



# THE HERALD

Quarterly publication of the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc.

Volume 17 • Issue 1 • Winter 2024

## in this issue

- 2 HRAA Brings Back Food Trucks
- 3 There Goes the Sun
- 4 From the Principal
- 4 PTA News
- 5 Plant Swap
- 5 Huber Ridge Area Property Excellence Program (PEP)
- 7 2024 Huber Ridge Area Property Excellence Program (PEP) Form
- 8 Dog Fest is Back for Second Year
- 8 Garage Sale

## in each issue

- 2 Coming Events
- 2 [huberridge.org](http://huberridge.org)

# We're Back

And we are so excited! A lot has happened since our last regularly scheduled newsletter. We switched to a digital only format for the few issues that were published since the beginning of 2020. But we are ready to go back to our old format where the Spring, Summer and Fall issues are printed and delivered to each home in Huber Ridge.

One thing this editor learned over the past 4 years, is that The Herald needs a support team to help pull this project together. If you are looking for a way to get involved in the neighborhood or are looking for a way to use an untapped skill, The Herald might be the place for you. Below is a list of the volunteer positions available.

- **Assistant Editor** - work with editor to develop content for each issue, coordinate with writers, and research and write articles as needed.
- **Ad Coordinator** - solicit advertisers for each issue. We only have room for

about 4-6 advertisers each issue, so this won't be a huge time commitment.

- **Writer** - research and write articles. We're looking for multiple writers, so you may not need to write something for each issue.
- **Photographer** - we would love to have some photos from our neighborhood events.

If these don't sound like something you are interested in, but you would like to contribute to something, please keep an eye on the Huber Ridge Area Association Facebook page for volunteer opportunities. Most of the activities in Huber Ridge, including The Herald, are coordinated and executed by volunteers and we'd love to have you join the team.

If you are interested in volunteering with The Herald, please send your information and area of interest to [HuberRidgeHerald@gmail.com](mailto:HuberRidgeHerald@gmail.com). •



luckybusiness - stock.adobe.com

# HRAA Brings Back Food Trucks

by Carolyn Cordray

Planning is under way for the 2024 Food Truck schedule for our neighborhood. The HRAA Food Truck Committee (April Zobel, Trisha Bell Miller and Carolyn Cordray) have already booked weekly trucks from March through May. You'll see some neighborhood favorites back again and some new trucks to keep things interesting.

Schmidt's Sausage Truck (always a favorite!) kicks off the schedule on Wednesday, March 6th from 5pm to 7:30pm in the parking lot of Ridgewood Park. Keep an eye on Facebook for a full schedule of trucks soon. Most of them will be parked in the parking lot of Ridgewood Park. Thank you to those neighbors who have suggested trucks for the committee to reach out to book. We will continue to try to book on Monday dinner time, but sometimes trucks don't work on Monday so we have been open in those cases to possibly a Tuesday or Wednesday booking. In any case we are trying to bring one truck a week. •

## Your Ad Here

This 3.5" w x 2" h business card ad is only \$25 per issue. Contact [HuberRidgeHerald@gmail.com](mailto:HuberRidgeHerald@gmail.com) to reserve your ad by May 1 for the Spring Issue.

## Coming Events

### March

- 6 Schmidt's Sausage Truck, Ridgewood Park, 5-7:30pm
- 19 Ohio Primary Election, polls open 6:30am - 7:30pm

### April

- 8 North American Solar Eclipse, 1:55-4:30pm

### May

- 1 Ad Contracts due for Spring Issue
- 5 Huber Ridge Area Property Excellence Program Spring Show, 2:30-5:30pm
- 11 Plant Swap, Ridgewood Park, 9am-12pm
- 18 Spring Community Yard Sale, 8am-4pm
- 27 Memorial Day - **Rumpke Service Delay**

### June

- 15 Concert in the Park, Ridgewood Park, 6pm
- 22 Ridge Runners Dog Fest, Ridgewood Park, 9am-12pm

### July

- 4 Independence Day - **Rumpke Service Delay**
- 13 Concert in the Park, Ridgewood Park, 6pm
- 14 Huber Ridge Area Property Excellence Program Summer Show, 2:30-5:30pm

### August

- 24 Concert in the Park, Ridgewood Park, 6pm

### September

- 22 Huber Ridge Area Property Excellence Program Autumn Show, 2:30-5:30pm

**The Herald is brought to you by the Huber Ridge Area Association.**

[HUBERRIDGE.ORG](http://HUBERRIDGE.ORG)

### Follow Us On Facebook

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

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

### The Herald

Editor **Bernadine Pesika**  
[HuberRidgeHerald@gmail.com](mailto:HuberRidgeHerald@gmail.com)

Distribution **Eric Cordray**  
[newsletterdistribution@huberridge.org](mailto:newsletterdistribution@huberridge.org)

### Important Numbers

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

Blendon Township Office: **(614) 882-1270**

# There Goes the Sun

by Bernadine Pesika

For two and a half hours on Monday, April 8, between approximately 2:00 and 4:30pm, Huber Ridge will experience the North American 2024 Solar Eclipse. While we are just outside the path of totality, we will have a pretty full partial eclipse. If you want to experience the full total eclipse, you only need to venture to the north end of Westerville or the Polaris Mall. There is an interactive map at [www.eclipse2024.org](http://www.eclipse2024.org) where you can find the path of the eclipse.

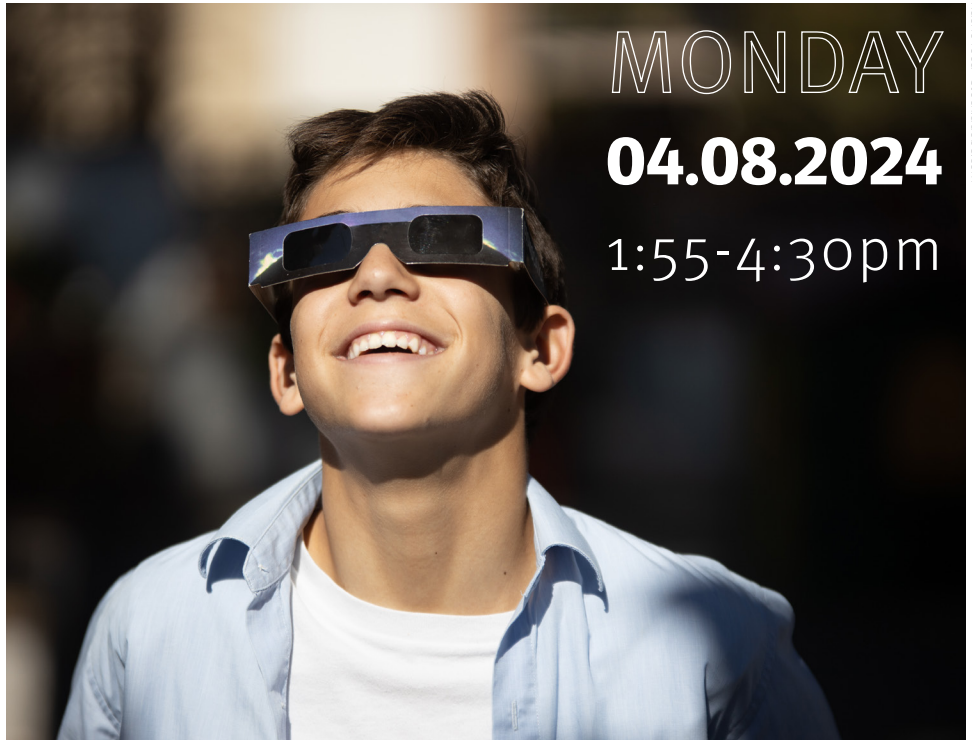
No matter where you are, please use caution when viewing the eclipse. Here are some tips gathered from the [NASA website](https://www.nasa.gov).

## Eye Safety During a Total Solar Eclipse

When watching the partial phases of the solar eclipse directly with your eyes, which happens before and after totality, you must always look through safe solar viewing glasses (“eclipse glasses”) or a safe handheld solar viewer. Eclipse glasses are NOT regular sunglasses; regular sunglasses, no matter how dark, are not safe for viewing the Sun. Safe solar viewers are thousands of times darker and ought to comply with the ISO 12312-2 international standard. NASA does not approve any particular brand of solar viewers, but does have a [list of suppliers of safe solar viewers and filters](https://www.nasa.gov) on their website.

You can view the eclipse directly without proper eye protection only when the Moon completely obscures the Sun’s bright face – during the brief and spectacular period known as totality. (You’ll know it’s safe when you can no longer see any part of the Sun through eclipse glasses or a solar viewer.)

As soon as you see even a little bit of the bright Sun reappear after totality, immediately put your eclipse glasses back on or use a handheld solar viewer to look at the Sun.



If you don’t have eclipse glasses or a handheld solar viewer, you can use an indirect viewing method, which does not involve looking directly at the Sun. One way is to use a pinhole projector, which has a small opening (for example, a hole punched in an index card) and projects an image of the Sun onto a nearby surface. With the Sun at your back, you can then safely view the projected image. Do NOT look at the Sun through the pinhole!

## Skin Safety

Even during a partial or annular eclipse, or during the partial phases of a total eclipse, the Sun will be very bright. If you are watching an entire eclipse, you may be in direct sunlight for hours. Remember to wear sunscreen, a hat, and protective clothing to prevent skin damage.

So, plot out your viewing location, stock up on solar eclipse glasses and sunscreen, and get ready to experience night during the daytime. Remember, during a total solar eclipse, any lights set to turn on from dusk to dawn will turn on. •

# HUBER RIDGE ELEMENTARY

## From the Principal

Greetings Huber Ridge Community! My name is Sheri Chaffin and I have the honor to serve as the principal of Huber Ridge Elementary School, home of the Rockets. As a child, I attended Robert Frost Elementary, Walnut Springs, and Westerville North High School. Even though I went to Hampton University in Virginia, I always wanted to be an educator in my hometown.

Over the past 22 years, I have served as a classroom teacher, instructional coach, educational equity specialist, and assistant principal in Westerville. Now, I have the privilege of leading a phenomenal group of students, staff, and families!

At Huber Ridge, we all work together to create a safe and positive learning community where students learn and grow! This year has been full of opportunities to focus on a building goal of increasing our students' sense of belonging. Each month we have spotlighted cultures represented in our building. On March 5 from 6-7:30pm at Minerva Park Middle School, students and their families will showcase traditions/holidays, decor, music, languages spoken, and traditional dress during our Huber Heritage Fair. Please stop by to learn about Huber families, listen to the reggae sounds of Lungu Vybzy, and enjoy a special performance by the Huber 5th grade choir!

We have also spent time highlighting characteristics described in our district's Portrait of a Graduate including communication, collaboration, social emotional learning, and problem solving. Events such as Curriculum and Cakes, Career Day, BizTown interviews (fifth grade students only), and the WNHS Black History Read In project have allowed us to work on mastering these skills outside of the classroom. We welcome collaboration with community partners as we strive to reach our goals and meet the needs of our students. If you would like to partner with us, please let me know.

For up to date school news, please visit our Huber Facebook Page. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [chaffins@westerville.k12.oh.us](mailto:chaffins@westerville.k12.oh.us) or call the Huber Ridge office at 614-797-7150. •

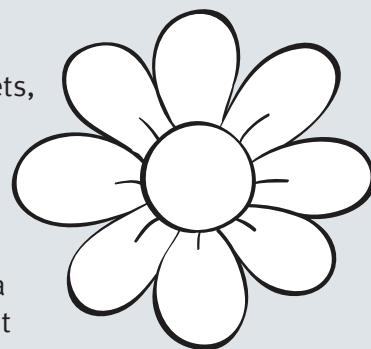
## PTA News

As the 2023-2024 school year is coming to a close, the Huber Ridge Elementary Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is also having their final fundraiser of the year. We will be selling spring flowers by Foertmeyer & Sons Greenhouse Co.

There are a variety of flowers to choose from like hanging baskets, annuals, tomato plants, strawberry plants, herbs and more.

If you are interested in purchasing flowers please see a Huber Ridge Elementary student or contact Kristy Sherwood at [ksherwood93@gmail.com](mailto:ksherwood93@gmail.com) or Jason Woltja at [jason.woltja@gmail.com](mailto:jason.woltja@gmail.com).

The sale begins February 23 and ends March 13. Flowers will be delivered to the school on May 15. Money raised will be used for student enrichment activities, teacher scholarships and more. Thank you for supporting our neighborhood school. •



**AudraKay**  
PROMOTIONS

**Your Partner in Promotions**  
*Incentives, Apparel, Awards and More!*

**Audra Hauff**  
614-309-4923  
[audrakaypromos@gmail.com](mailto:audrakaypromos@gmail.com)  
[AudraKayPromos.com](http://AudraKayPromos.com)

Authorized Dealer Of  
**KAESER**  
BY BLAIR INCORPORATED



# Plant Swap



by April Zobel

The annual plant swap is a neighborhood favorite and returns to Ridgewood Park this year on Saturday, May 11 from 9am – 12pm.

If you have plants to share, bring them! If you need something to plant, come get them!

All plants are free and you don't have to donate in order to be gifted. There are always more plants to share than people to take them and this popular event is a great way to spruce up your garden with new additions.

You will usually find some of our knowledgeable local gardeners hanging around and happy to answer questions about the various plants and how to take care of them.

Every year is different but here's a sample of the many varieties of plants we had available last year:

- Decorative Grass
- Forsythia
- Day Lily
- Rose of Sharon
- Canna Lily
- Wintergreen
- Strawberry
- Hosta
- Comfrey
- Lily of the Valley
- Daisy
- False Blue Indigo
- Coneflower
- Lilac
- Oregano
- Corabell
- Mexican Feather Grass
- Corydalis
- Bleeding Heart
- Japanese Painted Fern
- Iris
- Dogwood Tree

We hope to see you there!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2100149113677417/> •

# Huber Ridge Area Property Excellence Program (PEP)

by Pam Clegg, Event Organizer and neighbor

## Our History.

If you have lived in the Huber Ridge Area for a while, you may recall that the Huber Ridge Area Association members started a garden show and contest in 2008 - Huber Ridge Blooms. Later, with the inclusion of Sunbury Woods, it was renamed Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms. This annual garden show and contest rewarded residents who beautified their property (and the community) with their flower gardens. With Covid concerns in 2020, the garden show was again renamed to Blendon Blooms and included ALL of Blendon Township as a drive by only event. The show continued to be managed by the HRAA Blooms committee and was citizen-led from 2008-2021. In 2022 Blendon Blooms was taken over and is now promoted, run, and judged by the Blendon Township Trustees.

## And now.

Assuming the Township version of Blooms will continue, the Huber Ridge Area Association (HRAA) again wants to promote our own neighborhood excellence and beauty for the Huber Ridge Area only by recognizing and rewarding residents in our community who have:

- beautified their property with flowers, garden art, stonework, garden displays, etc.
- made significantly noticeable property improvements (primarily visible from a street view, but not exclusively) to their home and/or their property

With no desire to duplicate or diminish the Blendon Blooms contest, or to confuse the two events, we are calling this new endeavor the Huber Ridge Area Property Excellence Program.

## How to Participate.

Do you have a garden to show off? Either front yard only, backyard only, or both, then let us know if you

---

*Property continued on page 7*

# *In the Bag Massage*

**FIRST TIME CLIENTS  
ONLY \$65!!**



**KEEPING YOU  
PAIN FREE SINCE 2003**

**inthebagmassage.com  
614.222.5782**



*Locally and Woman Owned*

are interested in holding an “open garden” day for the public; we will announce it. If you do not want to open your yard to the public and only want the HRAA Property Excellence Committee to consider your garden, then you may still enter the event. Your yard will be closed to the public and we will only post photos.

Do you have property improvements you want us to consider for recognition? Let us know that as well. Property improvements we will consider for reward and recognition must have been self initiated.

We will announce and award participants from April to October. This time frame is intended to accommodate everyone’s best garden; whether spring, summer, and/or fall. See dates for the open garden tours on the application.

As for specific awards, they are yet to be determined, but you will be appreciated. If you want your garden or property to be considered, then please read, complete, and return the form below.

The HRAA Property Excellence Committee will also be on the lookout for your work and may leave a note on your door (or mail a note to you if you have a no solicitation sign) asking for your participation.

You may also request consideration from the Committee via the Huber Ridge Area Association Facebook group. Our goals are to promote and reward beautification and property excellence to the Huber Ridge Area. •

# 2024 Huber Ridge Area Property Excellence Program (PEP) Form

I/we \_\_\_\_\_

at: (address) \_\_\_\_\_

are requesting to be considered for:

- ☐ Garden beauty front yard only
- ☐ Garden beauty back yard only

- ☐ Garden beauty front and back
- ☐ Property Improvements

Will your garden(s) be open or closed to the public?

- ☐ Open to Public
- ☐ Closed

If open, please select your best viewing date (spring, summer, autumn). The times are 2:30-5:30pm each day.

- ☐ Sunday, May 5 - Spring Show
- ☐ Sunday, July 14 - Summer Show
- ☐ Sunday, September 22 - Autumn Show

If your garden is closed to the public, do you give permission for us to post photos of your property?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Open gardens need to be safe for the public to enter.

- ☐ I/we agree to provide a safe, healthy space/yard for the general public as much as it depends upon us.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail or drop off this form to: Pam Clegg, 3614 Makassar Drive, Westerville OH 43081



# Dog Fest is Back for Second Year

by April Zobel

The Second Annual Ridge Runners Dog Fest will be held at Ridgewood Park on Saturday, June 22 from 9am – 12pm.

The highlight of the event is the 1 Mile Dog Walk that follows an easy loop starting and ending at the park and taking you along neighborhood sidewalks and through the beautiful nature trail in Ridgewood Park. Signs will be posted to keep you on track and volunteers will be at the halfway point with water for the dogs.

The fest is free to attend but participation in the 1ish Mile Dog Walk is \$15 and you can sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoE48ABAA2BAAF4C16-47486213-ridge>

Participants receive an event t-shirt and matching dog bandana and remaining proceeds to go to CHA!

If you or someone you know would like to set up a booth at the event it is only a \$20 donation to CHA and while you are not allowed to sell products in the park you can promote your business by giving away samples and/or

coupons. The event is free for non-profit organizations and they may accept donations. This is a perfect event for service-based businesses such as dog walkers, groomers and trainers.

Vendors can sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoE48ABAA2BAAF4C16-47769069-ridge>

The day will start with the 1 mile Dog Walk, followed by a Dog Trick Contest, and end with a Doga (Dog/Human Yoga) Class. All profits from the Dog Walk will go to CHA Animal Shelter. We'll have at least one food truck on hand, as well as rescue groups, various dog-related businesses, dog pools, dog treats, free nail trims and more!

Mark your calendars now for this fun event that is perfect for the whole family!

<https://fb.me/e/3pm50kCMf> •



## GARAGE Sale

May 18th, 2024  
8 AM - 4 PM

More information  
and sign up will  
be provided  
closer  
to the sale!



Sponsored by:  
Fellow Neighbor  
Holly Marre  
RE/MAX Affiliates  
Norm Taylor Group  
Realtor

Holly Marre: 614-499-4882  
[Holly.NormTaylor@gmail.com](mailto:Holly.NormTaylor@gmail.com)

