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We are! Stay informed about what is happening in the area.

[Huber Ridge Area Association News](#) (Community Page)

[Huber Ridge Area Association](#) (Moderated Closed Group)



COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

31 Halloween Decoration Contest Judging

NOVEMBER

26 Thanksgiving Day - ***Rumpke Service Delay***

DECEMBER

18 Holiday Lights judging

25 Christmas Day - ***Rumpke Service Delay***

All Huber Ridge residents are invited to attend the HRAA General Meetings at the Blendon Township Senior Center, 6330 Hempstead Rd (next to the police station).

IN EACH ISSUE

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Police, non-emergency: (614) 889-9494

Blendon Township Office: (614) 882-1270



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Note that there may be fees associated with some of these services. Please contact the person directly for details.

In each issue, we list neighbors who can help you with your To-Do list in the Huber Ridge Helping Hands section (above).

We hope that you'll keep this list handy for quick reference when you need help.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The Herald is offering a low (or no) cost option for residents to promote their services to the neighborhood.

Listings are only \$10 each per issue. If you are a current member of the Huber Ridge Area Association, you can list your service for free!

Contact Bernadine Pesika at bpesika@gmail.com for more details or to get signed up.

ADVERTISE IN THE HERALD

Reach over 1620 households in the area with an ad in The Herald. The Spring, Summer & Winter issues are hand delivered to Huber Ridge residents as well as being published online.

Email bpesika@gmail.com to learn more.

RATES PER ISSUE

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| Business Card | 3.5"w x 2"h | \$25 |
| Quarter Page | 3.5"w x 4.75"h | \$65 |
| Half Page | 7.5"w x 4.75"h | \$125 |
| Full Page | 7.5"w x 10"h | \$225 |

Terms: First ad payment due with reservation. Subsequent ads are billed when the issue is distributed.

Need an Ad?

We offer free design service for our advertisers. Let us know when you sign up.

HUBER RIDGE SMALL BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Ready to shop local? You can't get much closer to home than these small businesses that all call Huber Ridge home. Consider these businesses the next time you are looking for services they provide.

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HUBER RIDGE ELEMENTARY

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Huber Ridge Community and Friends,

We are excited to welcome students back into the building for the first time since March beginning 9/21/20. At the school we have been so appreciative of the support and encouragement we have received since beginning remote instruction. Our successful transition into remote instruction was a direct correlation into all of the hard work that our students and caregivers put into their student's academics. Now we prepare for our next challenge, A Blended Instructional Model.

Each week half of our students will attend school in person as a part of Cohort A and half of the students will remain at home participating in remote instruction as a part of Cohort B. The following week the groups will switch their instructional location and Cohort B will come into the school building. Approximately 30% of our students have elected to attend the newly created Westerville Virtual Academy or WVA. The students in the WVA will remain in this virtual instructional model at least the end of the first semester.

A few other notable changes for the 2020-2021 SY include changes of our start/end times as well as updated masks and visitor policies. School will begin this year at 9:35 and dismiss at 3:20. Although we have significantly reduced the number of students who will be at Huber Ridge each day, I still encourage the community to expect some traffic back on on Buenos Aires Blvd. Students, faculty, staff, and any individual on school property (even outside) will be required to wear a mask as well as maintain appropriate social distancing. This includes during our drop off and pick up routines. We also will not be permitting visitors inside of the school building until further notice.

The above are just a few updates to our plans here at Huber Ridge Elementary School. Westerville City Schools has worked hard to update our health and safety process. A plan specific to Huber Ridge Elementary can be found by [clicking here](#).

If you have additional questions about our responsible restart plan or any other inquiries about the school please feel free to contact me at HilkertT@wcschools.org.

Take Care,

Tyson D. Hilkert, Principal

Huber Ridge Elementary, Westerville City Schools
614-797-7150

Are You a Member?

The Huber Ridge Area Association supports the many activities of the neighborhood including The Herald, Blockwatch program, regular meetings, sponsorship of summer concerts in the park, annual plant swap, Community Garage Sales, Halloween Party, Blendon-Huber Ridge Blooms Garden Show & Contest, Holiday Cheer program, Holiday Lights contest, and the brand new Halloween Decorating contest.

Annual membership dues are only \$15 per household payable at any time during the year.

JOIN THE HUBER RIDGE AREA ASSOCIATION INC.

Use this form when mailing in your new or renewal membership dues.

First & Last Name(s) of Adults _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

Emails Address(es) _____

Check the appropriate box below:

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☐ Renewal Membership

Please make checks payable to the "Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc." and mail to:
Thom Conley, 3533 Makassar Dr. Westerville, OH 43081

Dues may also be paid online with PayPal at huberridge.org



2020 was by far the most unique year for our annual garden show and contest, which began in 2008, because this year it was Blooms considering Covid concerns and regulations. To respect our gardeners and ensure we did not present potential health risks to anyone, gardens were not open to the public, and Blooms judges could only select winners by driving by and seeing beauty from a street view.

In past years, only one garden from the Huber Ridge or Sunbury Woods areas was awarded first place. In an extra wonderful and yet extra challenging modification for this year's Blooms, 40 Blendon Township residents each received a \$100 gift card plus a coupon from Hoover Gardens. The

money for Blooms 2020 prizes came from the JEDZ funds and private donations.

Trustee Stewart Flaherty conceived this idea and trustees Jan Heichel and Jim Welch overwhelmingly approved and supported it. Our trustees appreciate the beautification of our township and realize the financial hardships because of Covid-19. This was one of the many ways they reached out to the community to help.

Blooms judges were challenged to search the entire township — not just Huber Ridge and Sunbury Woods — for gardens that stood out. The biggest challenge was we could only choose 40. There were over 250 gardens considered! Thank you, gardeners, for all your beauty and hard work! Thank you judges for all your work!

To view pictures, addresses, and names of the winners for Blooms 2020 please visit Facebook, [Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms](#).

Featured here is a winning garden from Cleveland Heights, located in the southwest part of Blendon Township. This gardener has lived in this home for 13 years and her garden is an absolute gem. Our sincere thanks to Trish Shanks on Sharon Road for allowing us to use her photo. ■

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RESOURCES DURING THE PANDEMIC

If you have been impacted by the pandemic and have fallen behind in your housing payments or utility bills, there are many places you can turn to for assistance.

First of all, our **Blendon Township Trustees** received federal funding to help the community heal from the current Coronavirus pandemic's effects. Applicants who can prove hardship due to COVID-19, beginning in March of 2020, are eligible to receive up to \$1500 per household towards late utility bills and/or mortgage and rental payments. Only essential utilities (gas, electric, water, trash) qualify.

Applicants must upload proof of hardship due to COVID-19 per the above-mentioned government's criteria. Applications without proper proof will not be approved. You can apply online at: <https://www.blendontwp.org/residents/covid-19-financial-assistance>

IMPACT is an agency that assists with both utility and housing costs, and you can apply online for help with both programs. Once you apply and provide the necessary verifications, they may be able to assist with utility payments and see if enrollment in the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) would be appropriate for your family. HEAP helps households prevent energy service disruptions, restores disconnected services, and/or secure seasonal heating and cooling energy needs.

IMPACT has also been given money from the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act to assist with rental and mortgage assistance; they are overseeing about 10 million dollars earmarked for this type of assistance.

You must call to make an appointment (614-246-0019), or you can apply online for both of these programs at: <https://www.impactca.org/welcome.html> and click on the "Apply for Program/Assistance" button at the top of the page. Remember to jot down your user ID and password so you can send in required information later if you don't have it immediately available.

The Breathing Association is another agency through which you can apply for utility assistance, and you can apply with their online application at: <https://www.breathingassociation.org/heap/application/>

If you have applied for unemployment benefits and are still waiting on them, you should contact **The Legal Aid Society of Columbus**; they have been very successful in helping clients cut through the red tape and getting the well-deserved benefits they need. You can contact them through their website at: <https://www.columbuslegalaid.org/>

If you are/were facing eviction, there is also some great information on the Legal Aid website: <https://www.columbuslegalaid.org/national-eviction-moratorium-faq-for-renters/>

If you have medical needs but no insurance, you can apply for Medicaid at **Franklin County Job and Family Services**. FCJFS also may be able to assist with your food needs with the SNAP program (Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program), possibly cash benefits, and they do have an emergency program (Prevention, Retention and Contingency or PRC) that assists families with children. You can apply online and get more information at: <https://jfs.franklincountyohio.gov/>

There are also several clinics in the area who assist for either free or reduced fees:

<https://www.vineyardcommunitycenter.org/free-health-legal-clinic>

<https://www.helpinghandsfreeclinic.org/> And you can also call 211 for referrals, or go to their website at: <https://ssnetworkofhope.org/211centralohio/>

Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM) is another agency (just up the street!) who can also provide food and assistance with your job search. To make an appointment with WARM for food assistance, simply call 211. Currently, WARM is a drive up pantry due to COVID-19, but you will receive about 3-4 days' worth of food for each person in the family, and you can come in twice a month. The food is pre-packaged, but you will receive a lot of dairy and fresh produce besides the household staples. If you are interested in assistance with your job search, call 614-899-0196 and asked to speak with Dave Crago.

There is a lot of help out there, so please reach out and take advantage of it. This is not the time to be "too proud" to ask for help, or to feel that "other people need help more than I do". If you have needs that are not addressed here, call 211 and they may be able to assist you. ■

Fall may look a little different for 2020 but there are still a ton of fun (even FREE!) things to do as the weather cools and we pull out our favorite hoodies and sweaters.

LYND FRUIT FARM

Lynd Fruit Farm in Pataskala is open for its market, corn maze, fruit picking, and other activities. They do not require masks for employees or customers but are practicing social-distancing and offer curbside pickup for anyone uncomfortable with their rules but still wanting to get some yummy fall goodies! www.lyndfruitfarm.com • 740-817-0191

SUNRISE SANCTUARY

On Open Barn Days at Sunrise Sanctuary, the public is allowed to visit, get to know the animals on a personal level, and meet other animal lovers. A limited number of tickets are available for each Barn Day and are \$10 for adults 18 and over, \$5 for youth ages 4-17, and children 3 and under are free. You can visit on the following dates:

- Saturday October 3, 2020 1-3 pm
- Saturday October 24, 2020 1-3 pm

Although the date has not yet been announced, they also do a Thanksgiving FOR the Turkeys every year that includes a chili cook-off and silent auction. www.sunrisesanctuary.org • 937-578-8771

HOCKING HILLS STATE PARK

Hiking, canoeing, kayaking, wildlife and fall color viewing, camping and cabin rentals are just a few of the many offerings in the scenic Hocking Hills area. Whether you choose to spend a day or a week there is plenty to do while maintaining a safe distance from others.

<https://thehockinghills.org/> • 740-385-6842

ALUM CREEK BIKE PATH

Easily accessible for all of us in the Ridge, this trail system now links together the entire state as part of the Ohio to Erie trail. If you're not quite adventurous enough to tackle the whole trail at once there is still plenty to see with some quick day trips.

With trail heads at various local parks (Cooper Park, Casto Park, Strawberry Farms Park,



Tanager Woods Park, Parkridge Park, and Easton Way) you can start at a different spot every time.

Bike to Easton to see a movie and grab lunch. Head into Uptown Westerville to boost the local economy with some shopping and grab a Pumpkin Latte while you're there. Ride into Galena for breakfast and look for the Eagle's nests nearby the boardwalk. Take a book with you and find that perfect spot under a tree to enjoy the weather. <https://www.columbus.gov/recreationandparks/trails/Alum-Creek-Trail/>

GET CRAFTY

Learn how to make a fall wreath, create that Martha Stewart worthy carved pumpkin, or head into nature with your easel and create a masterpiece. There are lots of free videos on YouTube that will teach you a new skill or help you advance.

VIRTUAL TIME

With the holidays coming up many are worried about how to navigate them in the world of COVID. Keep Thanksgiving a time to be grateful for all your blessings even if you don't get to physically be with those you love. With technology like Zoom and FaceTime it is possible to visit all of your friends and family in the same day – regardless of where they live! You can even host online games like Name that Tune to get everyone involved. You might even find that you have more time to relax and enjoy each other if you aren't driving all over town. ■

COVID-19 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Did you get this card in the mail? It should have arrived the week of September 13. But no matter, all of the information is right here.

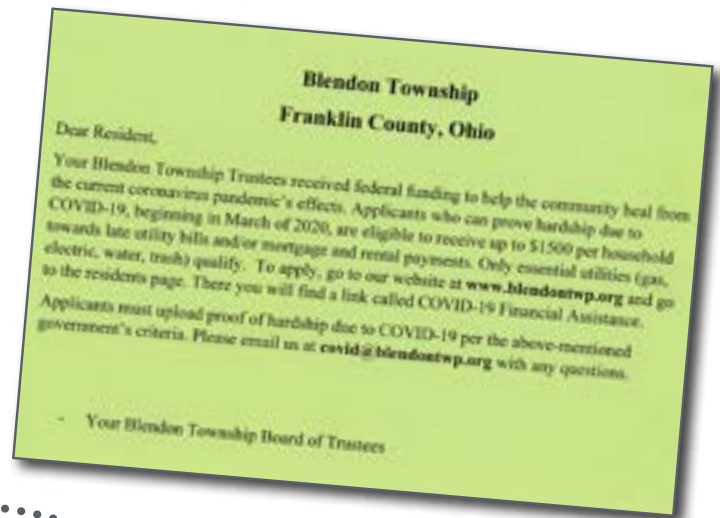
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To apply, go to our website at www.blendontwp.org and go to the residents page. There you will find a link called COVID-19 Financial Assistance.

Applicants must upload proof of hardship due to COVID-19 per the above-mentioned government’s criteria. Please email us at covid@blendontwp.org with any questions.”

If you need assistance, please don’t hesitate to check out the website. ■



This hyperlink will take you directly to the page.

READY TO GET SPOOKY?

Whether your October decor leans more towards an “autumn” theme or “the-scarier-the-better,” this is your year to shine. The Huber Ridge Area Association is debuting the first annual Halloween Decoration Contest this year.

Start planning now, you have a little over a month to perfect your yard. Our judges will travel the neighborhood looking for the best of the best on Halloween. And we know Huber Ridge will deliver.

Prizes will be distributed on November 4th. The lucky winners will recieve gift cards. We look forward to seeing what the residents of Huber Ridge come up with! ■



Don't forget to



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| Register by | October 5 |
| Absentee and in-person early voting starts | October 6 |
| Election day | November 3 |

Visit www.MyOhioVote.com to find your polling location, what's on your ballot and what forms of ID are accepted.

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HOLIDAY CHEER UPDATE

BY CLAUDIA CARNEY, COORDINATOR

Due to the COVID pandemic, the annual Holiday Cheer program has not been finalized. In the past, the generosity of Huber Ridge has blessed at least one family here in the neighborhood with gifts, groceries and gas cards for the holiday season.

The Westerville Area Resource Ministry(WARM) usually takes care of the vetting process to find the family and they are working to figure out logistics with the current health guidelines.

Watch for program updates in the [HRAA Facebook group](#). ■



HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND DECORATING CONTEST

The Huber Ridge Area Association is once again sponsoring its Holiday Lights and Decorating contest. No registration or application is necessary. The only requirement is that you live in the HRAA area and decorate your residence for the holidays.

All decorating should be completed by December 18. ■



BLENDON TOWNSHIP UPDATES

Vote for the photos that make it into the 2021 Calendar. Due to current health guidelines, the voting has gone digital. The [Blendon Township Facebook page](#) has a photo album with all of the photos up for a vote. Each "like" equals one vote. Click on over to the [2021 Calendar Contest](#).

Stay up to date with the [Blendon Township Police Department](#) by liking and following their Facebook page.

Find what you need at www.blendotwp.org.