



The Community Garage Sale Will Be Held on Saturday, July 12

On Saturday, July 12, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., your Huber Ridge Area Association will be holding its third annual community garage sale. If you would like to participate in this event, registration is easy. You can e-mail me at vp@huberridge.org, or you can call my home at 895-7325. With either, all I need is the name and address of the sale. Once I have all the participants registered, they will be placed on a map of the area; these maps will be handed out to registered homes, then handed out to shoppers. As in prior years, your HRAA will be advertising this sale in the local papers; and, as always, you can read about it on our website, huberridge.org, or in *The Herald*.

Your HRAA will be putting out signs the day of the sale, then taking them all down—yet another good reason to participate in the community sale, I might add. Also from prior years, Barbara Crawford of Century 21, Joe Walker & Associates will be supporting this sale with signs and advertisements. Her support has been paramount these last years; she deserves huge thanks!

In prior years, we have seen kids out with lemonade stands and people grilling lunch for shoppers. We would

love for this kind of activity to flourish; it stands as a testament to our township that we can still maintain a family oriented neighborhood in this day and age. To my knowledge, eBay can't.

—Tom Burke, Vice President

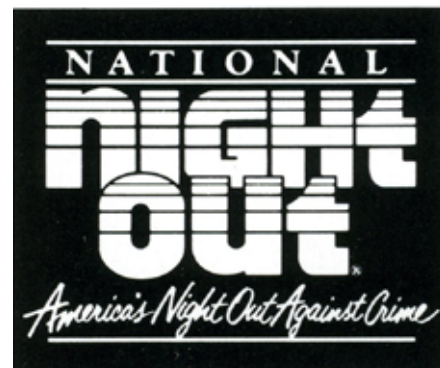
Celebrate National Night Out on August 5

For the third consecutive year, your Huber Ridge Area Association is promoting participation in National Night Out (NNO) held this year on Tuesday, August 5.

National Night Out 2007 involved 35.4 million people in 11,310 communities throughout the United States. NNO is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and focuses on crime prevention awareness, anticrime programs, community spirit development, and police-community partnerships to let criminals know that neighborhoods are organized and are fighting back.

What can you do? With your neighbors, try any or all of the following:

- 🔦 Turn on outside lights.
- 🔦 Organize a block party or cookout.
- 🔦 Have a parade.
- 🔦 Invite a Blendon Township Police Officer to speak.



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This is what your neighbors on Acapulco Place did for National Night Out last year: Residents gathered at the home of Jerry and Liz Ward for ice cream and brownies and for a chat with Blendon Township Police Officer Eric Moore to learn crime prevention tips. Each household received an updated list of residents with their home, work, and cell phone numbers. Esther Cunliff, Tom Burke, Marje Obrist, and Liz Ward provided refreshments. A similar gathering is planned for this year. What will you do?



First Row: Tarike Osuobeni

Second Row, Left to Right: Lou Dunbar, Jean Dawson, Esther Cunliff, Liz Ward, Dulcy Francis, Tarela Osuobeni

Third Row, Left to Right: Tom Burke, Jim Welch, Officer Eric Moore, Jerry Ward

—Marje Obrist, Neighbor



Subject: Abandoned House at 3545 Makassar Drive
To: The Editor and My Friends and Neighbors

The subject house has been deteriorating for over 10 years and only recently has this become so tragically evident when sections of the roof fell in. Many of us who live close to this abandoned house have been complaining to the Franklin County Health Department, TV Channel 6 (6 on Your Side), Blendon Township Trustees, Blendon Township Police Department, the Westerville/Blendon Fire Department, Franklin County Auditor's office, and Franklin County Treasurer's office.

The property is currently over \$10,000 past due in back property taxes, and it is my understanding that foreclosure is in the works due to these back taxes. I also understand that the Franklin County Prosecutor's office is seeking to get a court order transferring ownership to the Franklin County Land Bank. The Franklin County Land Bank is a legal means for the County to obtain ownership of abandoned property for either rehab or demolition.

It appears that the log jam has finally started to move regarding getting rid of this eyesore property. The Westerville/Blendon Township Fire Department has stated that the property is now considered condemned. The condemnation should help push forward the process of putting the property into the Land Bank. Hopefully the government authorities involved in the above-mentioned actions will expedite this process to the extent possible under the applicable laws and resolve this dangerous condition for the benefit of our neighborhood.

If you think abandoned homes do not affect you, think again! Per a university study, homes within 500 feet of an abandoned house may lose an estimated 2 to 5 percent of their market value. In this neighborhood, if your house is within 500 feet of the abandoned house and should be worth \$85,000, a 2 percent reduction would be a \$1,700 loss and a 5 percent reduction would be a \$4,250 loss in the value of your home. If your home should be worth \$130,000, the loss in value at 2 percent is \$2,600 and at 5 percent, \$6,500. It is in all our best interests to stay on top of these type issues in our neighborhood.



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My thanks to Pam Clegg (HRAA Block Watch Coordinator), Jim Welch (HRAA President), and Stewart Flaherty (Blendon Township Trustee) for their continued efforts in resolving the issues surrounding this abandoned house.

—Bob Parham, 3574 Manila Drive

In regards to: NO INCREASE

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in regards to my water service with Ohio American Water.

I have had water service with Ohio American Water since July 2007; in the time that I have had water service, I have noticed the extremely high cost of my water bills. I have noticed that what I would pay for 3 months of service while a Columbus resident, I now pay that with only one month of service as a Huber Ridge resident. To top off already paying a ridiculous amount for water service, I received a bill for \$305.96 just for one month of service. When I called Ohio American Water about this extremely high bill, they told me to check and see if I had any water leaks, which I did from my bathroom toilet. The plumber came and made the repairs to correct the problem that cost an additional \$296.00 on top of my water bill. Ohio American Water told me to fax over the invoice showing the repairs for a credit to my bill, which I did. In the end I only received a \$90.00 credit from a \$305.96 bill. YOU GOT TO BE KIDDING ME! \$90.00.

In October 2007, my bill was \$70.50.

In November 2007, my bill was \$114.90.

In December 2007, my bill was \$305.96.

In January 2008, my bill was \$93.81.

In February 2008, my bill was \$93.81.

In March 2008, my bill was \$83.26.

Is it just me, or does something not seem right? And all I get is a \$90.00 credit. So basically Ohio American Water is telling me that for the month of December 2007, my bill was \$215.96. That is still ridiculous.

I love living in Huber Ridge. I love my house. But I will move before I continue to pay high water bills. And Ohio American Water wants to increase the already high cost of water? Ohio Water can keep their water for all that. I deserve a more reasonable credit. Huber Ridge deserves better rates on water.

NO INCREASE! NO INCREASE!

NO INCREASE! NO INCREASE!

—Rachel on Rangoon

[Editor's note: Rachel's last name and house number are withheld by request. In a June 16, 2008, e-mail, Rachel says that she *is* moving.]

New Fence Codes Effective May 1, 2008

Franklin County has recently changed the code for fences. This article will focus on the most notable changes. Details about fence materials, fence upkeep, and swimming pool fence requirements can be found on our website under the "Police and Safety" section of huberridge.org.

In addition to previously established codes, effective May 1, 2008, the following code changes will be enforced:

- ☑ Maximum fence height is now 6 feet. Exceptions would be corner lots, double frontage lots, and fences from the principal structure (e.g., house) to the street. Maximum height for these exceptions is three and one half (3 1/2) feet (42 inches).
- ☑ All fences must be erected with the finished side out, meaning the side of the fence with the posts on it must face the applicant's property.
- ☑ A certificate of zoning compliance will be required to erect and, in some cases, repair and modify an existing fence. The current cost for the zoning compliance is \$75.



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- ☑ Fencing must be properly maintained and in good repair at all times.

Noncompliance will result in potential prosecution.

Mr. Joe Bailey, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Franklin County Economic Development and Planning, said that compliance will keep residents from spending money on a fence that later may need to be torn down or reduced in height if it does not meet code.

Call or e-mail Joe Bailey with your questions or to obtain a certificate of zoning compliance. For the quickest response, e-mail Joe at jbbaily@franklincountyohio.gov. You may call him at (614) 462-3084 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

—Pam Clegg, Block Watch Coordinator

Mulch Odor Concern

On Saturday, May 24, 2008, Marje Obrist and I met with Mr. Marion Black, the Site Supervisor at Kurtz Bros., Inc. Mr. Black gave us a walking tour of the mulch making operations at Kurtz Bros. located at the end of Dempsey Road and Westerville Road. Here's what we found out about our neighbor.

Kurtz Bros. specializes in recycling yard waste. This is a great service for our environment. Instead of having yard waste go to landfills, Kurtz will process yard waste to produce mulch. The motto at Kurtz Bros. is "We make the good earth better!" Kurtz has a yard waste drop-off area where we can bring our yard waste during the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Saturday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Yard waste would include grass clippings, leaves, bushes, branches, trees, and other organic matter. We can put it in recycle yard waste bags but not plastic bags.

There is so much good that comes from recycling yard waste. However, there is one drawback. From time to time, if the wind is blowing toward the east, then we in the Huber Ridge area may get hit with an unpleasant, pungent smell. What we mainly smell is decomposing grass clippings, which are not harmful.

What happens is yard waste is dropped off, gathered, and collected until it becomes a big pile. While the pile is being collected, measures are taken to help lessen the smell by covering the pile with clean yard waste (mostly branches, bushes, trees, and leaves). This will help neutralize the bad smell of decomposing grass clippings.



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When it's time to move the pile or begin the grinding process to make mulch, this is when the unpleasant smell starts. It may take a couple of weeks to move and process a pile of yard waste.

Kurtz has a windsock set up in the drop-off area so they can see the direction that the wind is blowing. If the wind is blowing toward the east, which means toward us in Huber Ridge, then Kurtz will try not to move or grind the pile that day. But, even on days when the wind is not that strong, some of the mulch odor will find its way toward us. This smell will go away after a couple of weeks after the processing is done. On holiday weekends, Kurtz will not process yard waste.

Mr. Black believes in being a good neighbor in our community and is trying to do what he can to address our concern about the mulch odor. If there is a time when the smell is especially bad, please contact me at (614) 901-0070 or (614) 915-8931. I have volunteered to be the point of contact with Mr. Black at Kurtz so we can cooperate together to work through any odor concerns. If anyone in the community has a big outdoor event planned, we can let Kurtz know so they can be aware of this. Also, Mr. Black is willing to let us know when Kurtz is planning to do a big processing job that may

cause some unpleasant smells to come our way. I feel very hopeful that we can work together with Kurtz to control the mulch odor in our community.

—Doug Dapo, Neighbor

Block Watch Program Progresses—But We Need You!

The HRAA Block Watch program currently has 40 residents signed up to be street representatives. They do an outstanding job of reporting issues, communicating with neighbors, helping with *The Herald* delivery, and even circulating petitions when needed. (And with OAWC, it usually is needed!) But 37 streets are without street reps—which means no one has committed to be the link for that street.

Street reps receive the monthly Block Watch report via e-mail and other relevant communications about the neighborhood. The report is also distributed at monthly HRAA meetings and provides information and updates about the following topics: 1) Number of Street Reps; 2) Sex Offenders in the Huber Ridge area and within a one-mile radius of Huber Ridge; 3) Police Activity Reports; 4) School Block Watch; 5) *The Herald*; 6) Internet Safety/Self-Defense; and 7) Beautification/Neighborhood Communication.

A street rep is a positive link to the community. Call me at 891-9176 or e-mail me at blockwatch@huberridge.org if you would like to join us.

—Pam Clegg, Block Watch Coordinator

Gang Awareness Training Worth Attending

A four-hour training session on gang awareness was conducted April 5, 2008, by Deputy Shawn Boyd of the Franklin County Sheriff Department. Approximately 15 residents and 2 members of Faith Covenant Church were introduced to or re-educated about gangs in Franklin County. Sgt. Branch Wayt also attended the training and provided his insight as to how our community is affected.

Each participant received a booklet entitled "Operation: Street Smart for a New A.G.E." (Adult Gang Education). The booklet answers questions such as: Do Gangs Affect Me? Why Am I Here? What Will I Gain From This? It defines, identifies, and categorizes gangs and also shows plenty of pictures of gang signs, symbols, and members. The booklet defines hate groups, satanic culture, and goth culture as well. If you read the headlines of *The Columbus Dispatch*, "Gang Rage" (Sunday, May 25, 2008), then you know that this is a serious issue to consider.

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Block Watch Street Representatives

Area	Street	House	Name(s)	Phone
A	Arnett Ct.	3361	Bill and Gloria Cochenour	882-2639
	Dahlgreen Dr.	3525	Mindy March	523-3184
	Dempsey Rd. (3352-3547)	3473	Era McMahon	891-5312
	Hunt Club Rd., N.	3378	Emily Patterson	899-3742
	Montford Rd., W.	6365	Jeannie and Travis MacKowiak	818-9220
B	Balboa Pl.	3815	Karen Boley	523-3006
	Batavia Rd.	6101	Debb Candow	728-6817
	Paris Bl., N.	6084	Joellen Lugin	882-0030
C	Canberra Ct.	3515	Edwin England	794-3049
	Dakar Rd., E.	5903	George King	
	Paris Blvd. (3370-3496)	3463	Wayne and Jenny Carr	899-7373
	Rangoon Dr.	3510	Lori Mann	882-3795
	Saigon Dr.	3505	Jim and Amber Chill*	882-4220
D	Bangasi Rd.	5971	Paul and Robin Wagner	392-0091
	Bangasi Rd.	5943	Melanie Kopacsi	
	Karikal Dr.	3582	Janet Brown*	882-8684
	Karikal Dr.	3581	Merry Neff	804-7426
	Makassar Dr.	3614	Pam Clegg	891-9176
	Manila Dr. (3477-3551)	3480	Matt and Jackie Shumaker	895-8184
	Buenos Aires North of Paris	5788	Lynn Hays	599-3647
E	Caracas Dr.	3688	Barbara Muldrew	818-2712
	Caracas Dr.	3734	Eric and Carolyn Cordray	882-1310
	Paris Bl. (3625-3695)	3677	Patricia Spencer	895-0845
	Paris Bl., E. (3699-3752)	3723	Dorothy Crawford	882-8243
	Acapulco Pl.	5455	Lou Dunbar	882-0376
F	Copenhagen Dr.	5520	Bill and June Riggs	890-6070
	Madrid Dr. (5519-5610)	5625	Ralph and Judy Barrell	882-5298
	Madrid Dr. (3525-3620)	3599	Kathy Ridgway	899-9690
	Oslo Dr.	5561	Sharon Ricker*	891-1881
	Panama Dr. (3515-3622 West)	3515	Betsy Briggs	203-5404
	Stockholm Rd.	3578	Leslie Jordan	823-6496
	Bashaw Dr.	5680	Cheri Gray	899-0785
G	Bashaw Dr.	5663	Brent Sheffer	818-9324
	Managua Dr.	3668	Andrea Wei	890-8187
	Managua Dr.	3705	Frances Corkrean	890-1825
	Mexico Ave.	3661	Michelle Baum	895-9601
	Natalie Ct.	5652	Amy McCarthy	899-7859
	Santiago Dr.	3686	Daisy White	948-0635
	Spohn Ct. and Dr.	5601	Robin Thomas	891-2722
	Spohn Dr.	5614	Rae Robinson	895-2943

* Area Representative

If your street is not listed, we need you!

E-mail blockwatch@huberridge.org or call 891-9176.

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We offered this training to all residents as part of the Huber Ridge Area Association annual Block Watch training program. Look for more educational opportunities in the future on our website (huberridge.org) or in *The Herald*. Our thanks to Faith Covenant Church for hosting the event, Sgt. Wayt for being so supportive of the community, and Deputy Shawn Boyd for sharing his time and expertise with us.

—Pam Clegg, Block Watch Coordinator

Spring Brings New Neighbors to the Area

New neighbors, welcome! Hopefully, you've received your welcome letter from our committee and are able to visit a Welcome Reception held monthly just before our association meeting at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month (second Thursday in July) at the Blendon Township Senior Center. We'd love to meet you and give you a little gift from the Huber Ridge Area Association to welcome you to the area. Anyone who has not yet come to get his or her welcome bag can attend any of the receptions regardless of when you purchased your home here.

The following listing of Huber Ridge area new home sales was graciously provided by CompuName LLC (compuname.com or 891-7373):

February Sales (from February 15, 2008, through the end of the month):

Kevin L. Decker and Katie L. Dunning, 3682 Panama Dr.
Amanda K. Trzcinski, 6289 Fox Run Ct.
Gregory L. and Steven A. Sweptson, 3365 Hunt Club Rd., N.

March Sales:

GMAC Mortgage LLC, 5655 Natalie Ct., N.
Michael A. and Sara Rae Mara, 5816 Buenos Aires Blvd.
Joseph M. and Danielle N. Henderson, 3498 Karikal Dr.
Ryan J. Gibson, 3528 Stockholm Rd.

April Sales:

Mark Murphy and Lisa West, 5862 Montevideo Rd.
Elsie M. Johnson, 3433 Dahlgreen Dr.
US Bank, NA, 3700 Managua Dr.
US Bank, NA, 5614 Santiago Dr.
Rescued Homes, 5750 Montevideo Rd.

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May Sales (through May 16, 2008, only):

Robert E. and Jewel D. Caughron, III, 3515 Dempsey Rd.
Jason P. and Polly J. Gerhandstein, 3519 Karikal Dr.
Melanie L. Dille, 3564 Stockholm Rd.
Bradley W. and Clair L. Turk, 3680 Bader Ct.
Donald G. and Jonathan Howard, 5614 Santiago Dr.
Sarena H. Allaby, 3617 Karikal Dr.

The Welcome Committee in conjunction with the HRAA would like to recognize and thank the generosity of our local area merchants who have contributed contents to our Welcome Bags. Please be sure to patronize our local area merchants! They are Avon (Dana King, Representative), Buckeye Corner, Carsonie's, China House Restaurant, Franklin County Board of Elections, Hollywood Studio Theatre, Home Depot, Lifestyle Family Fitness, "Love Your Pet" Grooming Shop, Mary Kay (Barbara Muldrew, Consultant), Mini Storage, Monroe Brakes and Tires, Nail-A-Dumper.com, Joy Neff, Ohio State School of Cosmetology, Rub-a-Dub Pet Salon, Saturday's, Smackie's, Subway, Sunbury Plaza Dental, USPS, Varmint Guard, Vineyard Church, and Waffle House. The HRAA also contributes materials to the

bags: a FREE introductory membership to the Association (\$15 value), back issues of *The Herald*, a list of important phone numbers, a welcome letter, and a bookmark.

If you are a local area merchant and are interested in contributing something to be included in the Welcome Bag, please contact Carolyn Cordray at welcome@huberridge.org. New neighbors, don't miss out on the wonderful offers and items we have to welcome you to the neighborhood! Attend the next Welcome Reception on July 10 at 6 p.m. at the Blendon Township Senior Center or e-mail welcome@huberridge.org for details.

—Carolyn Cordray, Welcome Committee Coordinator

Lori Mann Receives the Cross and Flame Award

Huber Ridge resident Lori Mann received the prestigious Cross and Flame Award at the Church of the Messiah on April 30. The Office of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting of the General Commission on United Methodist Men and the National Association of United Methodist Scouters (NAUMS) gives this award to recognize men and women who give "unusual amounts of time and energy in dedicated service with children and youth."

Lori has served Troop 560 in many capacities including Troop Chaplain and Chartered Organization Representative and is committed to the relationship between her church, the Boy Scouts of America, and our earth—as evidenced by her leadership in the Ridgewood Park Cleanup.

Lori says,

I spend my "free" time doing Scouting and volunteering for our community because I know that it needs to be done. I owe it to those who gave their free time before me. And it's the right thing to do. The Troop is my second family. I consider them "my boys." Teaching them how to be good citizens is my way of helping the world.

Congratulations and thank you, Lori Mann!

—Marje Obrist, Newsletter Editor

Names of Our Community's Armed Forces Members Are Sought

This year, as in years past, I attended Blendon Township's Memorial Day ceremony at 11 a.m. at Blendon Central Cemetery. Blendon Township puts together a great ceremony on a day set aside to remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice of life and the men and women who have served and currently serve in our armed forces.

As a nation, we have set aside one day a year; and, as a township, we have set aside 30 minutes to remember and honor those who have given us the freedoms we have

become accustomed to daily. As a community, I think we need to honor those who have served and are serving our country. I would like to list the names of our community's men and women who are serving, who have served, and/or who gave their lives for our country.

To honor these individuals, please e-mail or mail me (see page 1) their names and information to be posted on our website. This posting will be on our website 365 days a year and will be changed as needed.

Many thanks to those who have served or are serving and who have afforded me the freedoms I enjoy today.

—James Welch, President

June 28—First Annual Huber Ridge Bloms Gets Green Thumbs Up

Huber Ridge Bloms 2008 was our first endeavor as an association to offer a garden show and contest to Huber Ridge residents. We chose to consider all types of gardens just to give our gardeners an opportunity to shine. Additionally, our goal was to promote beautification of the neighborhood.

For this first year, the HRAA Executive Committee decided to entice and reward gardeners with cash prizes. Our thanks to Blendon Township Trustee Stewart Flaherty, who generously donated two Home Depot gift cards.

Look for pictures of gardens in the autumn issue of *The Herald* and possibly on our website, huberridge.org. We also anticipate media coverage of the event. You may find articles in the local newspapers—*ThisWeek Community Newspapers Westerville* or the *Westerville Suburban News*.

Our sincere thanks to the gardeners who signed up to be a part of this event. You were excited, you worked hard, and we look forward to enjoying your gardens the rest of the season. We also thank those gardeners who may have missed signing up this year but do a great job of beautifying the neighborhood year after year.

June 14 was the entry deadline. To date, we have 14 competitive entries and some very excited gardeners. Committee members Pam Clegg, Carolyn Cordray, and Marje Obrist will judge gardens Saturday, June 28. Winners will be notified, awarded prizes, and listed on the website June 29.

Tour the following Huber Ridge Bloms Gardens June 28 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.:

Area A

Al and Lanita Davis, 3547 Dempsey Road; Roger and Darlene Hambel, 3374 Dempsey Road; Kristin Kelley, 6360 Arnett Road; Fred and Adeline Odrumsky, 3331 Vickers Drive

Area B

Brian and Jaclyn Davis, 3636 Bolamo Drive

Area C

Matt and Jennie Dapore, 3495 Rangoon Drive

Area F

Christopher McCoy, 3660 East Dublin-Granville Road; Sharon Ricker, 5561 Oslo Drive; Chris Takacs, 5556 Madrid Drive; James Welch, 5460 Acapulco Place; Almina Wiebell, 5519 Oslo Drive

Area G

Fran and Pat Corkrean, 3705 Managua Drive

—Pam Clegg, Huber Ridge Bloms Coordinator

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Friday night movies suitable for families with young children; Saturday night movies suited for families with older children and adults.

Contact the church for more movie information

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Plan for some fun on Monday, September 1, from 10 a.m. to noon by taking part in the second annual HRAA Labor Day Bike Parade! It's open to all ages. Paraders can ride bikes, skateboards, scooters, tricycles, strollers, or inline skates; or they can just walk their dogs. As before, the parade route will start at Huber Ridge Elementary School, go along Buenos Aires, and end at Ridgewood Park where there will be cool refreshments for everyone. This year, we'd like to offer field games at the Park to extend some of the holiday fun.

With this event, we are looking for one or two school-age residents to help with the planning and orchestrating of the event. The HRAA would like to provide this opportunity for a few of our neighborhood students to earn community service credit by helping with the parade. If you are such a student with interest in this kind of service opportunity, e-mail Carolyn Cordray at welcome@huberridge.org.

Watch for further details on the HRAA website (huberridge.org) and in the neighborhood kiosks as the date of the parade gets closer. Mark your calendars now!

—Carolyn Cordray, Labor Day Parade Coordinator

Ridgewood Park Cleanup, April 19, 2008

Thanks to all who helped make the sixth annual park cleanup a resounding success again this year. There were approximately 75 neighbors who helped this time. This number included Junior Girl Scout Troop 1870 and Brownie Troop 1704 as well as Cub Scout Packs 35 and 770 from Huber Ridge Elementary School and Boy Scout Troop 560. What started as a service project for the Boy Scouts has turned into a wonderful community event!

Results of this year's cleanup show what teamwork will accomplish!

- ✂ The shelter house is repainted—this time with a red-brown.
- ✂ The volleyball court is cleaned up.
- ✂ The west loop was completely mulched, and more of the east loop was done this year.
- ✂ Tom Burke and James Welch rebuilt the kiosks that house our information signs, which were in need of repair.

Township Trustee Stewart Flaherty spent part of the day working with us spreading mulch, discovering the spring wildflowers, and witnessing all the community has to offer.

Thanks to the Blendon Township Trustees and the Huber Ridge Area Association for furnishing all the food for the day. Donuts and coffee were bought at Tim Horton's on South State Street at a discounted price.

We appreciate the support of the Trustees, who have been kind enough to furnish the supplies we need every year. This is our neighborhood and our park. Help us keep the park a fun, clean place to play.

Thanks again. See you next year!

—Lori Mann, Ridgewood Park Cleanup Coordinator



*Ridgewood Park
Cleanup Day
Volunteers*



Third Annual HRAA Plant Swap Rooted in Tradition

Mother's Day weekend has become traditionally also known for the HRAA Annual Plant Swap, and this year was no exception. Held Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to noon in Ridgewood Park, this year's event yielded the highest attendance to date.

Participants brought a very nice variety of plants to share with neighbors including coral bells, columbine, daffodil bulbs, ornamental grasses, daisies, and chocolate mint to name just a few. Most plants were indeed swapped among those who came by; however, there were just a few plants without new homes to go to so those plants were placed in the flowerbeds at the entrance of the park and along the sides of the steps coming down to the playground from Buenos Aires.

If you weren't able to make this year's swap, keep it in mind for next year. It's an event that just seems to keep getting better and better. All we need to make it great again next year is YOU!

—Carolyn Cordray, Plant Swap Coordinator

From the Desk of Your HRAA President, James Welch

Hats Off ...

to the residents of Huber Ridge who have made the Huber Ridge Area Association and the community what it is today!

Since the HRAA's reestablishment in October 2005, numerous residents have come forward and taken leading roles in executive positions, led community events, and participated in events that have benefited this community. Often these individuals go unrecognized. They are without any compensation or benefits except the reward of helping the residents of the Huber Ridge area, our community. To all of you, thank you!

Your association has grown since 2005. Our website first averaged 400 hits a month and now averages 3,146 hits a month in 2008. The number of community events and participation has more than doubled.

Membership and feedback are the biggest keys needed to succeed. Without funds to pay for these events and feedback from our community's residents, we won't succeed. Human



*Brian and Jaclyn Davis
at Plant Swap*

nature dictates that compliments are received well and criticism not so well, but we need both to make sure your HRAA is heading in the right direction.

Your HRAA provides a quarterly newsletter to 1,623 homes in our community and maintains an up-to-date website. Both offer news of the community. Our newsletter, *The Herald*, lists the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses for the current Executive Committee and now offers a "Letters to the Editor" section for input. Our website, huberridge.org, offers the same information plus a discussion area. We also have a monthly meeting the first Thursday of every month (the *second* Thursday this July) at our Blendon Township Senior Center at 6:30 p.m. The future of your association and the community does rely on the residents. You can and do make a difference.

Your HRAA has made numerous strides since October 2005. The past and present Executive Committees, event volunteers, participants, sponsors, advertisers, and members are to be credited for this. My hat goes off to all of you! Thank you!

—James Welch, President

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Those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer!

As we move into the summer months, our families will be spending more time outdoors engaging in lots of fun and invigorating activities. These activities often include our pets; and, as a result, the risk of accidents and injury increases. It is important to be prepared to handle minor emergencies and to be able to administer basic first aid to our furry family members. In order to be ready for most common injuries and events, I suggest that pet owners develop a readiness plan that includes putting together a first-aid kit and a list of helpful phone numbers to call in the event of an emergency.

The First-Aid Kit

First aid is the care that you can immediately provide in the event your pet suddenly becomes injured or ill. It is helpful to assemble a first-aid kit which will allow you to respond quickly and appropriately to many situations. It's a good idea to make it portable so that you can take it along on vacation. Here are items that I consider to be essential:

- ❧ 1-inch and 2-inch adhesive tape
- ❧ 2-inch roll of gauze—can be used to form a muzzle
- ❧ Newspaper—to provide an absorbent surface
- ❧ Rectal thermometer—normal body temperatures in dogs and cats are 99.5 to 102° F.
- ❧ Povidone iodine or chlorhexidine—antiseptics
- ❧ Eye wash—you can use saline solution in a squirt bottle
- ❧ 2-inch and 4-inch gauze—for bandaging
- ❧ 3-x-3 or 4-x-4 gauze squares—for bandaging
- ❧ Scissors
- ❧ Cotton balls
- ❧ Blanket with a heat pack—this can be a heating pad or a microwavable pad
- ❧ Flat transport surface—a board sized for your pet is good
- ❧ Plastic food wrap—can be used to protect a wounded area after cleansing
- ❧ Vaseline or K-Y jelly

- ❧ Ice pack
- ❧ Activated charcoal—only to be used under advice of a veterinary professional in the event of specific poisonings
- ❧ Tweezers
- ❧ Bulb syringe
- ❧ Pepto-Bismol, Benadryl, Bonine, Phazyme—products to have available to use AFTER consulting with a veterinary professional

Readiness Phone Numbers

Keep these near your phone and update as needed:

- ❧ Your regular veterinarian's phone number
- ❧ Your nearest 24-hour veterinary emergency facility—in our area, this is MedVet, 300 East Wilson Bridge Road, Worthington, OH 43085, phone: (614) 846-5800 or (800) 891-9010, fax: (614) 846-5803
- ❧ National poison control centers that specifically handle veterinary cases: University of Illinois, (900) 680-0000 (there is a service charge) or Oklahoma City Poison Control Center (405) 217-5454

General Directions for First Aid

There are many different circumstances that can make it necessary to administer first aid. The process begins with a quick assessment of the scene. Look for others who can assist you and have them call your veterinarian. Make sure you can get to your pet safely and take steps to prevent further injury to your pet and to yourself. Dogs especially may be inclined to bite when in pain or frightened. If your pet seems likely to bite, you may gently cover the head with a blanket so he/she cannot see. If the animal is not having difficulty breathing and is not vomiting, you may elect to form a muzzle from available materials such as gauze or a belt. Wrap the muzzle over the bony part of the nose to avoid interfering with breathing. If using gauze, wrap it two or three times around the muzzle and then tie behind the ears. If your pet must be moved, as in the case of being hit by a car, look for evidence of head or spinal injury and carefully transfer him/her using a flat surface like a board rather than trying to carry him.

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An observant and well-informed owner can make a very quick assessment and examination of the pet and gain immediate information as to the animal's level of consciousness, the ability to breathe, and presence of a pulse. This information should be given to your veterinary professional over the phone as well as a short description of what has happened. Make sure you include your name and phone number and don't hang up until you clearly understand the instructions you are given!

Hopefully you will not need to use this information, but it's nice to know you have the supplies and phone numbers all set and ready in case you do!

—Wendy McCullen Vermillion, DVM

Huber Ridge History

[Editor's Note: This article is the second in a series of articles written by Huber Ridge's long-time resident and unofficial historian, Almina Wiebell.]

Huber Ridge School

Huber Ridge, being a very prolific neighborhood originally, met the needs of teaching the "3 R's" in the

proverbial "little red school house"—in fact, six of them all located on Cairo Road. These were temporary units provided by Huber Homes, Inc.

Mr. Stanley Bahorek, Jr., father of two children and formerly of the Liberty Union School, began his duties as Principal in September of 1962 in three of these units with four teachers and 125 students, accommodating kindergarten and first, second, and fourth grades. Hanby School housed third grade. The Minerva Park Elementary School, located on Cleveland Avenue at the time, also housed some of the students.

In 1963, an additional three homes, also on Cairo Road, served 327 students from kindergarten to sixth grade with 11 teachers. In 1964, Huber Ridge School was completed and opened its doors to 478 students and 15 teachers. However, it was still necessary to use two of the original temporary homes to accommodate all the students.

Finally in September 1967, an addition to the school was completed with 586 students and 20 teachers. Cafeteria service began in January 1968.

By March 1970, 677 students from Huber Ridge,

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Glengary, Fox Chase, and Hunt Club attended the school from kindergarten to fourth grade. Fifth and sixth grades had to be dropped because the school was “bursting at the seams.”

Today, Huber Ridge School accommodates 542 students and includes fifth grade. There are four classes for each grade and 50 teachers including teachers’ aides. The school has had nine principals. Presently, Barbara Wallace serves as Principal; and Andrew Heck, as Vice Principal.



Huber Homes on Cairo Used as Classrooms Before School Was Completed



Huber Ridge School



Location of Minerva Park Elementary School on Cleveland Avenue Used for Some Huber Ridge Students in 1961

Huber Ridge PTA

From the mid-60s to mid-70s, we had a very active PTA with anywhere from 400 to 500 members. The PTA was responsible for the HUBEREE, the main money maker; initiated the Block Parent Program in 1970, the PTA Safety Committee responsible for Safety Patrol, the traffic lights at Paris and Buenos Aires and Cairo and Dempsey, adult classes in first aid, and the Teacher Assistant Program in 1972 followed by the Library Assistant Program; and actively worked for the Recreation Program at Blendon Township Park, currently known as Ridgewood Park.

Huber Ridge Civic Association

The Huber Ridge Civic Association began in the early 1960s—prompted by the water problems.

We published a newsletter called the *Ridgerunner*.

Compliments of the Westerville Area Civitan, we even had our own telephone directory.

We had a number of presidents. Among them were Larry Goodrich, Gil Robinson, Dick Field, and Tom Wiebell. In 1971 under the leadership of Tom Wiebell, a new constitution and bylaws were written to include not only Huber Ridge but also Glengary, Fox Chase, and Hunt Club. The name of the association became Ridgewood Civic Association.

The Association had a booth at the Westerville Fair for quite some time; it was the main money maker. They assisted Huber Ridge PTA with Safety Patrol and upkeep and equipment for Ridgewood Park.

Because of the dedication of the officers and committees, by 1972 we had the most successful membership drive—totaling 950 memberships!!! As a “thank you,” Jack Reall, Social Program Chairman, put together an evening for couples in April 1972; it was held at the Westerville Armory!

Huber Ridge Area Association

Approximately 2½ years ago, this association was revived and is presently known as the Huber Ridge Area Association. A quarterly newsletter entitled *The Herald* is published.

The main reason for reviving the Association was to reinstate what was once called the “Block Parent Program” and is now called the “Block Watch Program.”

In addition, the Huber Ridge Area Association sponsors:

- ☆ Community Garage Sale
- ☆ Annual Clothing Drive
- ☆ Halloween Haunted Park
- ☆ Repainting of Huber Ridge signs
- ☆ Continuous cleanup and maintenance of Ridgewood Park with the help of Junior Girl Scout Troop 1870; Brownie Troop 1704, and Boy Scout Troop 560
- ☆ Putting plants and mulch in Ridgewood Park

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- ☆ Labor Day Parade
- ☆ Last, but not least, working on the recurring water problems throughout the area and trying to lower the costs to the residents

Many thanks and recognition to President Jim Welch, who has contributed much time and effort to this endeavor!

There are presently 128 household members. We urge all residents to give our association their support by becoming members! It doesn't matter if you own or rent. You are part of the community and can benefit from the programs and efforts made by the Association in your behalf.

—Almina Wiebel, Neighbor

New Electrical Code Effective January 2008—Will Change Again October 2008

Prevent Fires with Combination Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters (AFCI)

When the Clegg household bedroom project started in May 2007, we did not get final approval from Franklin County in May 2008 because we did not have AFCI circuit breakers in our electrical box. We were surprised when we learned this, so we had to get a quick education on them. The most shocking education occurred when my husband priced them. Regular circuit breakers are approximately \$3.50 each. AFCIs are approximately \$37.50 each.

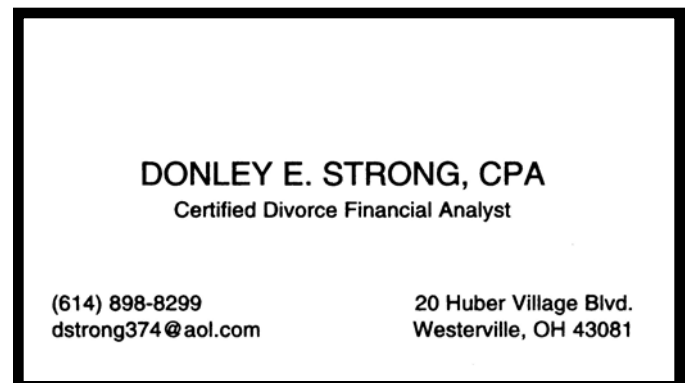
Beginning January 2008, according to the National Electrical Code (NEC), only *combination* type AFCIs will meet the code. They must be installed in all 15 and 20 amp residential circuits. This type of AFCI circuit breaker is designed to prevent fires by detecting non-working electrical arcs and disconnecting power before the arc starts a fire. Electronics inside combination type AFCIs detect sudden bursts of electrical current in milliseconds—much quicker than a standard circuit breaker or fuse would trip. AFCIs resemble a Ground-Fault Circuit Interrupt (GFCI) in that they both have a test button. They differ in that GFCIs protect against shock; AFCIs protect against fire.

While combination-type AFCIs are required for all bedroom outlets, the code currently excludes laundries, kitchens, bathrooms, garages, and unfinished basements. According to Mike Kelleher of Franklin County Economic Development and Planning, however, the code will change again in October 2008 to include all circuits. Mr. Kelleher said that Governor Stickland put a stay on the new code that would have included all circuits. The stay was due to cost

hardships on builders. In October 2008, the new code will be in effect for all circuits.

You do not have to upgrade your circuit breaker box to meet the code if you are not working on a building project. Not many are likely to be affected by this new code at present; but considering the benefits, it could be something to consider as a future budget item, especially for bedrooms, in order to be safe.

—Pam Clegg, Block Watch Coordinator



Editorial Guidelines for the Publication of THE HERALD Purpose

The Herald is published quarterly by the Huber Ridge Area Association (HRAA) for the purpose of informing the members and potential members of the Huber Ridge Area Association of the activities, concerns, and achievements of the HRAA. The HRAA Executive Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving the content of this newsletter.

Advertising Rates

Advertising rates are as follows:

- \$25 per issue for a business-card (3.5 x 2 inches) ad
- \$65 per issue for a quarter-page (3.75 x 5 inches) ad
- \$125 per issue for a half-page (7.5 x 5 inches) ad
- \$225 per issue for a full-page (7.5 x 10 inches) ad

Are YOU Willing to Join HRAA in 2008?

The **HUBER RIDGE AREA ASSOCIATION** represents the interests of Blendon Township residents and merchants who are generally located in the area surrounded by I-270, Route 161, and Route 3 (Westerville Road) plus Batavia Road and Court and Bader Road and Court.

Membership is open to any adult who resides within, owns real property within, or operates a business physically located within the Association boundaries. This includes adults who reside in neighborhoods adjacent to our boundaries but not within the boundaries of another neighborhood citizens' or civic association. An adult is any person who has attained the age of 18.

Only members in good standing are eligible to participate in business meetings, to vote, or to serve in any of the elected or appointed positions. A member in good standing includes any member who is current in his or her annual Association dues and has agreed to abide by the Bylaws as they are now or may be amended in the future. A member in good standing who is an absentee owner of real property or a business entity is allowed one (1) vote in any matter before the Association membership.

Dues are set for households and businesses, not individuals. One payment covers all members of a household including their minors. The minors shall enjoy all of the privileges of membership including service on committees and participation in activities but cannot vote. **The current dues amount is \$15, which covers the 12-month period through the end of the anniversary month and is non-refundable.**

—Eric Cordray, Treasurer

HUBER RIDGE AREA ASSOCIATION 2008 MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Application deems agreement by each person to abide by the Bylaws now or as amended.)

(Names of Adults)

(E-mail Addresses: Please indicate the e-mail address for each adult in the household.)

(Street Address)

(Phone)

2008 membership dues are Fifteen Dollars (\$15) per household. Dues may be paid at any meeting or mailed to the Treasurer, **Eric Cordray, 3734 Caracas Drive, Westerville, OH 43081.** Please make checks payable to the Huber Ridge Area Association.

Please indicate if you would be willing to participate in any of the following activities:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Block Watch Street Rep | <input type="checkbox"/> National Night Out | <input type="checkbox"/> Ridgewood Park Cleanup Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HRAA Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Writer/Photographer | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizens Assistance |
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**June 28-29
July 10**

**Huber Ridge Blooms Garden Show/Contest
HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Township Senior Center at 6:30 p.m. **NOTE**
CHANGE OF DATE!**

**July 12
August 5
August 7**

**Community Garage Sale from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
National Night Out
HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Township Senior Center at 6:30 p.m. **SPEAKER**
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**September 1
September 4**

**Huber Ridge Labor Day Parade at 10 a.m.
HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Township Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.**

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