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Committee Formed To Schedule Food Trucks

At the January Huber Ridge Area Association meeting, an idea was suggested and accepted to form a committee to arrange for food trucks to come to our neighborhood on a regular basis. With the ongoing pandemic keeping more people at home, bringing a variety of food trucks to the residents offers a little change to the normal mealtimes.

A post was put up on the Huber Ridge Area Association Facebook group by HRAA President Jeannie Black calling for volunteers for the committee. Four neighbors stepped forward to give their efforts to this committee: Carolyn Cordray, Catherine Ho, Trisha Bell-Miller and Kelly Schroeder. The committee met quickly and put together some basic framework of how they would work to start scheduling trucks.

Since nearby communities were already regularly scheduling food trucks our committee wanted to avoid competition for trucks and selected to primarily schedule Monday dinner time at Ridgewood Park, 5484 Buenos Aires Blvd. Although the list is still a work in progress, these are the trucks that have been scheduled thus far:

Blu Olive, March 1, 5-7pm

Dirty Franks, March 8, 5-7pm

Cheesy Truck, March 15, 5-7pm

Queen's Table, March 22, 5-7:30pm

Schmidt's Sausage Truck, March 29, 4-7pm



Redwood Wagon, April 5, 5-7:30pm

Rooster's, April 12, 5-7pm

Hogback BBQ Pit, April 26, 5-7:30pm

Pitabilities, April 19, 5-7:30pm

Mixing Bowl Asian Grill, May 3, 5-7pm

Cousin's Maine Lobster on **Wednesday**, May 12, 4:30-7pm

Der Dutchman on **Tuesday**, May 18 3:15-5:45pm

Martiny's BBQ on **Tuesday**, May 25 5-7:30pm

For each visiting food truck a Facebook Event will be created on the Huber Ridge Area Association News page. This page is public and should be visible to anyone online. Residents can click on the *Interested* or *Going* option on the event notification which will set up automatic reminders through Facebook and help keep track of upcoming food trucks.

It is important that the committee brings food trucks to the neighborhood that will create great participation for the vendors who visit The Ridge which will be profitable to food trucks and bring food that residents enjoy. The committee has tried to reach out to resident suggested food trucks so if anyone has a suggestions, please PM one of the committee members listed previously. •

Coming Events

March

- 1 Blu Olive, Ridewood Park, 5-7pm
- 8 Dirty Franks, Ridgewood Park, 5-7pm
- 15 Cheesy Truck, Ridgewood Park, 5-7pm
- 22 Queen's Table, Ridgewood Park, 5-7:30pm
- 29 Schmidt's Sausage Truck, Ridgewood Park, 4-7pm

April

- 5 Redwood Wagon, Ridgewood Park, 5-7:30pm
- 12 Rooster's, Ridgewood Park, 5-7pm
- 19 Pitabilities, Ridgewood Park, 5-7:30pm
- 26 Hogback BBQ Pit, Ridgewood Park, 5-7:30pm

May

- 3 Mixing Bowl Asian Grill, Ridgewood Park, May 3, 5-7pm
- 12 Cousin's Maine Lobster, Ridgewood Park, 4:30-7pm
- 18 Der Dutchman, Ridgewood Park, 3:15-5:45pm
- 25 Martiny's BBQ, Ridgewood Park, 5-7:30pm
- 31 Memorial Day - **Rumpke Service Delay**

All Huber Ridge residents are invited to attend the virtual HRAA General Meetings. Information about how to join is sent out to members via email and can be found on the Huber Ridge Area Association Facebook page.

If you are a dues-paying member and aren't getting any emails from the HRAA, please email HRAA.president@gmail.com.

Neighbors Light The Holidays

The Huber Ridge Area Association continued our long-standing tradition of having a Holiday Lights and Decorating Contest. This year, however, Blendon Township asked to join in and as a result, total prize money that was offered this year was 10 - \$50 gift cards for the best lights and decoration displays in the neighborhood.

After a nomination period, the HRAA Executive team voted on the top 10 from the nominated addresses. \$50 Visa Gift Cards were delivered to the winners after photos of their lights displays were posted on the Huber Ridge Area Association News Facebook page and in the Huber Ridge Area Association Facebook group.

Congratulations to this year's winners!

Jen and Dan Phinick at 5624 Bashaw Drive

Sarah and Shane Jones at 6412 Montford Rd E

Cole and Abby Boeckman at 3474 Dempsey Rd

James and Debra Dixon at 3719 Mexico

Maureen Miner at 5676 Montevideo

Boyce and Marie Barry at 6028 Balboa

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Did You Know...

There is a photo album in the Huber Ridge Area Association Facebook group called "[Ridge Runners](#)" where you can post pictures of your fur-babies just in case they ever get away from you.

Check it out.

Dangers of Carbon Monoxide

by Chief Brian Miller, Westerville Fire Department

It's been called the silent killer. Carbon monoxide, an odorless, colorless gas toxic to humans and animals, was the cause of 20 emergency calls in Westerville and Blendon Township in 2019.

Carbon monoxide, known by the chemical symbol CO, acts as poison once inhaled. It attaches to the hemoglobin in the red blood cells, which carries oxygen throughout the body. When CO attaches, it blocks the oxygen the body must have, leading to hypoxia. CO is a byproduct of incomplete combustion. Any fuel burning device may produce dangerous levels of CO gas. In the home, heating and cooking equipment are potential sources of CO. Vehicles, generators and lawn equipment can also produce dangerous levels of CO.

The most common symptoms of CO poisoning are headache, dizziness, fatigue, nausea, vomiting and confusion. High levels of CO ingestion can cause

loss of consciousness and death. The health effects of CO exposure can vary from person to person depending upon the level and length of exposure, as well as each individual's health condition.

Carbon monoxide can only be detected with a CO detector/alarm. These detectors are available in plug-in, battery-powered or hardwired models. Before buying a CO detector, check to make sure it is listed with Underwriter's Laboratories (UL), standard 2034, or there is information on the package that states it is UL approved. Install a CO detector in the hallway near every sleeping area of the home. CO detectors should be replaced every five years. If the CO detector

alarms, call 9-1-1. If you have any symptoms or feel ill, leave the home or building and await the Fire Division's arrival.

The Fire Division recommends the following safety tips to avoid a CO related emergency:

- Have your heating system, including chimneys and vents, inspected and serviced annually.
- Ensure chimney flues are completely opened when fireplaces are in use.
- Never use a gas appliance to heat your home.
- Do not use unvented, fuel-burning space heaters indoors. All fuel-burning appliances should be fully vented to the outdoors.

- Never use a gas or charcoal grill inside your home or in a garage.
- Never use a generator inside homes, garages or crawlspaces, even when using fans or opening doors and windows for ventilation.
- Never leave a vehicle, snow blower or lawnmower running in an attached garage, even when the garage door is open.

By knowing the symptoms of CO poisoning and following these safety tips, you can protect yourself and your family from the dangers of CO exposure. •

This article originally ran in the Winter 2020 issue of The Herald.

Huber Ridge

Helping Hands

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.

Electrician

Edward Claus

(614) 446-0862

Edwardclaus4@gmail.com

Lawn Mowing

Brian Januszewski

bjlawnltd@gmail.com

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

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.

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Quarter Page	3.5"w x 4.75"h	\$65
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Note from the Principal

Huber Ridge Community and Friends,

What a school year! This year has been full of challenging moments and great triumphs by students, staff, and collective efforts of our families. Throughout this school year our district has transitioned between full remote instruction and hybrid instruction a handful of times. For those of you who are not familiar, we also have students who have remained “Virtual” the entire year as a part of the Westerville Virtual Academy (WVA). Now, beginning on March 8th, we plan to transition to having Cohort A & B “Together Again”. Details of our together again plan can be found by visiting wcsoh.org/togetheragain.

The goal throughout the entire school year has been to keep students safe and healthy (both physically and mentally), deliver high quality instruction, and provide a positive, enjoyable school experience. Our faculty, staff, and building leadership are tightening focus on that goal for the upcoming transition on March 8th. One key point in our “Together Again” plan is appropriate mask wearing and I encourage you to do the same especially when you are on school grounds.

Over the coming weeks Mrs. Elder (our Assistant Principal) and I will be sharing various communications with our students and families as to what “all-in” instruction will look like at Huber Ridge. The community will be able to access some of that information by visiting www.westerville.k12.oh.us/17/Principal or by following us on Twitter @HuberRidgeElem. Operationally, school hours will remain the same as they are now with arrival occurring at 9:20am and dismissal happening at 3:20pm. Beginning on March 8th it is likely you will see additional traffic in the neighborhood during this time.

If you ever have questions regarding our Covid procedures or other school questions at Huber Ridge, I encourage you to contact the main office at 614-797-7150 or email me at HilkertT@wcsoh.org.

Sincerely,

Tyson D. Hilkert, Principal
Huber Ridge Elementary, Westerville City Schools

Huber Ridge's Positive Student Care

by Amy VanSickle (Guidance) and Kristan Robertson (instructional coach)

We appreciate all of the hard work parents have put in for almost a year now, with supporting Huber Ridge's students in their academic growth each day. Huber Ridge teachers and staff have been working tirelessly to support students with their learning in this unprecedented environment. With all the uncertainties and changes that this school year has brought, our Huber Ridge families have stepped up and accepted the challenge! Each day teachers, students, and parents are navigating learning environments that they have never known before and find themselves flexing and building their technology muscles, which will help us all when the world goes back to a more predictable structure. With all the twists and turns the last year has thrown at us, we couldn't be more proud of our Huber family and the perseverance they have shown this year!

One of the most important things we can do when working with our students is provide them with a structured work environment that allows them to be focused and engaged during their time of learning, but also allows for them to be kids. Set up a special space for them to work within your home that is free of distractions to the best of your ability. Even encourage them to “make it their own”, a space where they take ownership of their materials, much like they do with their desk in the classroom. Follow a daily schedule whenever possible. Routine is so important and something that naturally happens within the walls of

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a school building daily. Work with your child to create a schedule for their day/week. This will allow them to take some ownership, but will also help them focus on the daily tasks necessary to be successful in school. Elementary students find themselves transitioning multiple times a day when in school. This is important to encourage at home as well! Incorporate brain breaks, walks around the house, small outdoor breaks when weather is permitting, or some good old fashion quick exercises like jumping jacks or stretches help to break up the sitting that is happening each day. By encouraging all of these things for remote learning you are supporting your student and their learning each day. It is important to support them, but also important for us to support YOU! If you are experiencing issues at home or struggles connected to your student and their remote week learning, please let us know. We are more than happy to help you and work together to try to figure out a solution.

All staff members at Huber Ridge place a significant emphasis on students learning to manage their stress and emotions. Some of that work is a natural part of the day such as good teacher-student communication and classroom structure. Staff also value teaching students breathing and calming activities that they can do on their own inside or outside of the classroom. Here are a few of our favorites for you to try at home.

Hot Cocoa Breath

Simply model and encourage your child to imagine they have a cup of hot cocoa in their hands. Do three rounds of breath instructing them to breathe in by smelling the cocoa and breathe out by blowing gently to cool the cocoa. Please remember to encourage slow and even breathing.

Rainbow Breath

Model and encourage your child to imagine that they will create a rainbow during this breathing exercise. Your arms start at the side of your body and as you breath in, arms go up in a rainbow shape on either side of your body. As you breathe out, arms come down also forming a rainbow. Three or more rounds of slow and even breathing are recommended for this exercise.

Tracing Breath

Place one hand out in front of your face and use the pointer finger of the other hand to trace your fingers. Begin at the base of your thumb and breath in as you trace up your fingers, then breathe out as you trace down each finger. As with all breathing exercises, the slower and more even the breath the better. You can do as many rounds of this breathing exercise as you like.

Cosmic Kids Yoga

Here is a link to a great YouTube resource called [Cosmic Kids Yoga](#) where students can do entertaining physical activity with all the calming benefits of yoga.

Resources to support your children at home

Need some helpful hints for the students working at home?

Student Well Being staff presented some great information in early November during the Fall Parent Prep sessions. This one gives some great information; [Tips for adjusting to COVID and changes in school environment \(PreK-12\)](#) [83965021176](#)

Check out this great resource put together by the incredibly valuable Westerville Education Challenge group who strongly support student's social and emotional lives: [Social Emotional Resource Center](#). •

From the PTA

by Kristy Sherwood

Have you been on Huber Ridge Elementary's walking path since October? The PTA was able to have the holes filled in and the entire walking path resealed thanks to money raised from previous fundraisers. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible for us to share it with the entire community.

Huber Ridge Elementary PTA is looking forward to the spring. We are excited to announce that we will once again be selling **Foertmeyer and Sons Greenhouse** Co flowers this spring as our major fundraiser. All orders will be completed online. Each student at Huber Ridge Elementary will have their own code to provide to their family and friends to place orders. The sale will start April 16 and run through May 11. Delivery date will be May 18. If you are interested and don't know a student feel free to e-mail ksherwood93@gmail.com or post on our Facebook page-Huber Ridge Elementary PTA and we will have someone contact you with more details. •

Spring Window Decorating

While we may not be ready to get together yet, we can still spread some cheer this spring. Help bring yourself and your neighbors out of the winter blues with some fun window decorations. This is a great activity for the youngsters and the young at heart.

We have set up some themes to help get you started.

March:

St Patrick's Day - shamrocks, rainbows, etc.

April:

Spring Showers & Flowers



So, pull out your paper, crayons, markers, colored pencils, paint, glitter (if you're brave), glue, scissors or whatever you have in the house to create your own window masterpieces. If you aren't quite ready to start your art from scratch, you can print out the last three pages of this issue and decorate them to hang up in your windows. •

Blooms 2021 Garden Show - Gardeners Get Ready!

by Pam Clegg, Blooms Coordinator

Blooms 2020: Our annual Garden Show and Contest changed in 2020 due to the pandemic. We expanded our previous contest territories of the Huber Ridge and Sunbury Woods areas to include all of Blendon Township in search of 40 outstanding gardens - chosen from the streetview only. It was new, it was work, it was rewarding, and in our opinion, it was successful. Winners and photos can be found on our Facebook page, Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms.

Blooms 2021 is in the works, however, details are yet to be determined. We will be working out the details with our Blooms Chairman and Blendon Township Trustee, Stewart Flaherty. Anyone with a Facebook account may

view our posts on the [Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms Facebook](#) page, or you can friend us on Facebook; Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms, to read details as they unfold.

If you do not have access to Facebook and/or you want to be considered for Blooms 2021, email blendonblooms@gmail.com with your questions/interest and address.

If you do not use a computer, send a letter to:

Pam Clegg, Blooms 2021
3614 Makassar Drive
Westerville, Oh 43081

Thank you! •

HRAA Community Garage Sales

by Claudia Carney, coordinator



After this seemingly longer than normal winter and on top of the pandemic, many of us have been purging, boxing and storing our unused items in hope of getting them repurposed by way of a garage sale.

With much thought and consideration, the HRAA is going to follow the lead of the Blendon township trustees and not begin outdoor activities until summer. So we will not be sponsoring the annual

May garage sale, but we are planning on having the fall garage sale, and will share the date as soon as we have set one (usually taking into consideration the Buckeye's football schedule).

We are sorry to have to delay this another year, but we would rather err on the side of caution and of course if anyone wishes to hold their own yard/garage sale, they can do so. •

Door to Door Salespersons

As the weather is getting (a bit) warmer, we're bound to start seeing the door-to-door salespeople trying to sell us new security systems, windows, roofs, etc. Here are a few reminders for dealing with them:

Try placing a "No Soliciting" sign in a prominent location if you don't want to be bothered. Most of the reputable salespersons will respect that sign.

Every company who meets the ORC definition of Transient Vendors must register with the Blendon Township Police Department before they start going door-to-door and will have a temporary permit that they can show you. The exception to this is non-profits, such as scouts and schools.

You don't have to open the door to anyone. And you definitely don't have to (and probably shouldn't) let them inside your home.

If you ever encounter a solicitor who makes you uncomfortable, doesn't have a permit, or you aren't sure they do, please call the Blendon Police at (614) 889-9494 for assistance. One of their friendly officers will come and talk to the solicitor. •

There is Help Available

by Claudia Carney & Carolyn Cordray

Even though we think we may see the end of the tunnel of the covid-19 pandemic, many of our neighbors are still in need of help due to employment ending or unemployment benefits running out. If you need help with food, you can reach out to several different food pantries in the area simply by calling Lutheran Social Services (Formerly HandsOn Central Ohio) at 614-341-2282 between 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Monday – Friday to make an appointment.

In addition to the local resources listed here, there are many resources available for you if you need rent, utility, legal or counseling assistance or any other services, and you can also call Lutheran Social Services simply by dialing 211.

Please share this information with your friends, family and neighbors! There is no reason for anyone to suffer or go hungry during these trying times. Even individuals who don't live in Westerville can contact 211 for assistance where they live. •

Some of the local pantries include:

Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM)

150 Heatherdown Drive
Westerville, OH 43081

Choice pantry that offers a 6-day supply of food per visit, with up to 2 visits per month allowed. Also provide a prepackaged 3-day supply of food for emergency needs. Pet (dog/cat) food may be available.

Vineyard Columbus Church

Northside Pantry
4664 Cleveland Avenue
Columbus, OH 43231

Clients are eligible to receive food once a month. Limited supplies of diapers may be available.

Central College Presbyterian Church Food Pantry

975 S. Sunbury Road
Westerville, OH 43081

Clients must call Lutheran Social Services (formerly Hands On Central Ohio) to arrange for pick up from the Central College Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. Lutheran Social Services (Hands On) phone is 614-341-2282, M-F, 8am to 4pm. Once set up through them, a time and date will be arranged for food pick up. Clients can make up to 2 visits per month. Food is packaged and bagged for pick up on appointment date. Pick up is between 4:30 pm and 6pm M-F. Contact-free pick up.

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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, Halloween Decorating Contest, Blendon-Huber Ridge Blooms Garden Show & Contest, Holiday Cheer program, Holiday Lights contest, and the brand new Food Truck Mondays.

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 in household:

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Emails Address(es) _____

Check the appropriate box below:

- ☐ New Membership
- ☐ 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
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Blendon Township Snowman & Snow Art Contest

copied from Jan Heichels post on the Huber Ridge Area Association Facebook page



ANNOUNCING BLENDON'S SNOWMAN & SNOW ART CONTEST!

**Starts with our next packing snowfall & ends March 31st
Win A Pizza Party (Gift Cards)**

- Show off your creativity with a family-friendly snowman or snow art!
- Multiple winners will be chosen over the next few weeks.
- Email a picture of your snowman or snow art, include the creative builders to Jan at jheichel@blendontwp.org.
- Include your address if you don't mind having it on Facebook.
- We will post the pictures for all to see on our Facebook page.
- Winners will be chosen by popular vote announced on Blendon's Facebook page.

Please Share This With Your Neighbors



