



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

## **MAYOR'S MESSAGE FOR "A BRIGHTER TOMORROW"**



The first official day of Spring was Sunday, March 20th. A staycation here in our beautiful City can be just as much fun as going on spring break. Walk the grounds, enjoy the playground equipment, or sit and read a book at our amazing [Community Park](#); visit [DeSan Park](#) for a picnic and watch the progress of a new playground being built; appreciate the trails and historic 20 acres at [Greenwood Farm](#) community park; go on a scenic hike, spot spring flowers blooming, or ride the miles of bike trails at Cleveland Metroparks [Euclid Creek Reservation](#); or maybe even plan on planting a garden for a bounty of fresh fruits and vegetables to harvest later this year.

**Congratulations to our boys varsity basketball team for winning the State Championship. Enticing and inviting things are happening in your City bringing us "A Brighter Tomorrow"!**

Yours truly,  
Mayor Kim A. Thomas



Such

excitement as the Spartans Varsity Boys Basketball team left for Dayton, Ohio on Friday, March 18th to play in their Division IV Semi-Final Championship game against





**CONGRATULATIONS  
STATE CHAMPIONS  
VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM**  
*Your City is proud of you!*

*Picture from Spectrum News*

**"MEET THE BUS" EVENT WAS HELD MONDAY, MARCH 21ST AT 1:00 P.M.**



**Celebrate Women's History Month with the  
Cleveland Public Library Events**

**WOMEN'S  
HISTORY MONTH**  
*Honoring the contributions of women*

**ELECTION DAY WORKERS NEEDED - APPLY TODAY**

Ever wonder what it would be like to help conduct an election? People are needed on Election Day to help staff the polls, transport ballots and materials, and maintain political balance. Be a part of history, support democracy, and have fun by becoming an Election Day Worker. Starting pay is \$220.



Your community needs you! Click on this [link](#) or call 216-443-3277 for more information.

[Legal Aid](#) secures justice and resolves fundamental problems for those who are low income and vulnerable by providing high quality legal services. Legal Aid is free - they never charge clients for services.



The  
Legal Aid Society  
*of Cleveland*  
*Since 1905*

**Register Now for  
ReadyNotify**

[\*\*Register for ReadyNotify  
for all emergency communication alerts\*\*](#)

Mayor Thomas is scheduling Civil Wedding Ceremonies for Richmond Heights Residents  
Please contact the [Mayor's Special Assistant, Tara Grimm](#), for more details.



**DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR HELPING OTHERS? BECOME A COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR!** Help develop positive relationships with the community by volunteering at events, assist in planning events, help with community outreach, and so much more.

Contact

[Anthony Gimellia, Assistant Recreation Director](#)

at 216-383-6313 or

[assist.recdir@richmondheightsolio.org](mailto:assist.recdir@richmondheightsolio.org)

**CALLING ALL CONTRACTORS! - ELECTRICAL PLUMBING, HVAC, GENERAL, FIRE, SEWER - DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN REGISTER YOUR BUSINESS WITH THE CITY'S BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND BECOME PART OF OUR "PERMITTED CONTRACTOR DATABASE???"**

Homeowners trust and look for registered contractors to make repairs improvements to their homes or property. Many of those repairs and improvements will require a permit. A building permit serves as formal and legal permission to start a project and that submission of plans etc. meets the adopted building and zoning codes. Call the City of Richmond Heights Building Department at



216-383-6312 for more information on how to become a registered contractor and to be added to our database. Homeowners can go to our website or click on the link [\*\*Permit-Contractor Database\*\*](#) to find a registered contractor in our City. **PLEASE NOTE ALL CONTRACTORS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH OUR CITY TO PERFORM ANY WORK.**



### **CAREER & COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS**

Now Hiring for full-time and part-time positions as well as Boards & Commissions:

- [Human Resources Manager](#)
- [Tax Administrator](#)
- [General Equipment Operator/ Laborer](#)
- [Planning Commission](#)
- [Architectural Review Board](#)
- [Civil Service Commission](#)
- [Zoning Board of Appeals](#)
- [Board of Ethics](#)



### **FEBRUARY EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH**

Stephanie Kabert, Police  
Tara Grimm, Administration

**Ohio**  
MEANS  
**Jobs**  
.com

**CLICK HERE for JOBS**

**The beautification of our special city is a team effort.  
Please do your part by avoiding littering.  
It is also against the law and subject to a \$500 penalty.**





CARE serves older adult homeowners living in nine Northeast Ohio communities.

Cleveland Heights, Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, Maple Heights, Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, Richmond Heights, Solon, South Euclid



## FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY

Volunteering as a family is a great way to get children started early in helping others. Connect with us and we can coordinate a service opportunity just for your family. Our very popular yard care projects are from April to December. All ages and abilities are welcome.

216-970-0599

[www.careneo.org](http://www.careneo.org)

Communities Assisting Residential Elders

FREE COFFEE  
&  
SNACKS

## Join the Richmond Heights Police Department

FREE COFFEE  
&  
SNACKS



Wednesday, March 30, 2022

9:30 – 11:00am

444 Park Apartments

Main Lobby

444 Richmond Park East

Richmond Heights, OH 44143



The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve by removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022

9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Adults \$ 7.00/ Students & Seniors 60+ \$6.00/ Children 5 & under – Free

*Free breakfast for children ages 2-12 participating in  
the Egg Hunt and accompanied by a paying adult.*

Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge  
27285 Highland Road

## EGG HUNT

BEGINS 10:00 A.M.

Richmond Heights Community Park

*Bring your own basket*



*Proceeds go for Richmond Heights Kiwanis Scholarships and Service Projects*



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** The City of Richmond Heights will host a **Shred Day on Saturday, April 30th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** at the Richmond Heights City Hall. The Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club will be collecting food and cash donations for the Harvest for Hunger Food Drive.



Office of Emergency Management



Cuyahoga County  
Together We Thrive

At-A-Glance

# Build A Kit

One of the cornerstones of Preparedness is having the supplies you need when you need them. FEMA recommends a basic kit, but a personal preparedness kit can include anything you want or need. Keep it portable and only essential items. Below are suggestions and recommendations.

## A Good Preparedness Kit for your home should contain....

- Water: one gallon per day per person
- Food: Non-Perishable
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First Aid Kit
- Prescription Medications and glasses
- Signal Whistle
- Dust Mask
- Personal Sanitation Items
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can Opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local Maps

\*Extra batteries for your kit are recommended

## A Good Preparedness Kit for your pet should contain...

- Food: 3 days in an adequate container
- Water: 3 days worth
- Medicines and Medical Records
- First Aid Kit: Talk to your veterinarian about what your pet needs
- Collar with ID tag, harness, or leash
- Crate or other Pet Carrier
- Sanitation: Litter, newspaper, and items to clean up messes
- A picture of you and your pet together:
  - A picture of both of you can help with the reunification process
- Familiar items, such as toys. These can help reduce stress

## Also consider...

- A fully-charged cell phone and phone charger
- Important family documents
- Flares or reflective triangle
- Baby formula and diapers if you have a small child
- Be prepared for an emergency by keeping your gas tank full and if you find yourself stranded, be safe and stay in your car, put on your flashers, call for help and wait until it arrives



## A Good Preparedness Kit for your automobile should contain...

- Jumper cables
- Flashlights and extra batteries.
- First aid kit and necessary medications in case you are away from home for a prolonged time
- Food items containing protein such as nuts and energy bars; canned fruit and a portable can opener
- Water for each person and pet in your car
- AM/FM radio to listen to traffic reports and emergency messages
- Cat litter or sand for better tire traction
- Shovel and ice scraper
- Warm clothes, gloves, hat, sturdy boots, jacket and an extra change of clothes
- Blankets or sleeping bags



A Preparedness Resource from  
Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management  
P: 216-443-5700 | [ema@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:ema@cuyahogacounty.us)  
[Ready.cuyahogacounty.us](http://Ready.cuyahogacounty.us)

   
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## NEWS, EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

**THE FAIR SCHOOL FUNDING VIRTUAL EVENT** hosted by the *League of Women Voters* on **Thursday, March 24 at 7 PM**. At this event you will hear from school funding champions like Representative John Patterson as he outlines strategies to push forward to get a win for public school funding. Discussions include the dynamics of the next legislature and how they will determine the fate of public schools. Also hear calls to action to ensure that we get the Fair School Funding Formula **FULLY ADOPTED AND FULLY FUNDED**. **REGISTER HERE** (Copy and paste or click)



## HONESTY IN EDUCATION VIRTUAL EVENT hosted by SJAM on **Monday March 28, 2022**.

This event features our very own State Board Representative Meryl Johnson and a host of others to discuss the critical HB 322 & 327. These bills prohibit school districts, community schools, STEM schools, non-public schools, and state agencies from teaching, advocating, or promoting divisive concepts across Pre K-12, Higher Education and Political Subdivisions. HB 327 threatens the loss of teacher license and 100% of state funding for non-compliance. We must pay very close attention to what is happening. Hear the calls to action so that we may strongly oppose these bills. **REGISTER HERE** (Copy and paste or click) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83595558354?pwd=U1VxZU5SZ0NjcEVkbEcxeXpsbVIWdz09> or <https://fedchurch.org/events/>



## RICHMOND HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 14TH

### 2022 KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

**NOW AVAILABLE** The Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club sponsors an annual scholarship program. All

high school graduating seniors who reside in the

City of Richmond Heights, regardless of the high school they attend, and all high school graduating seniors from Charles F. Brush High School are eligible for the scholarship. [Click here](#) for more information. *Application deadline is April 8, 2022.*



**Kiwanis**  
RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OHIO



Did you know you can borrow a [HOTSPOT](#) from the new [Richmond Heights Branch of Cuyahoga Libraries](#) located at 449 Richmond Road? Check out all the new library has to offer.

#### BRANCH HOURS

Mon – Thu 9 A.M. – 9 P.M.

Fri & Sat 9 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Sun 1 – 5 P.M.

### BELLE OAKS MARKETPLACE TIMELINE UPDATE

*Anticipated Construction Schedule as of March 2022 (Subject to Change)*

Check out the Belle Oaks “Scope of Project” website [here](#)

- Sitework/Mall Demolition: Commences in Spring 2022
- Leasing Center: Construction begins June 2022; Opens February 2023
- Phase I Apartment Buildings: Construction begins Spring 2022, Opens June 2024
- Meijer’s Store: Construction begins February 2023, Store Opens May 2024

**BELLE OAKS**  
MARKETPLACE



Customers of First Energy experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to contact the company as soon as possible to set up affordable payment arrangements or obtain assistance before electricity

shut-offs for non-payment resume on April 15th. Individuals interested in learning more about

utility assistance programs can do so in two ways:

- Visit the First Energy Bill Assistance web page at [www.firstenergycorp.com/billassist](http://www.firstenergycorp.com/billassist) and to see available programs based on income and household size.
- Contact the dedicated customer service team Mon.- Fri., 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 1-800-589-3101

Again, winter utility disconnection moratoriums will soon be lifted so it is extremely important those in need contact First Energy as soon as possible.

For the first time, the City of Richmond Heights has partnered with [\*\*HERITAGE HOME PROGRAM\*\*](#) to provide residents with FREE technical assistance and advice for repairs, remodeling, and low interest financing programs for homes 50 years or older. The program operates in all of Cleveland and 38 cities in Cuyahoga County. They estimate there are 2,062 homes in Richmond Heights that are eligible for their services. For more information, visit their [website](#), call 216-426-3116 or email [hhp@heritagehomeprogram.org](mailto:hhp@heritagehomeprogram.org)



## PANTRIES



**RICHMOND HEIGHTS  
MOBILE PANTRY  
EVERY 3rd THURSDAY  
FROM  
10:00 A.M. - NOON AT  
RICHMOND HEIGHTS  
UPPER SCHOOL  
*Enter from Richmond  
Road***



**MACE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY EVERY 4th THURSDAY  
FROM 5:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. located at the [M.A.C.E. Islamic Center](#), 26901 Chardon Rd. They distribute a variety of produce and food with a drive-through service. Please wear a mask!**

**CC'S CUPBOARD PET FOOD PANTRY** located inside the K-9 Kingdom, 26700 Highland Rd. the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month. *Please use side door.* They provide pet food & supplies to animal rescues and struggling pet owners. Imagine having to decide between feeding yourself, your children, or your pets. This should not be an issue. Sadly, it is a very real issue for many. That is how CC's Cupboard came to be. Kelli, at K-9 Kingdom, donated a back room for the pantry and with help from friends and family alike, our non-profit was started.



## SENIORS CORNER



**NEW!!! FREE BINGO SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS RECREATION DEPARTMENT** will take place at the Kiwanis Lodge starting on Wednesday, April 6th from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Bingo will be held on the first, second and third Wednesday of each month.

Win Prizes!

### COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ON AGING (CPA)

Community lunch program locations:

- \*Mondays: Richmond Hts. Kiwanis Lodge & Lyndhurst CC
- \*Tuesdays: Frozen entrée drive-through at Lyndhurst CC
- \*Wednesdays: Highland Hts. CC ONLY (NEW SITE)
- \*Fridays: Highland Hts. CC

The number for all Cafe Services reservations is 216-970-0347. You will still call 216-650-4029 for weekly meal/box orders and you will still call 440-473-5138 for program reservations/questions. Click on this [link for current Cafe Services](#) offerings or [link for March 2022 menu](#), or go directly to [CPA's website here](#) to see all they have to offer our Seniors. View their [March Newsletter here](#).



**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ON AGING (CPA) ANNOUNCES  
AARP FREE SIMPLE TAX RETURN PREPARATION FOR SENIORS  
(60+)**

### Age Well. Be Well. with University Hospitals

University Hospitals is dedicated to meeting the health and wellness needs of today's older adults. In addition to the many specialized clinical services they offer, UH has established the Age Well. Be Well. free membership club to help keep adults 55+ active and socially engaged. Download their [calendar](#) for current health screenings and education opportunities. Once a member, they will send you the calendars as they are updated. If you are not yet a member, [click here](#) to register.



**CUYAHOGA COUNTY SENIORS AND ADULT SERVICES** The Cuyahoga County Division of Senior and Adult Services (DSAS) empowers seniors and adults with disabilities to age successfully, by providing resources and

support that preserve their independence. DSAS is the mandated provider of Adult Protective Services (APS) in Cuyahoga County and provides home-based care services, benefits assistance, outreach, and senior center programming while advocating for the needs of the County's older adults. DSAS strives to keep seniors safe, supported, and independent, so they can live their best lives.

## SENIOR TRANSPORTATION CONNECTION (STC)

Senior Transportation Connection (STC) provides coordinated, efficient, and affordable transportation to seniors and adults with disabilities throughout Cuyahoga County. STC serves individuals who have mobility challenges due to age, lack of access, disability, frailty, or inability to drive. More than 12,000 registered riders live in 36 zip codes covering 75% of Cuyahoga County. Two-thirds of passengers use a wheelchair, walker, or other aid to mobility. STC will take you to a medical appointment, including dialysis, rehabilitation and treatment, senior centers meals and programs, grocery shopping, personal service appointments, and social opportunities. We'll take you places so you can remain independent, healthy, and connected to the community. Click [here](#) to learn more or call 216-265-1489 to register.



## CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

YOUR TRUSTED SOURCE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

[COVID-19 TESTING RESOURCES](#)

[GET FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS](#)

Check the City's [Event Calendar](#) for detailed meeting information or the entire website at  
[www.richmondheightsolio.org](http://www.richmondheightsolio.org)

**FACE MASKS ARE NOW OPTIONAL, BUT ENCOURAGED, TO ENTER ANY CITY BUILDINGS**

### APRIL 4, 2022

Architectural Review Board  
9:30 a.m. @ Caucus Room

### APRIL 5, 2022

Audit Committee  
6:45 p.m. @ Caucus Room

Planning & Zoning Committee  
7:30 p.m. @ Council Chambers

Service & Recreation Committee  
8:30 p.m. @ Council Chambers

### APRIL 12, 2022

Committee of the whole  
7:30 p.m. @ Council Chambers

### City Council

8:15 p.m. Council Chambers

### APRIL 13, 2022

Planning Commission  
7:00 p.m. @ Council Chambers

### APRIL 15, 2022

**CITY OFFICES CLOSED  
TO OBSERVE GOOD FRIDAY**



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### SOCIAL MEDIA

Like and follow our [Fire Department](#), [Police Department](#) and our [Recreation Department](#) on their Facebook pages for up to the minute news and events.

[\*\*Connect\*\*](#) with any department in the City  
by following this link to an easy-to-fill-out form on the City Website.