSPORTATION CONNECTION**- Affordable Transportation for age 60+ Do you have trouble getting around because you do not drive? Are you age 60 or older, or have disability? STC will take you to medical appointments, senior centers, grocery shopping, and more! Senior Transportation Connection provides coordinated, efficient, affordable transportation for seniors and adults with disabilities throughout Cuyahoga County, Ohio. If you are an older adult or someone with disabilities, learn how low-cost rides with STC can help.

**OHIO OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2021 SAFE ROOM REBATE  
PROGRAM** The Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program is once again offering up to \$4,875 to homeowners selected to participate in rebates to help Ohio homeowners construct/install tornado safe rooms on their properties.

**BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS ROCK SET AT POLICE DEPT. A GIFT  
FROM KEENEY SAND & STONE &  
NORTHCOAST MEMORIAL.**



A special thanks to our Service department personnel who set our "Blessed are the Peacemakers" rock upright last week. Retired Chief Gene Rowe posed for the first picture by the rock. Chief Rowe was instrumental in getting our police station built back in 2002, so it was fitting he would be our first formal pose. Since the installation date last week, many staff and residents have stopped by to take pictures with the rock. We welcome all former RHPD officers, staff, and residents to stop and pose with our Rock. We would love to see you. This beautiful gift was donated by Keeney Sand & Stone and Northcoast Memorial did the engraving.



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