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Garden Lovers, Huber Ridge Bl^oms Is for YOU!

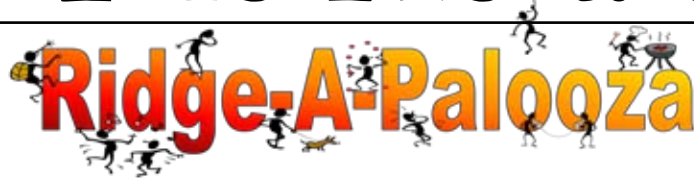
Huber Ridge Bl^oms, our fifth annual garden show and contest, is Sunday, July 15, from 1 to 5 p.m. The specific locations of the gardens will be listed on our Huber Ridge Bl^oms Community Organization Facebook page and our HRAA website (huberridge.org) as we receive applications; in the July Sunday *Dispatch* garden section; in the local Westerville paper, *ThisWeek*, *Westerville News & Public Opinion*; or you may call Judge Pam Clegg at 891-9176 for a list of addresses. This is a FREE event. **Please make time to attend and show your support.** A garden show and contest cannot happen without YOU. Our neighbors have worked very hard to beautify their yards and consequently the community. They would be greatly encouraged if you would support them by visiting their gardens. Thank you.
—Huber Ridge Bl^oms Judges Pam Clegg, Elisabeth Clegg, Barbara Crawford, Linda Laine, and Sharon Ricker



It May Not Be Too Late to Enter Bl^oms, Our Premier Garden Show and Contest

This newsletter may arrive at your home before the deadline to register for Bl^oms (June 28, 5 p.m.). If so, then now is the time to act!! We are seeking 15 gardeners to be part of our tour this year. If you check our website or Facebook page and see that we already have our 15 gardeners, you may still be able to enter at the judges' discretion. Our application provides all the details. It will be worth your effort!!

—Pam Clegg, Bl^oms Co-Coordinator and Judge



the Community Block Party

Remember the fun you had last year? Well, the fourth annual Ridge-a-Palooza is building up to an even greater event this year on Saturday, August 4, from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. on the grounds of the Faith Covenant Church at 3607 Dempsey Road. You'll want to mark your calendar and join with friends and family in a great time.

As in previous years, we will have big, inflatable games (like an obstacle course and a bounce house). There will be music, dancing, all kinds of games for all kinds of ages (some inside), raffle prizes, face painting, a giant Slip 'n Slide, and more. The police officers and firemen will be there to greet everyone and show off their cool cars and trucks! Of course, there will be hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, sno-cones, lots of treats, and a new addition—Sunny 95's Treat Cart! Another new addition is in the development stage and will, we hope, culminate in a car and motorcycle expo. Good, huh? Then when the sun starts to go down, we just keep going with a movie on the giant 20-foot outdoor screen!

Is there more? You bet! This whole day and evening is free! We will only accept donations at various parts of the grounds to allow you to give as you wish. This huge event is being sponsored by the Huber Ridge Area Association and Faith Covenant Church.

The MarketPlace will return for a second year in a more accessible area where a variety of local businesses will have available for purchase their best products and services. If you would like to showcase your business (large or small) at Ridge-a-Palooza, there is still time to join the MarketPlace. To be included, just contact Carolyn Cordray at president@huberridge.org or call 882-1310.

You don't want to miss out on all this fun, so mark your calendar for August 4. We look forward to greeting you there!

—Ed Chilcoat, Faith Covenant Church,
and Joya Neff, Huber Ridge Area Association

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LETTERS

Resident Reaps Benefits Through County Auditor

Recently, Debb Candow, neighbor, sent a note to me regarding her pursuit of a homestead exemption through Franklin County Auditor Clarence Mingo's office. Applying for the exemption was encouraged during Auditor Mingo's presentation at a recent monthly meeting of the Huber Ridge Area Association. Here is the note:

Dear Carolyn,

I would like to thank you and the Huber Ridge Area Association for inviting Franklin County Auditor Clarence Mingo to speak at a recent monthly meeting. I enjoyed his presentation and learned of my eligibility for the Homestead Exemption due to disability.

The application process was very easy. I will receive a tax refund check from the Auditor's office for 2011 in the amount of \$684.

My air conditioning needed to be replaced this year. I'm really glad to be able to apply those funds toward that necessary expense!

This is another good example of how residents can benefit from the HRAA. I'm proud to be a member. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Debb Candow

Congratulations to Debb! I'm sure she is enjoying that air conditioning! I suppose we can now say that it sometimes pays to attend an HRAA meeting. If you are interested in learning if you are eligible to receive the homestead exemption, please refer to the Franklin County Auditor's website at franklincountyauditor.com or phone the office at 525-4663.

—Carolyn Cordray, President

Always Something Going On in the Ridge

Spring and summer always bring a flurry of activity to our neighborhood, and this year is no exception. In addition to the many activities chronicled in our quarterly newsletter, *The Herald*; on our website, huberridge.org; and on our Facebook page, "Huber Ridge Area Association," we hold monthly meetings where we have been discussing and acting on some exciting new changes.

Since the re-organization of the neighborhood association 7 years ago, we have grown in membership to over ten times our original size. Initially we held events in the neighborhood that attracted at most 20 to 25 people. Our biggest event last year (Halloween in the Park) drew in over 400 people. It became apparent that we needed to re-evaluate our basic organizational structure. After meeting with local attorney Fritz Milligan to review our options, the membership decided that we should re-organize as an incorporated non-profit corporation 501 (c)(4) through the Secretary of State and also register our association name as a trade name. These actions now allow the HRAA to apply for recognition of exemption from federal income taxes and will provide some liability protection as a corporation that we didn't have as an unincorporated association for individual members. Registering Huber Ridge Area Association (HRAA) as a trade name protects our exclusive right to the use of our association name. For most residents, these changes will be transparent as they won't have an evident bearing on any of the events we will continue to plan, coordinate, and sponsor. As an organization, we will continue to seek opportunities to bring the residents together for beneficial and fun purposes.

The HRAA membership is currently working on a more visible change we anticipate to have in place in the fall. The Association is currently looking into landscaping designs for the signs at two of our main entrances into the neighborhood at the intersections of 161 (Dublin-Granville Road)/Buenos



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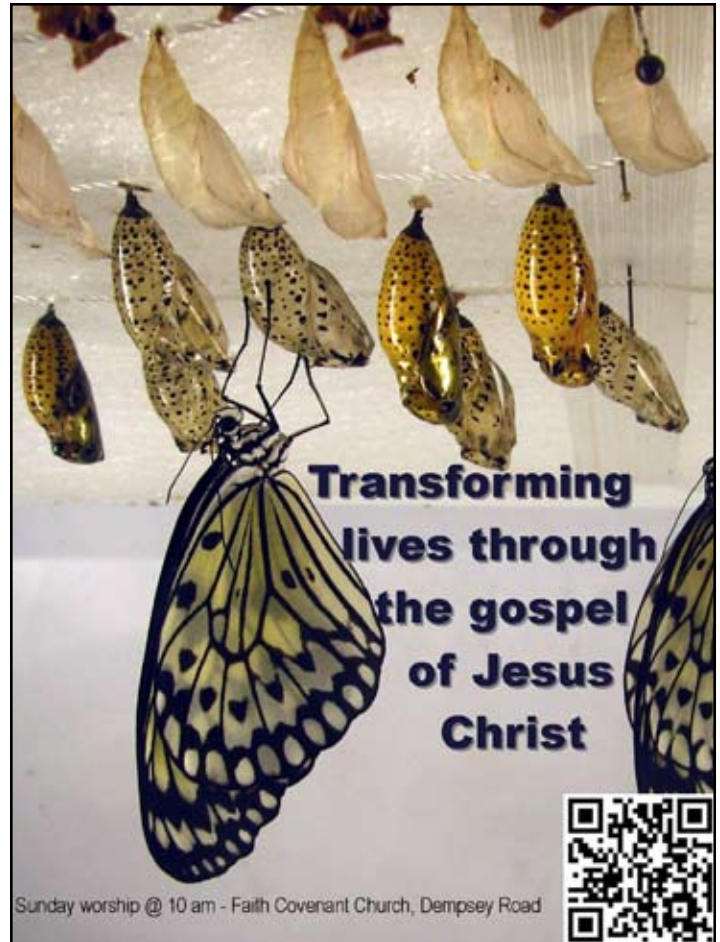
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Aires Boulevard and on Westerville Road/Paris Boulevard. Additionally, the flower beds at the entrance to Ridgewood Park are included in this project. Thus far, the Association has consulted with a master gardener and is continuing to explore our options with an eye toward creating more of a showcase in the entrance and parks areas. One of the best kept secrets in our corner of Blendon Township has come to light in the past few years through the HRAA Huber Ridge Blooms garden show. Our neighborhood can boast of some of the most amazing and wondrous floral and greenery displays around. What better way to celebrate this fine tradition of gardening than to create an extraordinary and inviting presentation at our entrances and park? The HRAA is inviting you to be a part of this project in some capacity especially if you have a love for beautiful gardens by simply attending our next HRAA general meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 12. Due to the holiday, this meeting which is usually held the *first* Thursday has been moved to the *second* Thursday of July; so mark your calendars if you'd like to join the efforts for beautification of our flower beds.

Speaking of our monthly HRAA meetings, this year the Association has more consistently engaged speakers for each meeting. Come meet the new local management for Aqua Ohio at the July 12 meeting. This new water company is aware of our history with Ohio American Water and is interested in reaching out to the community to share its customer service perspectives, which differ from OAWC's. We are providing a forum for the new water company to meet residents and allow it to introduce the company to the community. Aqua Ohio won't be able to change the past but is interested in entering the future with us in a more positive light, so the HRAA wants to give Aqua that opportunity to take that first step with us. Then for our August 2 meeting, Blendon Township Administrator Bryan Rhodes will return to inform us about the exciting changes for our township having to do with the Joint Economic Development Zone (JEDZ) agreement with Westerville. If you have questions, this will be a perfect time to have them answered. The JEDZ will need to be approved by the voters on the November ballot, so plan to come to learn what passage of the JEDZ can mean for our community.

The Association also hosts many resident discussions on various topics on our website (huberridge.org) in the discussion section and on our Facebook page ("Huber Ridge Area Association"). There is no cost to participate in either of our internet locations, and you don't even have to be a member of the HRAA to participate. For both, you will need to request membership; so you can post/join or just read the neighborhood chat threads. Interesting and informative things are being talked about on these sites, so join in today!

—Carolyn Cordray, President



Reality Check for the Prosperity of the Huber Ridge Area

About four months ago, the Association membership topped 218 households; and, had I been young enough, I would have danced a jig. Because of the money? No! I was delighted that 218 households cared enough about what we were doing for them to join us!

Let me tell you what joining does for us. The HRAA is not an abstract organization; it is a group willing to work hard for our community. And, by the way, we love it! Bottom line—when you join, you are cheering us on and showing us you care about your community. We feel your support, and it makes our efforts worth it for us to keep going.

I remember how sad it was when the former association did fail primarily because the working few burned out, not because they had no money. They had so little support from the residents. Let's look at the traditional events we all enjoy:

☛ *The Herald Newsletter*—published quarterly, articles authored by many, ads obtained through the work of the Editor, distributed and delivered by hand by more volunteers than I know.

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- 👉 **Block Watch**—probably the most valued program for any community with 71 volunteer Block Watch street representatives! Watching out for you all the time. A training program is planned, coordinated, and conducted by your volunteers. A volunteer is working constantly to keep abreast of what is of importance to you and communicating that to you.

Do you want them to know you care?

- 👉 **Halloween in the Park**—441 attended, more individuals volunteered than we can count in just planning, setting, up, and tearing down. The Flaherty Consulting Group picked up a huge financial tab; and sponsorships included 12 restaurants, a dentist, a grocer, a hardware store, a book store, and Faith Covenant Church.


Do you want them to know you care?

- 👉 **Beggars Night Patrol**—after some vandalism a few years past, Faith Covenant Church members began a patrol; and there has been no vandalism since.

Do you want them to know you care?

- 👉 **OAW Hearings and Candidate Question-and-Answer Night**—more than 100 attend each, your volunteers plan them, monitor them, serve as timekeeper, host each; Faith Covenant Church donated the facility.

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Did I make a difference in the way you think about what your \$15 a year in dues can do for us? I hope so! I'd love to accept your dues! ☺

—Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator

“See Something, Say Something!”

On June 7, more than 20 of our neighbors sat in a hot room (someone forgot to turn on the AC) and listened to some interesting information presented to us by Deputy Tim Schambis from the Ohio Department of Homeland Security. That organization was selected because of its program “See Something, Say Something,” which is what our block watch is all about. Also helping were Sgt. Erick Moynihan from BTP and retired officer Jeff Sacksteder from CPD. The topic was very “heavy,” and I hope people were not turned off by serious cases that were presented; but one thing I got from this was that people who do bad things live someplace. Do they live here? Could they live here? The answer to both of those questions is unfortunately yes. A few weeks ago, a TV news crew from Channel 10 was in the neighborhood doing a follow-up story to a serious story that is still going through the court system at the time of this writing. Last night Tom Brockman from Channel 4 was reporting on our Block Watch training and filed a positive report on our neighborhood. Good news or bad—the fact that things are happening here is an indication that we are an active neighborhood. And that activity brings me to the topic of change.

I need to know how the Block Watch program can better serve those in this small neck of the woods. The Block Watch reps will soon be better organized via email distribution lists and phone trees to assist in getting watch alerts out faster. Let's work smarter, not harder! We also seem to be a semi-passive organization at this time. Does that mean if we notice “stuff” going on at certain times of the day, we don't take a few minutes to walk around in our area just to be out and about? Maybe we jump on our bicycles and ride for a few minutes around the block(s). Let me know please. It's your Block Watch program. Please note my NEW phone number is 525-1488.

Be safe and enjoy the summer!

—Doug Murphy, Block Watch Coordinator

Neighbor News

Our condolences to the family and friends of Michelle Salyers, who died suddenly on May 5! She will be greatly missed.

Congratulations to Almina Smock-Wiebell, who was recognized as one of the original organizers of W.A.R.M. in the March/April 2012 issue of *Westerville Magazine*!

Congratulations to Sharon Ricker for being chosen to

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Block Watch Street Representatives

Area A

3361 **Arnett Court**
Gloria Cochenour
882-2639

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Mindy March
523-3184

3360 **Dempsey Road**
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3815 **Balboa Place**
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Debb Candow
794-3038

6084 **Paris Bl., N.**
Joellen Lugin
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6037 **Paris Bl., N.**
Karl and Kathy Austin
563-0711

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3515 **Canberra Court**
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5784 **Varadero Drive**
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Sharon Ricker*
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3515 **Panama Drive**
Betsy Briggs
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5663 **Bashaw Drive**
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3668 **Managua Drive**
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Robin Thomas
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serve on the Inniswood Metro Gardens Board! Sharon won first place in the first Huber Ridge Blooms contest and now serves as co-coordinator and one of the judges for this event. Sharon will replace Tom Wiebell, whose term on the Board has just expired.

Students at Huber Ridge Elementary School have raised money for the Pennies for Patients campaign to benefit children with leukemia through Hat Day, Twin Day, Favorite Sports Jersey Day, and Assistant Principal Brett Gambill's willingness to have his head shaved for donations to the cause. These students also had a visit from Spiderman for surpassing their \$4,000 goal for the PTA Spring Fundraiser, which supports educational assemblies for students, field trips, technology, and more. Huber Ridge Elementary School students also participated in the "Healthy Huber Revolution" which included "Be Active Week," "Ban the Can Week," and "Fruits and Vegetables Week." They vied for chances to win sports equipment donated by local organizations.

—Pam Clegg, Neighbor

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For a little history on the company, here is an excerpt from its web page:

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Mr. James Vaive is still with the company as the President. On Varment Guard's website (varmentguard.com), there is a link called "Ask the President" where you can send your comments or suggestions directly to Jim Vaive.

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- ✓ **Accountability:** We are accountable to the customer, to our peers and ultimately to God.
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—Doug Dapo, Neighbor

HRAA Household of the Quarter

Meet Chuck Marlow

[This is the beginning of the fourth year we have recognized a family within the Ridge as the Household of the Quarter allowing us to tell stories of ten families and honor them at an Association meeting.]

I saw the smiles on the faces of those who attended the general meeting of the HRAA when we drew the name of Chuck Marlow at 3360 Dempsey. He is known to many—the kind, quiet, reserved guy who is a regular at Faith Covenant Church, nurtures his vegetable garden, loves sharing his produce with neighbors as well as the Senior Center, and volunteers weekly at a food pantry. Even he grinned, but it was his knowing we all had a lot to learn! Now for the “rest of the story.”

Chuck was born in Newark, and he and his older brother were raised on a small farm east of Jersey near Lynd’s Fruit Farm. It was there that his love of gardening was formed.

After graduating from Alexandria High School, he came to Columbus to work for the Standard Oil Company. When he was 21, he leased a Sohio station at Glenco and North High Street, the first of three; Karl Road and Elmore and East 5th Avenue and Peters followed. During this busy time, he met and married Janet; and they continued a fast paced life, buying real estate, remodeling it, and selling. The first was an apartment building which provided enough profit to buy a twin single in Reynoldsburg where they lived in one side and rented the other. It was here their first child, Joy, was born in 1968. They sold that home, bought a three-family apartment in German Village, remodeled, sold it, and moved to Gahanna where they lived for 23 years! Joy graduated from Gahanna Lincoln High School; and during this time, she worked at Gahanna Public Library where she found her interest in library work. She graduated from The Ohio State University and went to the Columbus Main Library where she still enjoys her work. Then in 1973, their second child, Jill, was born. She graduated from the Tree of Life Christian School and from Ball State University with a teaching degree. While at school she met her husband, Paul, from Branson. They married; and while they lived there, they had two boys and a girl—three delightful grandchildren. After several years,



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Paul was transferred to England; and although they are still there with the prospect of staying, they stay close. I was privileged to see pictures of several recent visits and several handwritten Grandpa cards. A Harrods truck sits on the dining room table with a story of its own!

In 1956 Chuck sold his 5th Avenue Sohio station and leased a lot and a building to form the Nelson Frame and Axel Company. In 1972 he bought the Moore Brothers Specialties Company in Newark, which sold auto and truck steering and suspension parts. They did so well that in 1988 he bought land on Scofield Drive in Whitehall, put a 7,000-square-foot office and warehouse building on it, and expanded the business into fasteners for auto, truck, and construction—better know as Nuts and Bolts! They bought their supplies direct from the manufacturers in the US and Canada, but he bought Metrics from Europe because it was the only good market for heavy-duty trucks. He sold throughout the Midwest. Often Chuck would pick up and deliver supplies, enjoy the interchanges with his customers; then while traveling in the area, he would market for business and even at times “encourage” past-due payments. His unique company thrived.

As he was telling his story, it was obvious he enjoyed every minute of these endeavors despite what must have been very tiring work. One comment he had was, “We had a great crew; Janet was a great office manager with a good staff. When I wanted to start something, I called everyone in and asked for their input. When we had a problem, we met and worked it out. I always welcomed new ideas and suggestions.” I doubt he even knew he was emulating the nationally recognized standards of a leader. He just did what he felt was right and was comfortable for him. It’s easy and even fun to work for a true leader like that!

Not that the above isn’t enough to keep a family hopping with two girls and both parents working in a thriving business; also, during that time, they became Western Square Dance enthusiasts. But Chuck wanted more than participation. He went to Callers College at James Madison University and Cal Golden’s Calling College, Hot Springs, Arkansas. After a few years of building their reputation, they formed their own square dance company. For 38 years, with his credential as an Accomplished Western Square Dance caller, he and Janet conducted many classes and festivals, calling in more than 15 states. It was during this time that they were able to take the girls with them to many events. Often the girls would say, “Dad, we have been in every school in the State of Ohio.” Of course, they were referring to attending square dances in schools. The farthest he recalls was in Cheyenne; but the most memorable was in Fayetteville, Arkansas, at the American Legion Hall where he was calling and was overcome by clouds of dust rising from the wooden

floor. It only bothered the “visitors” as everyone else was used to it! They established such a following that he had to confirm an Ohio site a year ahead to assure he could “buy out” all the hotel rooms for their “Honeymoon Square Dance Weekend.” After a few years at Burr Oak, they outgrew the facility and moved to Atwood Lake Lodge. This popular event was always a sell-out with a waiting list for cancellations.

It was about 1990, shortly after moving the business to Whitehall, that Janet became ill and later was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s. Without the details, it was a long, hard goodbye. By having the business, they were able to travel to a lot of pretty places and meet a lot of nice people. But after her passing, Chuck wanted to retire and sell the business after 32 years of travel. Later Chuck bought a house on Halkirk off Taymouth where he lived for a couple years until he saw the home he now owns on Dempsey with a for-sale-by-owner sign in the yard. He knew the area and liked what he saw. He made the deal with the owner and again began to remodel. His backyard was one of the selling points and now is filled with more plants than I could count and more varieties of vegetables than I knew existed including castor beans. He read on the package that the bean plant was poisonous. He planted the seeds near the back fence; and when they began to mature, he noticed the squirrels, which routinely enjoyed his plants, stopped and turned around at what he believes is the scent from that plant. The groundhog that frequented his plants is gone now, also. A mystery but a fun one!

When you drive by 3360 Dempsey, note the tree-chair, footstool, and table in Chuck’s front yard! He ordered that ensemble when the tree was cut down and ordered what part of the trunk was to be cut and how! Still building! By the way, it’s comfortable!

Be sure to come to the July HRAA general meeting on July 12 to meet Chuck and let him know how much you appreciate the time he took to bring his story to you. Note the meeting change of date!

—Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator

In the Know

Please plan to join us at our monthly HRAA meeting to be “in the know.” At our next meeting on July 12 (one week later due to the July 4 holiday), we will have a representative from Aqua Ohio, our new water company. He will be happy to answer general questions about the company.

At our August 2 meeting, we will have our very own Bryan Rhoads, Blendon Township Code Enforcement Director. He will be giving us important information about the upcoming JEDZ issue. The JEDZ will be a great thing for everyone here in Blendon Township. Please share any ideas for speakers with me at vp@huberridge.org.

—Eric Cordray, Vice President

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Call W.A.R.M. Coordinator Deb Wallace at 899-0196, x219 (office) or 805-9986 (cell) or email her at deb@warmwesterville.org to schedule your volunteer time!

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Annual Ridgewood Park Cleanup Successful

The 2012 Ridgewood Park Earth Day cleanup was on April 28. This year's event was unique in that we also carried out an Eagle Scout project in the Park at the same time. Nathan Carpenter, a Life Scout in Boy Scout Troop 560, supervised the installation of a split-rail fence between the parking lot and the volleyball court. The fence was needed after the parking lot was expanded by removing the mound that had barricaded vehicles from accidentally going into the volleyball court or baseball diamond. Other tasks included the annual ritual of mulching the trail in the woods, pulling invasive honeysuckle, weeding flower beds, and spreading mulch in the playground area. Due to the damp condition, painting and staining structures was delayed until another date.

Breakfast was furnished by Tim Horton's and Schneider's Bakery. Coffee was donated by Starbucks. Lunch was furnished by our Blendon Township Trustees, Kroger's on Sunbury Road, Carsonie's Restaurant, and The Best Restaurant. Please let these sponsors know how much we appreciate their support. We were also treated to desserts this

year, courtesy of our neighbors. There was no shortage of cupcakes and other goodies! A grateful thank you to all of you who supplied these delectables!

The unofficial tally of volunteers is approximately 35 Boy Scouts and their parents and 45 neighbors and friends. (Unfortunately, not everyone signs in so we don't get an accurate count.) Thanks to Nate and the Scouts of Troop 560 and to all the residents and friends of Huber Ridge who helped in any way. It was another wonderful day of teamwork and fun! Our park is ready for another year of making memories.

—Lori Mann, Beautification Coordinator



*Top:
Kieran, Avery, and
Donovan Gleeson
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Help
Bottom:
Dulcy and John
Francis Working on
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Plant Swap Spreads Out

The HRAA once again arranged for the neighborhood plant swap on Mother's Day weekend. For this seventh Annual Plant Swap, participants brought a wide selection of plants for sharing with others who were in attendance. This year, in addition to about 15 residents, the event even drew in a couple of people from neighboring subdivisions who happened to see the kiosk posters as they were driving through the Ridge. Everyone enjoyed some lively and enthusiastic discussions about gardening; and by the time the event was over, only one plant did not find a home, so it was placed in one of the Ridgewood Park flower beds. Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's plant swap; hopefully we will see you again next year. Bring your friends!

—Carolyn Cordray, President

One Man's Treasures

Once again, your Huber Ridge Area Association along with Kimberly Sherrod from Keller Williams Greater Columbus Realty sponsored the Community Garage Sale. As in past years, traffic was heavy; and many, many people found just the right "treasure."

—Eric Cordray, Vice President

Nuisance Barking Dogs Are No Fun!

[Editor's note: Scott Mueller began his dog training profession in 1975 as he moved his family to Columbus, Ohio, to initiate The National K-9 Training Center. In 1979, he founded the National K-9 School for Dog Trainers where more than 1,600 students worldwide have attended. He is the author of *Mueller's Essential Guide to Puppy Development* and was inducted into the International Association of Canine Professionals Hall of Fame in 2010. The HRAA appreciates his willingness to share his knowledge with us.]

With summer upon us, we all enjoy the outdoors, sharing in family activities. In the evening, we may enjoy leaving a bedroom window open on a cool evening as we go to sleep. There are few things more frustrating than to have a neighborhood dog barking for an extended period of time, breaking the silence. Some dog owners actually give little thought to what the neighbors might be experiencing.

Certainly we are pleased when our dogs bark for good reason, but nuisance barking is another story. The following may give a better understanding as to why dogs bark and offer a few tips that may allow your neighbors a good night's sleep or a peaceful outdoor family gathering.

Why Do Dogs Bark?

- ❧ Dogs want to be with family, not tied out or fenced in an area.
- ❧ Many dogs may become territorial in outdoor confined areas.
- ❧ They may be hungry or thirsty, cold or hot near heat stress.
- ❧ They may not be socialized around people and/or other pets and become defensive and fearful.
- ❧ They may suffer from separation anxiety when left alone.

Helpful Tips to Stop Barking

With proper training, most dogs will enjoy being in the house with their owners. Nylabone chew toys and Kong balls stuffed with milk bones or peanut butter serve well to occupy their time when their owner is unable to be with them.

Seek the help of a qualified trainer who can teach you how to enjoy your dog through training. We don't think twice about educating our children from kindergarten to 12th grade, yet we assume our dogs will understand what we expect of them. Remember that our dogs want to please us, but they don't know how. It's up to us to be proactive and take charge of our dogs through proper training and exercise.

Due to the severity of some barking cases, your trainer may resort to one of several bark collars that activate upon barking more than two or three times, depending on the ability of the collar. Some collars activate a citronella spray.



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Others may emit a high frequency that irritates the dog's sense of hearing. The last collar, known as an electrical collar (E-collar), is self-activated like the first two but offers a pseudo-electrical stimulation that works off a 3 volt-9 volt radio battery. Since there is no amperage behind the stimulation of what feels like a mild shock, it rarely has any adverse effects on the dog other than it gets its attention. It is my suggestion that you seek the help of a professional when using these tools; and remember, there is no substitute for your dog's education. There is no such thing as "man's best friend" until we teach a dog how to become such!

—Scott Mueller



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

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—James Welch, Immediate Past President

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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Advertising rates are as follows:

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

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Welcome, New Members and New Residents!

We have four new member households bringing our total membership to 218. Our new members are as follows:

- ♦ Grace Fellowship Church at 3475 Paris
- ♦ John and Leslie Hoggatt at 3573 Manila
- ♦ Fred Milligan at 485 Dempsey
- ♦ Christopher and Kelsey Spicuzza at 3630 Stockholm (also new residents)

Residents new to the Ridge in May include

- ♦ Keith Barnett at 3627 Dempsey
- ♦ Nicole M. Kirk at 3555 Karikal
- ♦ Michelle E. Myers at 6337 Arnett

♦ William Murphy, Jr. at 3695 Managua
Since the spring issue of *The Herald* was published at the end of March, there have been 18 homes sold in the Ridge. None have gone into foreclosure, and only five remain in foreclosure.

—Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator

Fireworks

Remember that the use of fireworks is restricted to the people who are paid to set them off only. Please do not set off fireworks in the neighborhood unless you have permission and insurance to cover the potential damage done to neighbors' properties.

—Doug Murphy, Block Watch Coordinator

HUBER RIDGE AREA ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

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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 Thom Conley, 3533 Makassar Drive, Westerville, OH 43081 or call him at 882-5252. Checks are to be made payable to the Huber Ridge Area Association.

Here's What's Happening in the Ridge!

Put these dates on your calendar!

Note:
July HRAA
meeting is
on the
12th
(second
Thursday).



- July 3..... Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- July 5..... Farmers Market at Faith Covenant Church from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and every Thursday thereafter through October 25
- July 5..... Block Party with Free Refreshments for All Area Junior and Senior High School Students at GRACE Fellowship Church from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- July 12..... HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- July 15..... Huber Ridge Blooms Show in Huber Ridge from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- July 18..... Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- July 19..... HRAA Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- August 1..... Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- August 2..... HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- August 4..... Ridge-a-Palooza All Huber Block Party at Faith Covenant Church at 5:00 p.m.
- August 7..... National Night Out
- August 8..... Block Party with Free Refreshments for All Area Junior and Senior High School Students at GRACE Fellowship Church from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- August 15..... Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- August 16..... HRAA Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- August 29..... Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- September 6..... HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- September 12..... Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- September 20..... HRAA Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- September 26..... Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- October 4..... HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- October 27..... HRAA Halloween Event in Ridgewood Park from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- October 31..... Beggars' Night from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.