

Kickin' It Up a Notch!



April 7: Curbside Recycling

Chris Lavendar, Rumpke recycling representative, will be on hand to discuss the curbside recycling program and answer residents' questions. He will also bring informational flyers.

May 5: Landscaping

Ron Miller, owner of M and L Landscaping, has been doing quite a bit of work in and around the Township lately. He has agreed to speak to us about landscaping issues including use of drought-resistant plants in our gardens and maintenance of older landscapes. Additionally, he will share some other tips and tricks for sprucing up our gardens as well as hold a question-and-answer session.

June 2: Blendon Township's Various New Programs

Bryan Rhoads, Director of Code Enforcement, coordinates many new programs that benefit residents in Blendon Township. Come hear about the Property Maintenance Code, the Farmers' Market, the Community Garden, and the many grant dollars that Bryan has obtained on behalf of the Township.

Mark your calendar today!

—Carolyn Cordray, Vice President

Join Us for the Tenth Annual Ridgewood Park Cleanup Day on April 23!

Come to the annual Ridgewood Park Cleanup on Saturday, April 23, for Earth Week 2011. We've been doing this for ten years now! Can you see what a difference we've made? I sure can! I've also found a lot of new friends, but there's always room for more in my address book.

We were able to secure a grant last year and hope to do that again this year. With the money we were awarded, we bought three of our own "weed wrenches" to pull the honeysuckle and wild roses. There was enough to purchase other equipment that enables us to move mulch down the path easier, too. The money this year should help us obtain a doggie valet (where you can take a plastic bag and pick up after your dog, then deposit the bag in the waste receptacle) and also saplings to replace some of the ash trees. The plans also call for planting the flower beds in the front of the Park. There are many projects that need your help!

We will gather for coffee and hot chocolate and start working around 9:00 a.m. The Huber Ridge Area Association and the Blendon Township Trustees will provide a picnic lunch. Work will continue into the afternoon. We invite everyone who appreciates Ridgewood Park to come participate any way you can. Scouts and Little Leaguers as well as residents and neighbors are welcome. We'll find a chore for you!

Dress for the weather and the tasks. Bring gardening supplies if you can. See the HRAA website (huberridge.org) for a list of needed supplies.

Email Lori Mann at beautification@huberridge.org if you have questions or want to donate food or supplies.

—Lori Mann, Park Cleanup Day Coordinator

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OAWC Update

Huber Ridge is a great community. Just ask anyone who lives here. Residents have boasted of great neighbors, community services, etc.; some have considered moving to a condo as they get older but find themselves staying because of the community. But ask anyone about one problem or fault, and you will hear one word echo with everyone: "water."

This thorn has been in this community since its inception 50 years ago. As the name has changed and the company has changed, the problem of water/sewer has escalated. As a community, many of us have united to combat the rising cost of our bills. We have had some good success combating the rising bills, but this is not enough. In the last 5 years, Ohio American Water (OAWC) has applied for three rate increases. These increases have come with a cost for OAWC of approximately \$2.2 million. **By current Ohio law, OAWC can recoup 100 percent of the cost of these increases from the rate payers (their customers)—us!**

Evidently OAWC has nothing to lose by frequent rate increases since the cost is passed on to us; that is, until now if we act. Recently Representatives Goyal and Grossman along with co-sponsors Representatives Garland, Blessing, Gonzales, Reece, and Fende have introduced House Bill 87—a bill to enact Section 4909.181 of the Revised Code to limit recovery of rate-case expenses for certain waterworks and sewage disposal system companies. Thank you, House Representatives, for recognizing that rate payers cannot continue to bear the cost of frequent rate increases.

Unfortunately, H.B. 87 is just that—a bill. We need this bill to become law. That's where we need your help getting it from a bill to a law.

I am not asking you to write long letters or testify, but you can if you want to. **I am asking you to copy one of your water bills five times and note how many people live in your household and stress that this is a monthly bill. Write a short paragraph asking for support of H.B. 87.**

The great residents of the great state of Ohio cannot continue to be exploited by utility companies which make the cost of living in Ohio extremely high. Ohio has an abundance of water, and our water bills should not reflect those of Arizona.


Please send your letters and copies of your water bills to:

- ✉ Honorable John Kasich, Governor's Office, Riffe Center, 30th Floor, 77 South High Street, Columbus, OH 43215-6117
- ✉ Nancy Garland, State Representative, 77 South High Street, 10th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215-6117
- ✉ Senator Kevin Bacon, Senate Building, One Capitol Square, Ground Floor, Columbus, OH 43215
- ✉ Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, 13th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215-3793,
Re: H.B. 87

✉ Anne Gonzales, State Representative, 77 South High Street, 12th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215-6117

You can view House Bill 87 on our website, huberridge.org, or visit the House of Representatives website, house.state.oh.us (Click Legislation and then Find Legislation), and follow the bill as it moves along. This is your community; you can and have made a difference. Let's make a difference here.

—James Welch, President



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Spring Cleaning!

As we all clean out our garages, let's not forget to take a look at our yards and the appearance of our homes. Make sure you check your gutters for damage from ice, secure downspouts, and pick up limbs that may have fallen during the ice storm. A major focus this year will be cutting down dead ash trees. There are hundreds of dead/infected ash trees in the Township that need removed. Last year the Trustees amended our property maintenance codes to allow enforcement of ash tree removal. **Blendon Township has partnered with Westerville Tree Service to evaluate dead/diseased trees in the Township. Make sure you contact Westerville Tree Service for discounted pricing.**

The Township has been busy over the winter months working with Franklin County on our parks master plan,

preparing for the Westerville Road project, and writing grants for a variety of activities. Blendon Township was recently awarded \$2.2 million to install sidewalks along Westerville Road once the road construction is complete. This achievement would not have happened if it wasn't for the community working together to make the Blendon Township Land Use Plan.

Please contact the Code Enforcement Office at 614-839-2013 or online at blendontwp.org if you have any suggestions or complaints.

—Bryan Rhoads, Blendon Township Development Director



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

To the deliverers of *The Herald* despite the snow, ice, and bitter cold temperatures, we thank you: Area A Captain Jeannie Mackowiak, Areas B and D Captain Pam Clegg, Area C Captain Doug Dapo, Area E Captain Linda Royse, Area F Captain Lou Dunbar, Area G Captain Sharon Ricker, and Area H Captain Jean Dawson AND Deliverers Tom Borgerding, Sierra Carolson, Mindy March, Jeannie Mackowiak, Damien Brandon, Jennifer Newton, Pam Clegg, Sheldon Schoen, Karen Boley, Nick/Jo Lugin family, Karen Broering, Karl/Kathy Austin, Tiffany/Jubal Wagner, Amber/Jim Chill, George/Diane King, Doug/Susan Dapo, Joya/Bob Neff, Lori/Byron Mann, Ron/Suzi Jones, Robin/Eddie Wagner, Melanie Kopacsi, Julia Mathias, Linda Royse, Anna Grant, Matt/Jackie Shumaker, Hope Benson, Lynn Hays, Eric/Carolyn Cordray, Ron Bricker, Rusty/Marianne Borah, Tom/Hilda DeSteuben, John Harris, Ruth Kophs, Ralph/Judy Barrell, Lou Dunbar, Sharon Ricker, Betsy Brigss, Leslie Jordan, Cheri Gray, Justin Pitts, Tom Wiebell, Robin Thomas, and Jean Dawson.

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—Almina and Tom Wiebell, Newsletter Distribution Coordinators

Spring Training Block Watch, April 20, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center

This year's annual Block Watch training will feature three special speakers, so please mark your calendars now and plan to attend! First, Sgt. Stacey S. Griffith of the Franklin County Sheriff's Department will educate us on the new sex offender laws and share how these laws affect our community. A Q&A will follow.

Next, Detective Gerald Milner of CRIMESTOPPERS Columbus will speak to us about the purpose of the organization and how Block Watch principles play a big part in helping police solve crimes in a community.

Finally, our Blendon Township PD will make Block Watch personal by speaking about Huber Ridge crime prevention and statistics and the importance of our role in fighting crime.

Also at this event, we will recognize those who are listed as street reps (see page 4).

All residents are welcome to attend this program.

Please call 614-891-9176 or email pamela.j.clegg@gmail.com if you plan to attend, so we can plan sufficiently for seating, refreshments, and material. Thanks and hope to see you soon!

—Pam Clegg, Block Watch Training Coordinator

Those Who Serve ...

We are proud to recognize those Huber Ridge service personnel who have served or who are serving in our armed forces both in *The Herald* and on our website, huberridge.org. In this issue, we honor

- ♂ **Specialist Katie Christy**
- ♂ **Sgt. John K. Harris**
- ♂ **Gerald E. Shaner**
- ♂ **Lt. John Shinaberry**
- ♂ **Captain John Paul Smock**
- ♂ **Specialist Mark Smock**
- ♂ **Sgt. Benjamin K. Spears**

If you are serving or have served in our Armed Forces or have a family member in the service, please let us know by calling 882-8959 or emailing president@huberridge.org today! We would like to have name, military branch, location (unless confidential), and any other relevant information.

Remember to thank a veteran!

—James Welch, President

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HRAA Family of the Quarter

Meet Sue Mitchell and Her Family

This quarter we have the privilege of bringing to you an excerpt from the life of a teacher! Not just any teacher but one of our own!

Sue Mitchell is known by many of us as an original owner of her home on Buenos Aires. Actually they bought a quarter of an acre lot at the end of Buenos Aires—no Paris Boulevard, no school, and no house, only a sketch. What an adventure for a young family with Craig, their infant son. Leaving an apartment in Columbus and moving to the “outskirts” was one bold step, only to be followed by enjoying the thrill of watching their home being built! Many years later as Huber Elementary School was being built, her children watched and were sure they were building it for them.

Sue graduated from Heidelberg in Tiffin with an undergraduate degree and then went on to Ohio State earning her master’s degree. She began her lifelong career of teaching in Tiffin as a kindergarten (K) teacher several years before K was required. As she talked about “her” children, I could tell by the smile in her eyes that those children had a teacher who gave her all just for them. As she shared her stories, she showed me a scrapbook of her classes; and she knows of many of those families who are still in the Ridge! Although there are many stories, I have just one example to share; but first some background

Prior to 1962 Westerville provided a room in the Masonic Temple for a few children in this area who were ready for K. After the first families moved in in the fall of ’61, the Huber area grew fast! The following fall more school space was needed, so Huber converted two houses on what is now Cairo Road to provide space for 44 kindergarteners, a first-grade class, and a third-grade class. With the building, a little furniture, and some supplies, it seemed that everything was ready; but Sue knew differently. She needed playthings! Seeing the contractors who were building houses all around, she saw blocks! She and her mother cut and sanded enough scrap lumber to keep her class happy.

After two years she took maternity leave to deliver twins, a boy and a girl. She returned to teaching in the Westerville school system and finally returned to Huber before she retired.

Summers were play time! Glengary pool was a highlight. As pre-teens, the children explored the woods with no fear of danger. There was no park. While there were contractors to watch and woods to find creepy things in, many camping trips filled much of their family time. Of the trips they made close to home, the children’s favorite was Kelleys Island.

Then during one special summer, they set out for the West. It was a trip designed to follow the tradition set down by Sue’s ancestors. When she was 12, her parents took her to the sights of the Western U.S. just as their parents had taken them so many years before. They saw all of the outstanding sites on the way west—the Black Hills, Yellowstone and the Rocky Mountain national parks, the Garden of Gods, and much more. It was a trip she hopes her children will be able to share with their children in the future.

After 30 years of teaching, Sue retired; and while she had time to enjoy gardening, quilting, reading, and antiques, school was still a draw! So she volunteered in the Huber School library for 18 years watching fellow teachers and children with whom she shared her school life.

Sue’s children are now grown with lives of their own; the daughter, Beth, is in Montana teaching and managing her rentals. Although she lives far away, Huber Ridge and Westerville are still “home” where she returns for visits each year. Craig and Scott are in Westerville, one a carpenter and the other a courier. Think about that! Building homes and schools got into the blood of one; travel, the other; and why are we not surprised that the daughter is a teacher. She had a superb example! Craig is a courier in Westerville and the father of Sue’s two grandchildren, Nichole and Joey. One story: when Scott was about 15, he knew the van was having carburetor trouble. When Sue came home from school, she found him with the carburetor all apart on the table. She was more than surprised and asked if he could put it back. While she doesn’t remember his response, he did put it back; and the car ran needing only a little “tweak” at the garage. He is the carpenter!

As we ended our visit, Sue confirmed with a smile that she was still in the Ridge because “this is where we all call home.”

—Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator

Gee Willikers, That’s a Great Sandwich!

How would you like a New York style deli sandwich made fresh by a New York culinary chef without having to go to New York? Well, I know a place only about 10 minutes from the Huber Ridge area where you can get one. You’ve got to try a new sandwich place call Gee Willikers where Chef Richie Rathkopf is making up some real good eats!

Chef Richie is from the Bronx in New York City; and, lucky for us, he moved to Ohio about 9 years ago. He now lives right here in Huber Ridge, and about 6 weeks ago opened his first restaurant—Gee Willikers, a New York style delicatessen. Richie’s deli is dedicated to the preservation of the New York style deli with classics like his own freshly made corned beef or pastrami on rye with mustard. Richie’s favorite sandwich is his “Richie’s Ridiculous Reuben”—

freshly made lean corned beef or pastrami with melted Swiss cheese, topped with sauerkraut and his very own 1,000 island dressing on NY Jewish grilled rye bread served hot. Okay, I'm making myself hungry; and I bet your mouth is starting to water.

I've been to Gee Willikers, and it is pretty cool having a New York chef making you a fresh deli sandwich. Richie loves to be creative in his cooking to make really tasty food, and it shows. With about 28 years in the restaurant business and having learned how to cook a variety of ethnic foods, Richie offers some authentic foods like potato knish, cheese blintz, and matzoh ball soup. He also offers delicious NY Italian favorites like canolis, "Coney Island" chili, and awesome macaroni salad and coleslaw.

Gee Willikers is located at 6457 North Hamilton Road: take 161 east, get off at the Hamilton Road exit, turn left to go on North Hamilton. You will come to Warner Road and see United Dairy Farmers. Turn left at Warner and take another left into the Albany Place Shopping Center to arrive at Gee Willikers. Check out Gee Willikers on the web at geewillikersdeli.com to see Richie's menu. The phone number for Gee Willikers is 614-855-8140.

As I mentioned, you are only about 10 minutes away from a real, authentic New York style deli sandwich made

fresh by a real, authentic New York culinary chef. Believe me, it is worth the trip!

—Doug Dapo, Neighbor

Annual Plant Swap Planned to Jump Start Your Garden

If it's spring, it's time for the HRAA Annual Plant Swap held each year the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend, which this year is May 7, from 10 a.m. to noon in Ridgewood Park located off Buenos Aires Boulevard near 161. Traditionally Mother's Day is the recommended day to start planting in Central Ohio, and this has been a terrific event for our neighborhood gardeners to share their prized plants with neighbors while meeting fellow gardeners. Bring your plants, seeds, etc. to the shelter house in Ridgewood Park to share and swap with other neighbors. Plants, seeds, bulbs, and tubers are accepted in whatever kind of container you have to bring them in. However, please note that there is **NO NEED TO BRING ANYTHING TO PARTICIPATE!** Year after year, we have had an excess of plants to go around; so please come down even if you don't have any plants to



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swap. Neighborhood gardeners want to see their plants go to a good home; please come, check it out, and take home some new plants for your garden. If you have questions, please email Carolyn Cordray at vp@huberridge.org or phone 614-446-4020. Hope to see you there!

—Carolyn Cordray, Vice President

Annual Community Garage Sale Scheduled for June 25

The Huber Ridge Area Association is once again planning to sponsor the annual Community Garage Sale on Saturday, June 25. As with past years, residents are encouraged to register their sale with the HRAA, which will promote the sale by producing neighborhood maps with registered sales marked to direct shoppers to your location. Best of all, there is **NO COST** to register! In addition to the maps, the HRAA will also advertise the annual Community Garage Sale in local newspapers (paper and online versions); in online community calendars; on Craig's List; and, of course, on the HRAA websites (huberridge.org and Facebook). Last year we even had our annual Community Garage Sale announced the morning of the event on Channel 4; and we will try to have that happen again this year!

If you've been in the neighborhood in the past on the day of this event, you know that this community garage sale brings in a bevy of bargain hunters, so don't miss out; register your sale today! The registration process is easy; just email Carolyn Cordray at vp@huberridge.org or call 614-446-4020 with the following information: your name, phone number, address, email address, and a few featured items that you feel will bring people to your sale. After that, all you have to do is start gathering your garage sale items and set up your sale in your garage or yard the morning of Saturday, June 25.

—Carolyn Cordray, Vice President

Get Ready for Huber Ridge Blooms 2011, July 10, 1-5 p.m.

We are celebrating our fourth year of the annual garden show and contest established especially for Huber Ridge residents. This year we are looking for 15 gardeners who are willing to open up their yards to display their handiwork with the community. Are you one of them? Entry forms for Blooms will be available from May 1 to June 15 on the

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New this year—"like" our page on Facebook to receive news, contest updates, and garden tips as well as to view photos from last year's contest. (Find us by searching for *Huber Ridge Blooms/non-profit organization*). "Liking" the page only provides the Bl♻️ms administrator (Pam Clegg) information about how many "likes" the page has received.

In the event we receive more than 15 entries, members of the Huber Ridge Bl♻️ms Committee will select those gardens that best represent landscape diversity, detail, uniqueness, and horticultural expression. (Please note that last year we had only eight entries)! Entries are open to all Huber Ridge Area residents.

Participants will receive signs for their yards to indicate that they are part of the Huber Ridge Bl♻️ms Tour. Signs will be placed by June 18. The official Bl♻️ms application has additional details about the contest such as prize information.

Sponsors are Blendon Township Trustee Stewart Flaherty (Honorary Chairman); Sharon Ricker, Huber Ridge Bl♻️ms Committee member and judge; Barbara Crawford of **Century 21, Joe Walker & Associates**, Huber Ridge Bl♻️ms Committee member and judge; and the Huber Ridge Area Association.

For details now, please call Pam Clegg at 614-891-9176 or Sharon Ricker at 614-891-1991 if you have additional questions or "like" our Facebook page.

—Pam Clegg and Sharon Ricker
Huber Ridge Bl♻️ms Coordinators

Exciting Opportunity for Local Businesses

Calling all home based, service, retail and wholesale business owners, vendors, and merchants in and around Blendon Township! Be the first to be a part of the new MarketPlace at Ridge-a-Palooza on Saturday, July 16.

For a nominal fee, you can reserve your space in our market area where you can showcase your business, products, and services along with other local businesses of all kinds. We are open to accepting a variety of businesses to offer the Ridge-a-Palooza attendees a one-of-a-kind shopping experience.

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to market your business to your neighbors. Assure your spot in Ridge-a-Palooza MarketPlace today! For more information, contact Carolyn Cordray at vp@huberridge.org or 614-446-4020.

—Carolyn Cordray, Vice President



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The Answer Is Ridge-a-Palooza!

I've got a question for you. Ready? Where can you take your wife, husband, parents, kids, neighbors, or just yourself for a brief getaway from life's craziness this summer without spending any money, burning any gas, or buying any food? You guessed it! Ridge-a-Palooza!

Coming up this summer on its new date of July 16 is Ridge-a-Palooza 2011! The date was moved a little later in the summer so that it will be nice and warm without as much chance of rain. With the warmer weather, we can add more fun things to do like a 100-foot Slip 'n Slide for those who like getting wet and don't want to worry about the water bill! The water bill is on us!

For those of you who haven't heard of Ridge-a-Palooza, your Huber Ridge Area Association and Faith Covenant Church got it into their crazy heads that we, the residents of Huber Ridge, needed to have a time of fun, relaxation, and celebration for all our hard work, our terrific families, and our great neighborhood. So two years ago, Ridge-a-Palooza was born where everyone could get together for dinner and an evening out with friends, family, and neighbors and just

have great fun and food together. Hundreds of people from the Ridge came; we had a blast and want you all to bring your families and neighbors this year. You don't want to miss it.

As in previous years, we will have big inflatable games (like an obstacle course and bounce house). There will be music, dancing, all kinds of games for all kinds of ages, raffle prizes, face painting, hangin' out, a giant Slip 'n Slide, high five'n a police officer, and checking out a fire engine. Of course, there are hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, sno-cones, and lots of things to shove in your face. Good, huh? Then when the sun starts to do down, we just keep going with a movie on the giant 20-foot outdoor screen!

Is there more? You bet. If you're a member of the Huber Ridge Area Association or with Faith Covenant Church, it's all FREE! The games, the food, the stuff in your face and on your face, the fun—all of it! If you're not a member, it's only a BUCK per person! If you want to join, you can join right there, and your entrance fee will be FREE! It doesn't get much better than that. If you want even more ..., you can volunteer to help! A little or a lot. We have a great time doing it and would love to have any help you can offer.

Ridge-a-Palooza will be this July 16 at the Faith Covenant Church (3607 Dempsey Road) grounds at 5 p.m. until the end of the movie about 11 p.m. If you want to know more or want to help, contact us through Carolyn Cordray at vp@huberridge.org or on Facebook at [facebook.com/ridgeapa-looza](https://www.facebook.com/ridgeapa-looza) or [ridge-a-palooza.com](https://www.facebook.com/ridge-a-palooza.com) or call Faith Covenant Church at 614-865-0791.

We really hope you can make it this year, so don't forget to put Ridge-a-Palooza on your calendar. See you July 16!

—Ed Chilcoat, Faith Covenant

Chapman, Johnson, and McDonald Families Are Contest Winners

The Huber Ridge Area Association sponsored its third annual Holiday Lights and Decorations Contest in December. Many residents joined in the spirit of the season, which kept Santa's elves busy checking out the decorations.

Association President Jim Welch, Blendon Patrol Officer/Development Director Bryan Rhoads, and Contest Coordinator Sharon Ricker delivered prizes. First-place winner was the Chapman family of 5695 Bashaw Court, second-place winner was the Johnson family of 3405 Paris Boulevard, and third-place winner was the McDonald family of 3740 Caracas Drive. All winners received a gift basket of goodies and a cash award. Additional information about the Contest can be found at huberridge.org.

—Sharon Ricker

Holiday Lights and Decorations Contest Coordinator



The First-Place Winning Chapman Family and Officer/ Development Director Bryan Rhoads



The Second-Place Winning Johnson Family and Officer/ Development Director Bryan Rhoads



The Third-Place Winning McDonald Family with Officer/ Development Director Bryan Rhoads and HRAA President Jim Welch

Another Wonderful Silver Celebration

The Silver Celebration was again one with a festive spring theme set up to welcome those who have been in the Ridge 25 years or more. And the “more” far outnumbered the 25-year members! Some who hadn’t been to the party last year must have decided to see what it was like, but most who came had enjoyed last year. So the final count was 53, 11 more than last year.

The Senior Center was set up (this year we set up the tables) by robust men of our membership—Tom Conley, Tom DeSteuben, and Don Hedges; then the table decorations of flowers designed by Lori Mann, Marje Obrist, and Joya Neff were skillfully placed by those men and Sharon Ricker and Roberta Conley. The jelly beans, which are now the traditional favors, were made by Marje Obrist; Joya Neff; and her granddaughter, Ruth Plante. At the center of each place setting was a beautifully designed program! You probably have guessed that it was the idea and creation of our *Herald* Editor, Marje Obrist. And with a silver logo and colored jelly beans! What a delightful addition to this celebration. To complete the spring theme, Ed Chilcoat of Faith Covenant Church again added to the décor with beautiful trees! You can’t have a spring theme without green trees!

Roberta and Tom Conley took reservations and logged them by the year the residents came into the Ridge. Then Roberta and Tom still had the energy to meet everyone at their registration table with a smile and a special “Second Silver Celebration” name tag. The name tag included a picture of the “old Huber farm house” which was built in 1940 and still stands at 3695 Santiago.

The room was festive, but the merrymaking was the best part! Conversations shared with old and new friends about past and present events in the Ridge were the foundation of the event. But the highlight of the memory-making (is there a word like that?) was the terrific stand-up, three-part poster boards prepared and displayed by Almina Smock-Wiebell! There are only a few in the Ridge who remember its 50-year history, and no one who has the fervor and skill to bring it to a demonstration like Almina presented for this celebration! For those of you who missed it, I will just give you a glimpse of her truly fantastic posters. Each had a theme: one showing news articles about the early years; one celebrating the 50 years of development with pictures of each style of home, an air-view of the beginning of the development, Glengary Pool and more; then a poster of the revitalized Association and some of its activities. Oh, Almina, you are amazing!

The Silver Celebration Committee brought in all of the cups, glasses, bowls, silverware, condiments, coffee pots, and

all cooking pots and utensils since, as last year, we were not able to use any of those in the Senior Center. Carolyn and Eric Cordray’s muted silver plates with the soft-hue daisy in the center were again donated for the event. The remainder of the items were donated by June Riggs, Sharon Ricker, Pam Clegg, Lori Mann, Almina Smock-Wiebell, and Joya Neff.

The evening was opened by Gwenn Bair, who so graciously led the program throughout the evening. She introduced James Welch, Blendon Township Trustee and President of the Huber Ridge Area Association, who welcomed everyone. She then asked our resident, the Reverend Henry Litteral, to offer the invocation.

The three-course meal was prepared by Lori Mann (chicken), everyone (potatoes, peas, and carrots), Sharon Ricker (cheesecake with her personal topping), and Joya Neff (cashew salad) with those well-known rolls provided by June Riggs. The expert service was by Pam Clegg, Eric and Carolyn Cordray, Jean Dawson, Byron Mann, Jim Welch, and Sharon Ricker who did double duty. Compliments were many; and leftovers, few.

Throughout the evening Hannah Clegg sought out delightful scenes of everyone enjoying themselves. She made it possible for us to save the memories of this special event for so many of our Association members. Hannah showed us just how good she was at taking meaningful pictures of important parts of the evening—just the right casual shots with everyone included. Hannah, you are our professional photographer! This doesn’t preclude anyone else from taking pictures; it’s just that Hannah is ours!

After dinner Gwenn Bair recognized those who are mentioned above and asked Marje Obrist to introduce the “Silver” residents who are listed below:

25-to-29 years—Ralph and Diane Murphy, Alejandro and Cynthia Vazquez; **35-to-39 years**—Tom and Roberta Conley, Anna Grant, Marje Obrist, Sharon Ricker, Mary Shaw, Harold and Dixie Shoemaker; **40-to-44 years**—Hope Benson, William and Gloria Cochenour, James and Lois Coffield, George and Barbara Girard, Rodger and Faith Heiser, Ronald and Suzanne Jones, Ron and Pat Maser, Julia Mathias, Albert and Mary Lou McLeod; **45 years**—M. J., Jr., and Janet Brown, Gary and Sandra Simpson; **47 years**—Patricia Lomano; **48 years**—Pete Kuhn; **49 years**—Don and Hildegard Hedges, Rama Jones, Hanna Phillips; **50 years**—Mary Lou Carder, Sue Mitchell, Tom Wiebell and Almina Smock-Wiebell.

Before the renewal of the conversations, Gwenn asked if anyone had special memories or comments for everyone. Some expressed their appreciation for the celebration and shared stories of the past. Special comments were made about the poster display. Then it was time for the door prizes, which were donated by Lou Dunbar, Jim Welch, Jean Dawson, the Wiebells, and Joya Neff. One was designated for

someone at each table, so the scramble for who won began and is always fun.

I would like to add that we had some ideas that didn't come to fruition this year. I apologize to those with whom I shared these thoughts—asking their help and then unable to follow through. Hold on until next year!

A great big thank you to everyone who gave so much of their time, energy, and ideas to make this an outstanding event to honor those who made our community the great one it is! I desperately hope that I have not missed thanking anyone who had a part in it; if so, please excuse my omission! I would really like to list everyone who attended since it is you who made this event possible and you whom we hope we pleased.

—Joya Neff, Silver Celebration Coordinator

Were You There?



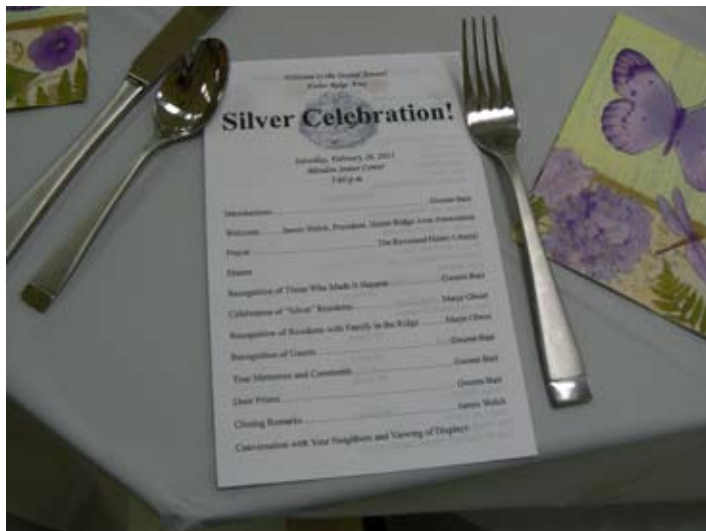
*Almina Smock-Wiebell with Her Displays
Depicting the 50-Year History of Huber Ridge*



*The Reverend Henry Litteral
Giving the Prayer*



*Residents Registering
and Putting on Name Tags*



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Huber Ridge Report Card

Huber Ridge Students Participated in "Idita-Read"

On February 17, students and their families gathered at Huber Ridge Elementary School to participate in the "Idita-

Read." Curling up with a good book on a cold winter's night was the order of business at the 2011 Family Reading Night where youngsters visited reading stations in celebration of the Iditarod, browsed a book fair, enjoyed refreshments, and earned a free book for participating. The event was sponsored by the Huber Ridge PTA.

Upcoming events include the 5th Grade Huber Ridge Strings concert on May 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Central High School and the Father/Daughter Dance on April 8.

—Westerville City School District Website

2011 Blendon Township Rain Barrel Workshop a Success

The 2011 Blendon Township Rain Barrel Workshop was a successful, joint venture hosted by the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District and the Blendon Township Trustees on Tuesday, March 22, at the Senior Center. This workshop educated Blendon Township residents about the benefits of capturing rain water while preventing flooding and pollution downstream. Forty residents were able to take home their own rain barrels. FSWCD offered the 60-gallon-capacity, terra-cotta colored rain barrels at a cost of only \$54 per barrel (retail is over \$130).

Rain barrels help divert water from storm drain systems, store high quality water for gardens, prevent flooding downstream, and reduce water/sewer bills as well as electrical bills from sump pump usage.

Special thanks to Trustee Stewart Flaherty for orchestrating this event for FSWCD and to Stephanie Suter of FSWCD for working with our trustees to make this event happen. This event was publicized on the Blendon Township, HRAA, Sunbury Woods, and FSWCD websites; announced on Blendon Township and HRAA Facebook pages; and published in the local Westerville papers.

—Pam Clegg, Neighbor

Oops!

We failed to recognize the following who donated to the Halloween Hoopla last fall. In the belief that it is better late than never, we are listing the donors to whom we are so very grateful:

- 🏠 P. F. Chang—10 certificates for appetizers
- 🏠 Almina and Tom Wiebell—2 puzzles, a gum ball machine
- 🏠 Patti Trott—3 autumn door hangers
- 🏠 Lee Corey—egg coddlers, a pasta maker
- 🏠 Lou Dunbar—Tupperware set
- 🏠 Kenny Rees—5 Xbox games
- 🏠 Pam Clegg—candy, two loaves of banana bread

- ★ Tracy Shearer—closet storage hangers, travel Yahtzee, markers, Wendy's coupons, ratchet set
 - ★ Jim Welch—candy
 - ★ Marje Obrist—candy
 - ★ Lori Mann—burner, kettle, igloo sticks
 - ★ Judy Garland—candy
 - ★ Brent and Hillary Sheffer—buckets
 - ★ Joy Neff—Frisch's coupons, gumballs
 - ★ Eric and Carolyn Cordray—kids' shadowbox, writing mat, cars, candle, coffee cup, and candy
- Tracy Shearer, Halloween Hoopla Coordinator



Citizens Now Have Free Access to Official, Timely Crime Data Through the CrimeReports Website and iPhone App

Blendon Township Police Department Joins the National Crime Map

Have you ever seen flashing blue lights in your neighborhood and wanted to know what was happening? Do you want to find out how safe your neighborhood really is? Now you can through a new partnership between the Blendon Township Police Department and CrimeReports, creators of the National Crime Map, at CrimeReports.com. A link is also posted on the Blendon Township website, blendontwp.org.

Working with the community and sharing information is one of our police department's top priorities. Partnering with CrimeReports gives us another tool to keep the public informed on a regular basis as to what is going on throughout the Township. The public can access the crime map 24 hours a day through the website or through the CrimeReports iPhone app, available for free download in the Apple iTunes store. The new service even lets local citizens sign up for free customizable email alerts, so they can stay on top of crime in their neighborhood. It's not just information for the sake of satisfying curiosity; we hope that giving the community this information will help them prevent crime in their neighborhoods.

The Blendon Township Police Department is a leader in law enforcement innovation and is demonstrating its commitment to the community, to proactive policing, and fiscal responsibility according to Greg Whisenant, founder and CEO of CrimeReports.

The Blendon Township Police Department is joining

over 1,600 other law enforcement agencies including the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and the Columbus Police Department to share their crime information with the public through the map. You can access your local crime map and sign up for daily, weekly, or monthly email crime alerts at CrimeReports.com.

About CrimeReports

Partnering with over 1,600 law enforcement agencies, CrimeReports is the #1 crime map and anonymous tip network in North America. It offers the largest and most accurate resource for timely, street-level crime and sex offender information on the web. The CrimeReports network offers families affordable, easy-to-use software tools created to help law enforcement agencies understand crime trends, share up-to-date information with the public, and receive actionable intelligence from the community. Empowering them to make informed decisions and help improve community safety, citizens can access the integrated crime map, create or join neighborhood groups, and collaborate with other citizens and local law enforcement free at CrimeReports.com. CrimeReports services are offered by Public Engines, Inc. For more information, visit CrimeReports.com.

—Chief John Belford, Blendon Township Police Department



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Huber Ridge Hit Report Is Hot!

The Huber Ridge Area Association's website, huberridge.org, continues to be a popular site for residents of our community. Here are the number of visitations during the past six months:

October 2010.....	3,002
November 2010.....	2,465
December 2010	2,052
January 2011.....	1,889
February 2011.....	2,234
March 2011 (through the 17 th)	2,815

The "Discussion" area is the most popular, but many people view the "Calendar," the "Map," "Meet Your Neighbors," archived copies of *The Herald* and HRAA minutes in "Our Info," and "Pages & Links," which contains the latest news and is updated frequently. Many residents learned about the Rain Barrel Workshop and the Community Garden on huberridge.org. Try it; you'll like it!

—Marje Obrist, Newsletter Editor

Membership Appeal

Last year we started a new way of identifying residents who may want to become members of our association but just hadn't gotten around to joining, so we put the word out that anyone who brings in the most new members would get a year of membership free. Well, the idea was turned around for two members who joined and named another member who was the reason for their becoming members! What a nice gesture! Those two very special members who were honored are Pamela Clegg and Sharon Ricker.

Well, this year we are offering the same free year's membership to anyone who brings in the most new members during the month of April. Executive Committee members are not eligible.

—Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator



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Hey, Kids!

Can You Match These Huber Ridge Street Names with the Right Country?

As all of us “Ridge Runners” know, most of the streets in Huber Ridge are named after cities in countries around the world. The first person age 18 or under to match all the city and country names correctly and to submit his or her list to Newsletter Editor Marje Obrist, 5436 Acapulco Place, will win a prize—a \$25 gift card for Barnes and Noble—and will be recognized in the next issue of *The Herald*.

—Marje Obrist, Newsletter Editor

Letter of
Country
Where City
(Street Name)
Is Located

City

(Street Name)

Country

Acapulco

Balboa

Bangas(s)i

Bashaw

Batavia

Bogata

Bolamo

Brazzaville

Buenos Aires

Cairo

Canberra

Caracas

Carthage

Copenhagen

Dakar

Harbin

Karikal

La Paz

a. Argentina

b. Australia

c. Austria

d. Bijagós Island

e. Burma (Myanmar)

f. Canada

g. Chile

h. China

i. Columbia

j. Columbia and Panama

k. Cuba

l. Denmark

m. Egypt

n. France

o. India

p. Indonesia

q. Indonesia

r. Mali

Letter of
Country
Where City
(Street Name)
Is Located

City

(Street Name)

Country

Lima

Lisbon

Madrid

Makassar

Managua

Manila

Mexico (City)

Montevideo

Oslo

Panama

Paris

Rangoon

Saigon

Santiago

Stockholm

Varadero

Vienna

s. Mexico

t. Mexico

u. Mexico and Bolivia

v. Nicaragua

w. Norway

x. Panama

y. Peru

z. Philippines

aa. Portugal

bb. Republic of the Congo

cc. Senegal

dd. Spain

ee. Sweden

ff. Tunisia

gg. Uruguay

hh. Venezuela

ii. Vietnam

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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If you are interested in advertising in the spring issue of *The Herald*, please contact Marje Obrist at 891-6944 or at editor@huberridge.org.

We Understand!

We know you want to join the Huber Ridge Area Association. We know you want to get all the announcements and join your neighbors in making our community even greater. We also know that you're busy and other things are more important in your life. SO, we've made joining easy!

Here's a check! Just fill it out for \$15 to the HRAA and mail it to Joya Neff, 3615 Stockholm Road (you know the rest).

—Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator

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Joya



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Here's What's Happening in the Ridge!

Put these dates on your calendar!



- March 31-April 2** Large Indoor Garage Sale at the Blendon Senior Center from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on April 2)
- April 7**..... HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- April 13**..... Blendon Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- April 16**..... Easter Egg Hunt (for Kids to Age 8) in Ridgewood Park at 2:00 p.m.
- April 20**..... HRAA Block Watch Training at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- April 21**..... HRAA Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- April 23**..... Spring Cleanup in Ridgewood Park beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- April 27**..... Blendon Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- May 3**..... Election Day
- May 5**..... HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- May 7**..... 6th Annual HRAA Plant Swap in Ridgewood Park from 10:00 a.m. to noon
- May 11**..... Blendon Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- May 19**..... HRAA Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- May 25**..... Blendon Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- May 30**..... Memorial Day Ceremony and Picnic at Blendon Central Cemetery at 11:00 a.m.
- June 2**..... HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- June 8**..... Blendon Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- June 16**..... HRAA Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- June 22**..... Blendon Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- June 25**..... Community Garage Sale in Huber Ridge from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- July 6**..... Blendon Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- July 7**..... HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- July 10**..... Huber Ridge Blooms Show in Huber Ridge from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- July 16**..... Ridge-a-Palooza All Huber Block Party at Faith Covenant Church at 5:00 p.m.