



## Calling All Gardeners to Sign Up for Huber Ridge Blooms 2009 by July 3

Huber Ridge Blooms is a garden show and contest intended to foster beautification, community, and fun for our neighborhood while cultivating the joys and benefits of gardening. We plan to hold this event Saturday, July 18, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. You may enter this contest competitively or non-competitively.

Competitive entries will be judged by three committee judges—Pam Clegg, Jaclyn DeCoursey, and Sharon Ricker—the week prior to the event; judges will decide first, second, and third place winners. Competitive entries are eligible for cash and gift card prizes. Prizes are

- ☼ First Place—\$100 gift card to a local home improvement store (donated by Blendon Township Trustee and Honorary Chairman Stewart Flaherty)
- ☼ Second Place—\$50 gift card to Oakland Nursery (donated by Sharon Ricker, Blooms judge)
- ☼ Third Place—\$35 donated by your HRAA
- ☼ New this year—a Visitors' Choice Award—decided by those who tour gardens on July 18. The winner of the Visitors' Choice Award will receive \$25, courtesy of your HRAA. As visitors tour gardens on July 18, they will have the opportunity to vote at each competing address.

Not interested in competing? Just want to be part of the tour without the judging? No problem. Non-competitive entries will be accepted and included in the tour and fun as well. It is your choice. We welcome ALL entries and all garden types. **No garden in Huber Ridge is excluded from this event.**

*"It was a lot of work,"* one person said. As I cultivate and plant, the transformation of my flower beds to color and beauty result in immediate gratification. Yes, gardening is a lot

of work; but if you are doing it anyway, why not get the extra reward for doing so? In addition to your own satisfaction, is there not the intangible reward of the expressed appreciation from those who visit your garden?

Last year we had 14 entries, which translated into 14 "winners" who worked very hard. This year we have no entries as of this writing. I hope by the time you read this there are at least 14 entries listed on our website, [huberridge.org](http://huberridge.org). As I drive around the community, I see many beautiful flowers and yards. You are already doing the work. Why not be recognized for it?

Need more information? Ready to sign up? Hurry! Time is running out. Call Pam Clegg at 891-9176 or e-mail her at [blockwatch@huberridge.org](mailto:blockwatch@huberridge.org).

—Pam Clegg, Huber Ridge Blooms Coordinator

## Attend the HRAA- Sponsored Trustee Candidates Q & A

Who: Residents and Trustee Candidates

What: Blendon Township Trustee Candidates Q & A

When: September 22, 2009, at 6 p.m.

Where: Faith Covenant Church, 3607 Dempsey Road

All residents and Trustee candidates should plan now to attend the September 22, 2009, question-and-answer session sponsored by your HRAA. Residents, this is your opportunity to be an informed voter and become acquainted with the persons seeking to govern our community. Trustee candidates, this is your opportunity to tell us why we should vote for you and to communicate your platform.

Mrs. Carolyn Cordray will be our moderator. Like the last Q & A, residents may ask their own questions if they choose to do so. Each candidate will have 1½ minutes to answer each question. The questioning order will be rotated.

There will be two Trustee positions to fill this fall. The office of trustee is an important office to Township residents for many reasons. Their decisions affect our quality of life, and they make important decisions at each Trustee meeting. Residents are urged to take an active interest in our

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community and attend this very important event.

ALL BLENDON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

Questions? Contact Pam Clegg, blockwatch@huberridge.org or 891-9176.

—Pam Clegg, Block Watch Coordinator

## Household Member of the Quarter

We are proud to introduce to you our first Honored Family, Ralph and Judith Barrell; Brady, a Corgi; and Callie, a Calico! They are proud to call 5625 Madrid their home.

In October of 1979, Ralph was transferred to Columbus from Findlay where he, Judith, and five of their seven children were living. Ralph was the Central Office foreman with what was then ATT in Findlay and transferred to the Central Office Electronic Switching Systems Assistance Center in Columbus. I could see in their eyes the lingering sadness they felt as they left their two grown children in Findlay. Although they first considered living in Little Turtle, they were captured by this home and its backyard setting.

Ralph is a veteran of the Korean War with Heavy Antiaircraft Remote Control Systems training. Thank you, Ralph, for the time you gave for our country.

When I asked Judith what she enjoys most, she smiled and, with a sparkle in her eye, she said, “making children happy.” I’m sure her children can confirm that! And for years she and Ralph added to the joy of the neighborhood children’s Christmas by proving there is a Santa! The neighbors still know them as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. They haven’t stopped! As the years have moved on, they have become the grandparents of 22 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren! But Judith had four siblings and Ralph had five, so both are most comfortable in a house full of children.

Commenting on the “House Divided” flag outside our home, Ralph revealed that his parents, too, were a house divided—his father was from Michigan and his mother, from Findlay (in case you may not know, that is OHIO).

Recently they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, and every one of their family members came from California, Florida, Arizona, West Virginia, and Ohio to join in the celebration. What a wondrous event!

Surely by now, you recognize their home and remember they won 3rd prize in the Huber Ridge Bloms contest. Now we know that Judith’s nursery skills (I mean flowers here) came from her parents, who owned the Day’s Nursery in Findlay. They are used to people stopping to look at their beautiful home and flowering landscape and even saying a word or two. But the most surprising was the man who slowly drove by and expressed how glad he was they were taking

such good care of “his” house. He was the previous owner!

Just as a little tidbit, Judith delivered *The Dispatch* in the Ridge for several years. Ralph currently works part time at Wendy’s in Gahanna; and, while she didn’t tell me this, I’m sure Judith is at home baking cookies.

Oh, I wish I could share all Judith and Ralph allowed me to know about their 30 years in the Ridge, but the Editor frowns on 5-page articles! It’s seldom you meet a couple who both exemplify the term “genteel,” but the Barrells do just that! It was such a pleasure to be allowed to talk with them.

Thank you and congratulations on being our *first* Household Member of the Quarter!

—Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator

## Membership News

New members are coming on the Association bandwagon at an astounding rate! When the last *Herald* was printed just 3 months ago, there were 79 household members; and 15 of those were new households. The “new” is defined by those who were not members in 2008. My recruitment effort was on those who were members a year ago and not yet current. That worked! Today there are 115 household members, 23 of whom are new! Seven of those came in at Ridge-a-Palooza!

Frequently I ask why residents join the Huber Ridge Area Association, and I hear primarily that they want to support

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July 10

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Aug. 21

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the work of the Association; but then others say they value the feeling of being part of the community activities. Many feel they don't have the time to give to volunteer but can do a particular "job." Everyone knows that he/she does not need to be a member to enjoy most of the activities of the Ridge. Most are free, but membership does go beyond that. Those who are members feel more comfortable being involved in the meetings and sharing in the discussions—a little like being on the "inside." So let me just list the things members feel are membership benefits:

- ✓ It's being in on what's being planned, whether by the Association or the whole Township.
- ✓ It's being able to voice their concerns with a group of neighbors who understand and care about the Ridge.
- ✓ It's hearing the concerns of others and how maybe just a phone call from them would help "push" an issue.
- ✓ It's getting the behind-the-scenes story of why certain efforts are moving or stalled.
- ✓ It's learning about the plans and efforts of Bryan Rhoads, Director of Code Enforcement for Blendon Township.
- ✓ It's learning about the plans and efforts of the Land Use Committee.

Come, join us, and learn why your neighbors value their membership. Remember that joining the Association is not a long-term contract! If you don't feel better about being a member and that your 29 cents a week is worth it, you don't need to renew. This will still be "... your community and (we will still believe) you can and do make a difference."\*

\*James Welch, President, HRAA (paraphrased)

—Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator

## Welcome Our Veterans Home!

We all know one or more veterans, or at least I hope we do. Having a veteran in our lives is a wonderful thing. It gives us an interesting viewpoint on our nation's conflicts; it also gives us a look into a world we as civilians just can't quite get.

In years past, people used to send letters to servicemen and women and care packages of simple items from the home; nowadays it's e-mails, videos, and phone calls. Upon returning home, the veteran should run into a huge crowd holding signs and making a welcome home ruckus and yellow ribbons on trees and all—to let them know they were never forgotten and were missed completely.

So when we have neighbors that have returning vets or family vets, remember to go that little extra step. Trust me; they will remember it for life, and it's a simple way to say thanks for coming home and thanks for all you've done and lost in battle.

Thanks for listening!

—Tom Burke, Vice President

## Congratulations, Huber Ridge Graduates!

In an effort to recognize the accomplishments of our residents, your HRAA asked you to tell us the name; school; and, if applicable, the degree of your graduate. This list is larger than last year's, but we know there were more. (While on a walk close to home, I saw a few large congratulatory signs in yards!) Watch for the opportunity to list your graduate(s) next year.

- ▶ Lauren Carney from Metropolitan State College of Denver, B.S. in Recreational Therapy/Child Life Studies, May 17.
- ▶ Amber Chill from The Ohio State University, B.S. in Agriculture, December 2008.
- ▶ Shannon Cunningham from the College of Veterinary Medicine at The Ohio State University, June 13.
- ▶ Erica Dye from Westerville Central High School, June 6.
- ▶ Peter Fredrickson from Westerville Central High School, June 6.

Your HRAA wishes you success in all your endeavors!

—Pam Clegg, Block Watch Coordinator

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	Dahlgreen Dr.	3525	Mindy March	523-3184
	Dempsey Rd. (3352-3395)	3360	Chuck Marlow	895-3225
	Dempsey Rd. (3399-3458)	3403	Anita Heppner	307-4998
	Dempsey Rd. (3462-3547)	3473	Era McMahon	891-5312
	Hunt Club Rd., N.	3378	Emily Patterson	899-3742
	Montford Rd., N.	3390	Damien Brandon	905-9576
	Montford Rd., W.	6365	Travis and Jeannie Mackowiak	818-9220
B	Vickers Dr.	3374	Jennifer Newton	634-1473
	Balboa Ct.	3744	Sheldon Schoen	882-9603
	Balboa Pl.	3815	Karen Boley	523-3006
	Batavia Rd.	6101	Debb Candow	644-9849
	Bolamo Dr.	3636	Jaclyn DeCoursey	557-3407
	Paris Bl., N.	6084	Joellen Lugin	882-0030
	Brazzaville Rd.	3484	Tiffany and Jubal Wagner	794-3780
	Canberra Ct.	3515	Edwin England	794-3049
C	Dakar Rd., E.	5903	George King	
	Paris Blvd. (3370-3496)	3463	Wayne and Jenny Carr	899-7373
	Rangoon Dr.	3510	Byron and Lori Mann	882-3795
	Saigon Dr.	3505	Jim and Amber Chill*	882-4220
	Bangasi Rd.	5971	Paul and Robin Wagner	392-0091
	Bangasi Rd.	5943	Melanie Kopacsi	
	Karikal Dr.	3575	Anna Grant	891-1562
	Karikal Dr.	3582	Janet Brown*	882-8684
D	Makassar Dr.	3614	Pam Clegg	891-9176
	Manila Dr. (3477-3551)	3480	Matt and Jackie Shumaker	895-8184
	Buenos Aires (North of Paris 5720-5845)	5788	Lynn Hays	599-3647
	Caracas Dr.	3688	Barbara Muldrew	818-2712
	Caracas Dr.	3734	Eric and Carolyn Cordray	882-1310
	Montevideo Dr. (North of Caracas)	5785	Erika and Michael Schlaegel	948-5294
	Panama Dr. (3640-3744 East)	3658	Kathie Butler	794-1815
	Paris Bl. (3625-3698)	3677	Patricia Spencer	895-0845
E	Paris Bl., E. (3699-3752)	3723	Dorothy Crawford	882-8243
	Varadero Dr.	5784	Beth and Jeff Ralph	891-3905
	Varadero Dr.	5865	Trisha and Ed Purcell	581-0923
	Acapulco Pl.	5455	Lou Dunbar	882-0376
	Buenos Aires (South of Paris 5398-5701)	5529	John Harris	946-2091
	Copenhagen Dr.	5520	Bill and June Riggs	890-6070
	Copenhagen Dr.	5584	Richard Rathkopf	776-1230
	Madrid Dr. (5519-5645)	5625	Ralph and Judy Barrell	882-5298
F	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
	Bashaw Dr.	5663	Brent Sheffer	818-9324
	Managua Dr.	3668	Andrea Wei	890-8187
	Managua Dr.	3705	Frances Corkrean	890-1825
G	Mexico Ave.	3661	Michelle Baum	895-9601
	Montevideo Dr. (South of Caracas)	5598	Jonathan and Megan Howard	302-4990
	Natalie Ct.	5652	Amy McCarthy	899-7859
	Natalie Ct.	5664	Christie Walker	392-0468
	Santiago Dr.	3686	Daisy and Kenny White	948-0635
	Spohn Ct. and Dr.	5601	Robin Thomas	891-2722
	Spohn Dr.	5614	Raelena Robinson	895-2943
	Blendon Square Apartments		Nick Sabo	

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## Sunbury Plaza Dental

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## Sunbury Plaza Dental

I am beginning to realize that we in the Blendon Township area have many wonderful businesses that offer great products and services. For this edition of *The Herald*, I am pleased to report on Sunbury Plaza Dental located at 6025 South Sunbury Road in Westerville. I had the opportunity to interview dentist Dr. Beth Loveday and Lori Ferensen, who works in the business office. Dr. Beth works along side her husband, Dr. Dave Loveday. The Lovedays bought the Sunbury Plaza Dental practice back in 1986 and began with 2 patient chairs; today their office is spacious and beautiful and can accommodate 12 patient chairs.

In preparing for this interview, I checked out the Sunbury Plaza Dental website at [sunburyplazadental.com](http://sunburyplazadental.com). Boy, was I impressed. For starters, their overall practice philosophy is "to provide comprehensive, quality dental care for our patients in a comfortable, caring environment in a manner that is rewarding for both the patient and the dental care team." After visiting the website, I felt like I was in touch with a friendly, neighborhood dental office even before I actually went there. There is a link for "Who We Are," and you can meet Dr. Beth and Dr. Dave and the entire staff. Other links will give you a full description of their services.

Here are some of the questions that I asked Dr. Beth:

**Are you currently accepting new patients, or is your practice full?** Yes, new patients are being accepted. Visitors are encouraged to stop in any time for a tour.

**What do you like best about your job?** For Dr. Beth, the best part of her job is establishing long-term relationships with patients.

**Your website talks about sedation dentistry to help patients who may be afraid of going through a dental procedure. This is referred to as I-V Moderate Sedation. Can you explain how this works?** A patient can request this treatment, which will help him/her take a relaxed nap while the procedure is being done. This will keep the patient comfortable and at ease during the entire process.

**Your ad in *The Herald* mentioned "Zoom Whitening." What is "Zoom Whitening"? Is this treatment effective? How long would it take to notice a difference in a person's teeth? Is the change in color noticeable?** "Zoom Whitening" is one of several whitening procedures that are now available for patients. "Zoom Whitening" has been advertised on TV makeover shows. This whitening procedure can improve the color of a person's teeth in one appointment.

**If a person has a lot of metal fillings, is there any benefit to having these replaced with non-metal fillings?** It depends on the situation. If the old metal fillings are covering some deep decay, then they can be replaced with a composite, white filling. For new fillings, it may be preferred to use the composite, white fillings instead of metal fillings.

**Your website mentions the benefits of using precision lasers for some procedures. When would precision lasers be used, and would this be expensive?** Precision lasers are used for soft tissue procedures involving gums. Use of this technology provides for a gentler procedure. There is no extra fee involved when a precision laser is used.

**On your web page, it mentions that you and your husband volunteer at a dental clinic at a mission in downtown Columbus. Can you tell us about your volunteer work? How and why did you become involved in this volunteer work? What do you do at the clinic, and how often do you volunteer your services?** Dr. Beth and her husband volunteer at the Stowe Baptist Center downtown twice a month. They perform emergency-type extractions to help prevent infection in patients. Some of their patients in need of dental care are homeless and less fortunate. Dr. Beth and Dr. Dave volunteer their services out of a personal conviction as a calling to serve others.

**Why are you willing to advertise in our newsletter, *The Herald*?** Sunbury Plaza Dental is a part of the community and wants to function in the community. This is their legacy.

**Your ad in *The Herald* mentioned "1 Year Free**

**Financing Available.” Can you explain what this involves?** There is a link on the website for “CareCredit.” This is a credit card to be used for health care that offers interest-free payment options.

**Do you feel there are some special qualities that your dental practice offers that the community should know about?** Yes. This community dental office can be considered as a “one-stop shop.” At this one location, there are many specialists to serve your dental needs. This means you can get specialty care at one location and not have to run around to different places. For example, Sunbury Plaza Dental offers “One-Visit Cerec Crowns” where your crown is placed in one appointment. Other specialty care includes orthodontic, endodontic (root canal), and oral surgery. Another good quality is that early morning appointments are available starting at 7 a.m.

—Doug Dapo, Neighbor

## So Glad We're Neighbors!

May seems to have brought a surge in home sales in the Ridge even surpassing last year's sales of the same period. Although there was a dramatic slump in sales at the beginning of the year, perhaps there is a little momentum building, which is filling in those vacant homes sprinkled through the neighborhood. At any rate, the Huber Ridge Area Association would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new neighbors to the Ridge whether you have bought a home in our community or are renting. Below are the home sales as collected by Compuname ([compuname.org](http://compuname.org)):

### March Sales:

Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., 6067 Bolamo Ct.  
Justin R. Pitts, 5527 OsloDr.

### April Sales:

Deutsch Bank Trust Co. Americas, 3488 Paris Blvd.  
Jeremy M. and Alexis C. Shelley, 3608 Makassar Dr.  
Richard G., Jr., and Barbara L. Wrachford, 3824 Balboa Pl.  
Cory M. Wanner and Nicole L. Keen, 3426 Montford Rd., S.

### May Sales (through May 29 only):

Lobo Langdon, 5772 Varadero Dr.  
Olivia M. Casey and Carol A. Mason, 3706 Bogata Dr.  
Paul A. and Rachael L. Lehman, 3575 Stockholm Rd.  
Aaron L. Golden, 3801 Balboa Pl.  
Grant Howell, 3488 Paris Blvd.  
Craig Butsch, 3474 Saigon Dr.  
Shane Warner, 3700 Managua Dr.  
John and Michele Bayko, 3581 Karikal Dr.

Again, welcome to the neighborhood! There are lots of opportunities to get involved so please stop in at one of our association meetings held the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Blendon Township Senior Center, 6330 South Hempstead Road, or check our website at [huberridge.org](http://huberridge.org).

—Carolyn Cordray, Welcome Committee Coordinator

## Are You Interested in Shaping Blendon Township's Future?

Join us for a community public meeting on Monday, July 13, 2009. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Blendon Township Senior Center, 6330 Hempstead Road.

Residents, Township officials, and business owners are working with Franklin County planners to develop a community plan for Blendon Township, which includes the communities of Huber Ridge and Sunbury Woods.

The community plan is a document that tells local leaders and elected officials how residents want the community to look in the future, such as what new development or redevelopment looks like, how people travel around, and what public improvements people would like to see.

The plan isn't law and doesn't guarantee any capital improvements, but it's the best way to tell leaders what you'd like to see. Keeping what's good and fixing what's wrong takes planning—and input from the community.

We need your input and opinions. Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2009, at the Blendon Township Senior Center. Find more information on the web: [tinyurl.com/blendon](http://tinyurl.com/blendon).

—Ben Weiner, Planner

Franklin County Economic Development and Planning

## National Night Out: Making Neighborhoods Safer Street by Street

Since 1984, the National Association of Town Watch has sponsored a nationwide National Night Out held on the first Tuesday of every August to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie in an effort to deter crime. Participation has grown steadily over the years from an initial 400 communities in 23 states to 11,310



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communities in all 50 states involved last year. We'd like to make Huber Ridge part of those numbers this year.

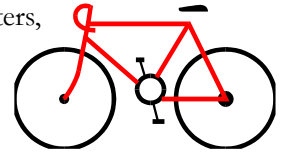
By neighbors participating once a year in activities that involve community awareness, continued interest in existing programs will be strengthened for the next 364 days. This year the event is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4. Traditionally residents have been encouraged to keep their porch lights on in the evening; but activities have also expanded to include such things as block parties, cookouts, parades, neighborhood walks, safety fairs, contests, and rallies. Last year the street of Acapulco participated by calling the Chief of Police and requesting an officer to visit. Around a dessert buffet, residents enjoyed a very well planned presentation—receiving a guided tour of the officer's car, a home security inspection checklist, and many fascinating safety tips.

You can find a newsletter, registration information along with invitation templates, and posters on the National Night Out website ([nationalnightout.org](http://nationalnightout.org)). This is our opportunity to build stronger relationships with each other and our local law enforcement partners. It's also a way to send a message that we are organized and fighting back. Let's join forces with the nation in helping to make our neighborhoods safer throughout the year.

—Susan Dapo, Neighbor

## Labor Day Parade Marches Again

Mark your calendars for the third annual Labor Day Bike Parade scheduled for Monday, September 7. All bike riders, wagon pullers, dog walkers, inline skaters, skateboarders, scooter riders, etc. are welcome! Just decorate yourself and your mode of transportation with patriotic colors and celebrate with us.



As in previous years, the parade route will start at the Huber Ridge Elementary School and proceed down Buenos Aires to Ridgewood Park where there will be a few cool refreshments and fun. We hope to have the Blendon Township Police Department leading the parade once again.

School will have already started, but that day is a day off from school, so plan to come out and either parade with us or watch and cheer us on. No registration is necessary to take part; just come to the School by 10 a.m. on September 7 and be ready to be in our HRRA procession. Watch the kiosks for additional information or see [huberridge.org](http://huberridge.org) or e-mail Carolyn Cordray at [welcome@huberridge.org](mailto:welcome@huberridge.org).

—Carolyn Cordray, Labor Day Parade Coordinator



### JAN'S IS NOW WAYNE'S

Jan Baltus, owner of Jan's Volkswagen at 5995 Westerville Road, has officially retired and is now leasing the location to Wayne Little, who will call it Wayne's Auto Repair.

Wayne brings with him 32 years of experience in all facets of automobile repairing and maintenance. Wayne says that the cornerstone of his career was the education he

received from Columbus Technical Institute back in 1980-81. From there he went on to become an A.S.E. certified Master Technician at the young age of 25. After 22 years of dedicated service as an auto technician, he decided to take the leap to self-employment in February 1999.

Wayne started The Little Company, dba Wayne's Marathon, located at 1401 Bethel Road, across from Centennial High School. His claim to fame is "I run a marathon every day." Actually it is his long-time girlfriend and fiancée, Sherry Prichard, who does most of the running! Wayne is the father of two daughters, Amy (26), who is gainfully employed by Nationwide Insurance in Dublin and Melissa (22), who is a full-time student at Columbus State where Dad trekked nearly 30 years ago. Residing with Wayne and Sherry in their home of 17 years in Gahanna are Sherry's children, Matthew (20), who will be attending college in Missouri this fall and Grace (13), who is in the seventh grade at G.M.S.E. Wayne is also a premium member of IATN (International Automotive Technicians Network) where he spends some of his free time helping technicians around the globe diagnose difficult problems with vehicles.

Wayne explains to *The Herald*, "The hardest part of what I do is the fact that I have to charge people—not only to take care of my family but also to continue to provide an honest repair shop where people can take their cars and know someone actually cares about them!"

To all the residents of Huber Ridge, I want to thank you for welcoming me to your community; and **please accept my invitation to get acquainted by bringing in this advertisement for a \$10 oil and filter change.** I look forward to meeting you all and exceeding your expectations of an auto repair shop.

—Wayne Little, President




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## Ridgewood Park Clean-up, April 29, 2009

Thanks to all who helped make the seventh annual park cleanup a resounding success again this year. There were approximately 65 neighbors who helped this time. This number included Cub Scout Packs 35 and 770 from Huber Ridge Elementary School and Boy Scout Troop 560. This year I'm happy to say that we as a neighborhood have come together again and made a difference in our community. The Park is a great source of pride for us and continues to be a friendly gathering spot to have some fun.

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

- ✂ The volleyball court has had the sand uncovered.
- ✂ The east loop of the hiking path in the woods received much more care than ever before. Tremendous effort was made to transport as much mulch as possible to that side of the bridge.
- ✂ Invasive species—honeysuckle and garlic mustard specifically—were targeted for removal from the far east end of the path. One and one-half dumpster loads of honeysuckle were hauled out! Native wildflowers now

have a greater chance of surviving there.

- ✂ Mulch was spread in the playground area, and the tiles there were repainted.

- ✂ The flower beds were given a facelift.

Township Trustees Stewart Flaherty and Jerry Ward spent the day working hard right along with us. We'd like to thank them for furnishing all the food for the day and all the supplies we've needed every year.

This is our neighborhood and our park. Thank you for your help in keeping the park a fun, clean place to play!

See you next year!

—Lori Mann, Park Cleanup Day Coordinator

## Fourth Annual Plant Swap Takes Root

Twenty-three enthusiastic gardeners and a bounty of greenery and flowering plants to share made up the fourth annual HRAA Plant Swap that took place on May 9 in the Ridgewood Park shelter house. This year's swap attracted the most residents ever and yielded the most plant material to share within the neighborhood. In all, there were enough plants to completely cover the tops of three picnic tables and one side of their benches.

Everyone left with new gems for their own gardens so we should see some lovely flower beds this summer. There was so much plant material that some of the remaining plants were placed in the beds at the entrance to the park and in the bed at the base of the park map. Heeding the call in the previous newsletter, participants brought plenty of hostas to go around. In fact, while planting annuals in the entrance beds, I spoke with a neighbor who said that she will soon be thinning out some shade hostas; if anyone is still looking for hostas, please contact me.

Thank you to all who came out and shared your treasures with your neighbors; we hope to attract even more gardeners next year! Mark your calendars; the *fifth* annual HRAA Plant Swap will again be scheduled for the Saturday before Mother's Day.

—Carolyn Cordray, Plant Swap Coordinator

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## 3545 Makassar Is History

May 20, 2009, marked the demise of the dilapidated home on Makassar Drive. It is now history, so to speak. The event made the front page of the May 21 edition of *The Dispatch* and channels 4 and 6 news. Approximately 40 residents and 12 officials were present. When Maiher Demolition took the first chunk out of the house, residents cheered and applauded.

Getting to the point of demolition was a long process—years, in fact. It took residents becoming unified in the complaint and reporting process; Trustees listening to residents; the hiring of Code Enforcement Director Bryan Rhoads and his diligence in the process; judges; prosecuting attorneys; Treasurer Ed Leonard; Franklin County Commissioners Brooks, Brown, and O’Grady; laws that facilitated securing the property; and—on demolition day—road, police and fire personnel. On behalf of the community, thank you.

As you can see, there is no *one* person to thank. Notice that it started with residents. Never underestimate your ability to influence progress. May we each do our part.

—Pam Clegg, Makassar Drive Neighbor



3545 Makassar House Before Demolition



... and Afterwards

## A Moving Memorial Day Ceremony

Blendon Central Cemetery was the site of Blendon Township’s annual Memorial Day ceremony this year. In addition to the traditional presentation of colors by American Legion Young-Budd Post #171, the presentation of a wreath by Blendon Township Trustees Stewart Flaherty and Jerry Ward, the salute to veterans, and taps was the reading of a letter from our Police Chief John Belford, a Sergeant Major in the Ohio Army National Guard.

Chief Belford expressed his pride in the young soldiers serving in Afghanistan, writing in part:

They will hold their heads high, do a dangerous job and do it better than any other soldiers in the world. They have a sense of humor that almost never fails them as they keep each other safe, engaged, and entertained. They are proud American soldiers, and they are serving you well. ... We honor those who gave their lives for us; we honor them by remembering them and by enjoying our lives and living them well.

This moving letter was read by Sgt. Jeannette N. Giamarco of the Ohio Air National Guard. Jeannette—the daughter of Blendon Township Service Director John Giamarco and his wife, Rita—was born in Huber Ridge, graduated from Westerville North High School, and now lives in Groveport. She has been a member of the Guard for 8 years and is part of the 121st Air Refueling Wing at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base.



Sgt. Jeannette N. Giamarco

Following the ceremony, Township residents were invited to participate in a good “old fashioned” picnic at the Senior Center.

—Marje Obrist, Newsletter Editor

## A Life Well Lived

Our four-legged family members give us such unconditional love and companionship. The years fly by, and sadly the aches and pains of old age or the development of chronic illness may begin to rob your beloved pet of quality of life. Every pet owner must eventually face the question, "When is it time to say goodbye?"

When is it time to consider euthanasia? This is a very tough question; and from the standpoint of the veterinarian, ending a pet's life is the most emotionally difficult thing we are called upon to do. There are many criteria that are used to help make this decision, and your veterinarian can guide you. But ultimately, you know your companion best and can read in his/her eyes when there is suffering; and so the decision is in your hands. Different people handle end-of-life issues in different ways. Some pet lovers will choose euthanasia very early in the course of disease or disability so that the pet will never experience the chronic or potentially untreatable pain that may lie ahead. Others may wait until the pet no longer enjoys his/her food or special treats indicating quality of life is waning. Still others may wait until all doubt is gone and the pet is totally disabled, needing complete nursing care to meet daily needs. There are no concrete rights or wrongs; and in different cases, each of these scenarios may have a place.

Veterinary medicine has come a long way, and in our area we have wonderful specialty services available. But the availability of high-level treatments may in some cases make the pet owner's decision more difficult. It used to be that veterinarians could only provide comfort and pain relief for many serious illnesses. Now, with treatments from human medicine available to veterinarians, many avenues are open to pet owners. However, as wonderful as these things are, using them should not alter your goal of easing or preventing suffering. If your veterinarian believes that such a treatment has a good chance of improving your pet's life and not just prolonging it, then it is worth considering it. If it will merely prolong life without giving better quality, then perhaps you should ask yourself if you are choosing the option because you cannot choose to say goodbye. If you are not ready to say goodbye, look into the eyes of your pet. Your answer may be there.

The loss of a pet can evoke intense grief. The human-animal bond is real and can be very strong. Recognize that feelings of sadness are normal; and many, many of us who share your love for animals share your pain. Surround yourself with other pet lovers, and avoid people who may not understand how you can grieve for "just an animal." Pet loss support groups are available. Contact The Ohio State University for times and places. And when you have made your decision, be comforted by the fact that you have given

the ultimate gift to your beloved companion.

As a personal aside, for those of you who have recently or even not so recently lost a pet, there is a poem that I find very comforting called "The Rainbow Bridge." Perhaps you know it. If you don't, here's a link to an excellent pet loss website and the poem: <http://www.petloss.com/poems/maingrp/rainbowb.htm>.

—Wendy McCullen-Vermillion, DVM

[Editor's note: The author of this article, Dr. Wendy McCullen-Vermillion, is a former Huber Ridge resident and a very special veterinarian whose practice includes making house calls. On June 3, she came to my home to assess the condition of my 15-year-old shepherd-mix dog, Woody, and supported my decision to have him euthanized. Being allowed to say goodbye to my beloved pet at home was easier on both Woody and me thanks to Dr. Vermillion's knowledgeable and loving care.]

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—Marje Obrist, Newsletter Editor

## **Welcome to Our Newly Appointed Trustee, Alex Stallings!**

### **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.

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## Making a Difference for 29 Cents a Week!

Our Huber Ridge Area Association President, Jim Welch, always ends our meetings with, "This is your community; you can and do make a difference." So many of you are bringing that theme to life! Read about the numbers in the membership news article on pages 2 and 3.

Many people come out to eat, work, and enjoy all the activities that are arranged by the Association. Those things are free because enough of the 1,600 plus households in the Ridge believe in what the Association is doing—enough to pay 29 cents a week to support it. Isn't that a small price to pay to have a strong association behind the work of our community? Don't you want to be a part of that?

Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator

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Membership dues are \$15 per household. Dues are for a 12-month period and may be paid at any time throughout the year. You can bring your dues to a meeting or mail them to the Membership Coordinator, Joya Neff, 3615 Stockholm, Westerville, OH 43081. Checks are to be made payable to the Huber Ridge Area Association.

## Here's What's Happening in the Ridge!



- July 2..... HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Township Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- July 3..... Deadline for Entering Huber Ridge Blizzards Contest
- July 13..... Community Planning Meeting at the Blendon Township Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- July 16..... HRAA Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Township Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- July 18..... HRAA Huber Ridge Blizzards Tour from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- August 4..... National Night Out
- August 6..... HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Township Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- August 20..... HRAA Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Township Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- September 3..... HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Township Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- September 7..... HRAA Labor Day Parade Beginning at Huber Ridge Elementary School at 10 a.m.
- September 17..... HRAA Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Township Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- September 22..... Blendon Township Trustee Candidate Q & A at Faith Covenant Church, 3607 Dempsey Road, at 7 p.m.