

Issue #37—Proposed Zoning Plan

A Zoning Department Is Up for Your Vote on Election Day, November 5

The Blendon Township Trustees have been working toward creating a Blendon Zoning Department. On November 5, 2013, residents vote on this topic. Currently, all zoning matters in Blendon Township are handled by three Franklin County Commissioners, who have a very large area to evaluate. Having our own Zoning Department would give Blendon Township the ability to make decisions on their own local matters instead of having County officials decide for them. Blendon Township officials would be able to respond faster than Franklin County to our residents' requests.

Earlier this year, the Trustees created the Blendon Township Zoning Commission, which was comprised of volunteer Blendon residents, the Township Administrator, and legal counsel. This committee reviewed and suggested changes to the current Franklin County Zoning Code. The Commission's goal was to protect the environment, maintain the integrity of existing neighborhoods, and encourage quality improvements consistent with the wishes of our residents. This would make the code a better fit for Blendon Township (instead of the current code that covers all of Franklin County). The Township's Zoning Commission developed a zoning code. This zoning code will **ONLY** be implemented if residents vote in support of Issue #37. The proposed zoning code and related map can be found online at blendontwp.org.

Important Facts:

- ☑ Local zoning would **NOT** increase taxes.
- ☑ Revenue from inspections and permits would go to Blendon Township instead of Franklin County.
- ☑ The proposed zoning would not change the current zoning of any property in Blendon Township.
- ☑ Bringing zoning to a local level would enhance services and enable the Township to rebuild at a better pace.
- ☑ Township officials would be able to respond more rapidly to complaints.

- ☑ Local zoning would allow faster response to renovation and new development opportunities.
- ☑ The Smart Growth Overlay would be removed from the current zoning code to encourage businesses to redevelop in Blendon.
- ☑ The Alum Creek and Big Walnut Overlay would be modified to protect homeowner rights and interests in their land—yet remain sensitive to environmental factors.

—Stew Flaherty, Jan Heichel, and James Welch

Blendon Township Trustees



Annual HRAA, Inc. Halloween Party Is on October 26

School has begun as has football season; next, of course, is the annual HRAA, Inc. Halloween

Party, which is a neighborhood tradition enjoyed by hundreds of party goers over the years. Plans are underway to see if we can offer the same types of popular activities we've been able to pull together in the past. First and foremost, since we are talking about Halloween, we need some "new blood" to join the effort especially in the planning stages.

Many residents have enjoyed coming to this party each year and bringing their children or grandchildren or friends to join in the fun. We know you have ideas on how to make this party fun; and if your kids have gotten older, don't stay away. We still want you to help with the party and enjoy this great community event! Thus far, we aren't starting with the same amount of talent in the initial planning as we have had in the past. In order to assure there is a Halloween party that meets or even exceeds past years, we do need more volunteers to step forward at the beginning to specifically help with general event planning, some creative help with the Haunted Woods, and some individuals who are great at fund-raising activities. Does this describe you? This is a terrifically fun event to plan in all areas from food to games to activities—not to mention the big attraction, which is the Haunted Woods. If you can help, contact Carolyn Cordray at 446-4020 or president@huberridge.org.

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As always, we are accepting candy donations for the Trick-or-Treat Street activity, and we are also accepting items for our raffle. Please consider volunteering especially if you would like to try your hand at event planning or have some ideas to use in the Haunted Woods. We are especially looking for dads to help in the woods. Join our planning team; we need you!

—Carolyn Cordray, President

HRAA, Inc. Household of the Quarter

Meet the Henderson Family

Every story of the Household of the Quarter chosen from the Association membership is so unique! This is no exception.

Kay Henderson was born and raised in LA; and although her husband, Blair, was born in Kansas, they met, married, had three children in LA County, CA, and lived there until 1963. It was then that Blair learned Western Electric was closing the office in LA, so he was given the option of moving to New Jersey, Minnesota, or Columbus. Kay is still grateful that their choice was Columbus although she left her brother, sister, and their families, who still live in LA. In the process of their finding a home for the family; and after looking in the areas around Columbus, they found comfort in the quiet area south of Westerville where there was a new development growing but still some farmlands very close. That development was Huber Ridge. So in May of 1963, they bought the home Kay lives in today.

When they moved, Kathy, their older daughter, was in the 4th grade; Susan was in the 2nd grade; and Michael was 5 years old. The girls soon found friends in their new schools to the relief of their parents, and Kay and Blair soon found friends in their church, so the transfer was smooth.

The children are now grown and have their own lives; but “Mom” is still very much part of their activities, and they enjoy frequent visits. Kathy lives in Clintonville; Susan lives in Fernandina Beach, Florida, on Amelia Island, which is the only municipality in the United States that has flown eight different national flags—a very interesting area. Michael lives

in Center Village and has two grown daughters. One lives in Center Village, also, while the other lives in Columbus. What a delightful family with many fantastic stories.

Although the family enjoys all holiday events together, sometimes at one of the girls’ homes, the highlight of the year is Christmas at Mom’s. The long-time, traditional feast is Mexican cuisine. I thought this might lead to a “Mexican” story, but rather it is simply a special family tradition from the time when the children were young and found those dishes their favorites.

Another family vacation story takes place in Avon Village on the southern tip of the Outer Banks—with the ocean on both sides! Each year for 15 years, the entire family has spent a week in the summer enjoying each other in one of the most beautiful vacation spots in the Eastern US. I guess it is no wonder this is such a close family even today!

When we began the discussion of just what Kay enjoyed doing the most, I couldn’t write fast enough to get all the things she enjoys. Usually the answer is about one special hobby or craft. Not with Kay! She began with the love she and Blair had for golf, especially at Highlands Golf Club in Pataskala, although she hasn’t golfed recently. She describes her passion for reading with the explanation that she has to be careful just when she sits down to begin a story since she just cannot stop reading, so she paces herself by how long she can stay up reading! Amazing! Then she adds that she does enjoy jigsaw puzzles but only those with 1,000 pieces or more! Thinking we might say that Kay is an “overachiever,” I looked to Webster to assure that the title was appropriate and found the definition to be “do more than might be expected.” Sure enough, Kay is an overachiever! And she does so with humility and a smile. Wait until you learn of her other pleasures. She paints! Although she has not done much painting recently, she is eager to retrieve her brushes and paints and enjoy that special gift again soon. Would you believe one more of her talents? When the children were young, Kay sewed most of their clothes and for years did alterations as they grew. Then she did alterations for others. While she enjoyed that at the time, she doesn’t find that



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something she is interested in now.

Having learned so much about this wonderful family and Kay's many talents and skills, I asked why she joined the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc., not knowing that she has been a member since the original civic association began. She said she found it a way to know what was happening in the community. She was surprised when she learned that *The Herald* was delivered to all homes in the Ridge as the previous organization provided it only to members! We are proud of that.

Please come out to the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. meeting on October 3, 2013, at the Blendon Senior Center at 7 p.m. when we honor the Henderson family and provide the community the chance to meet and congratulate Kay. We'll be sure to invite as many of the family as can come—Florida might be a bit far!

—Joy Neff, Membership Coordinator

Neighbor News

"At Last" was one of the beautiful songs sung and played by Hang Time at the second Concert-in-the-Park in our Ridgewood Park on July 13 at our great new gazebo.

Because of the dedication and hard work of so many—the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc.; the Boy Scouts, the Little League Baseball; WARM; numerous residents; the Township Trustees; and Township grants, our park is absolutely beautiful!

Perhaps you are unaware that Ridgewood Park did not start to become a reality until 1972 when additions were implemented to accommodate the community; i.e., playground equipment, shelter house, etc. Let me share some history with you.

It seemed we had just successfully completed Operation Traffic Light when I was approached by original residents, the Haffners of Stockholm Road, who stated, "Now we need a park and/or a recreation program for the ever increasing number of children in our area."

In November 1971, we started with a meeting in my home with key individuals: the Township Clerk; the President of the Civic Association; the President of the Westerville Area Civitan; the Huber Ridge PTA; representatives of each area in Huber Ridge, Glengary, Fox Chase, and Hunt Club; and Dick Rano, Recreation Director for Westerville. The Westerville Area Civitan, the Huber Ridge PTA, and the Huber Ridge Civic Association each donated \$300—thus making \$900 to start the first recreation program. The Blendon Township Trustees helped to finance the needed equipment and to pay the hired co-directors. We were allowed to use the Park as well as Huber Ridge School grounds. Proper insurance was arranged, volunteer parents worked with the directors, the Girl Scouts served as baby sitters

for the volunteer parents, and the men were trained by a naturalist from the Columbus Metropolitan Parks to conduct nature walks.

Once again, the community came together; and with much planning and preparation and man hours, the first recreation program began the summer of 1972! It was so well attended that starting the next year our area was included in the Westerville Recreation Program!

I am very proud to have been instrumental in its beginnings and so grateful to all who have made it possible for our park to continue to thrive. We have something wonderful ... "At Last."

Long-time resident Ron Fultz of Oslo Drive participated in this year's WesterFlora. He was awarded a blue ribbon for the most extensive variety of flowers. Congratulations!

A number of Huber Ridge residents came together to observe the 30th anniversary of National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6. We had three of the remaining original residents of the Ridge—Walt Kelly, Tom Carlson, and Almina Smock-Wiebell—on hand. Blendon Township Trustee Jim Welch and his wife, Jean, joined us along with Doug Murphy, our Block Watch Coordinator, and his wife, Diane. The Pitneys and their two sons came out to be with us as well. We are grateful to Bryan Rhoads, Blendon Township Administrator, for taking time to talk with us and bring us up to date on upcoming Blendon Township endeavors. Many thanks to Sharon Ricker and Tom Wiebell for arranging and hosting the get-together.

—Almina Smock-Wiebell, Neighbor/Historical Coordinator

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| ★ Gerald E. Shaner | ★ Specialist Mark Smock |
| ★ Captain John Shinaberry | ★ Sgt. Benjamin K. Spears |

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—James Welch, Neighbor

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Thank you to the **Huber Ridge Area Association, Blendon Township Trustees and residents** who participated in, volunteered at and made the 2013 Westerville Area Kids Lunch Club at Ridgewood Park a huge success!



Burke's Blades

Now here's a really sharp business that you need to know about. It's Burke's Blades! Local resident Tom Burke has a knife sharpening business right here in Huber Ridge. If there is anyone around who knows how to sharpen knives and blades, it's Tom. He's been doing this since he was 9 years old. Tom's dad, a fisherman who collected knives, taught Tom how to sharpen knives and blades.

Just think about how much we use knives or tools with blades. We use knives in the kitchen to cut and chop; scissors in our office and around the house; and outdoor lawn tools like shearers, hedge cutters, axes, and wood awls used for splitting wood. And what about that all-favorite lawn tool, our lawn mower? When was the last time you had your lawn mower blade sharpened? Or, how about that dull pocketknife in your toolbox? Tom can do it all. He can even sharpen serrated steak knives, which requires a lot of skill.

How often have you used a dull knife in the kitchen or dull garden tool outside in your yard? A dull knife or dull garden tool just doesn't get the job done. Maybe you thought you needed to buy a new knife or tool. Well, save that money and get your knives and tools sharpened instead for a lot less.

As Tom said, "A sharp knife is a safe knife. It's a dull knife that can cause more damage." So it's really important to have our knives and tools with blades sharpened from time to time.

Gather up your dull knives and tools and visit Tom located at 5544 Oslo Drive here in Huber Ridge. Tom works out of his garage and can also come to your home to sharpen your knives, tools, and mower. His hours are Monday through Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 8:00 p.m. You can't beat the convenience of having Burke's Blades right here in the Ridge, and Tom's price will probably be lower than anywhere else!

—Doug Dapo, Neighbor

Autumn Meeting Schedule

If you miss our monthly HRAA, Inc. meetings, you are missing more than the chance to meet your neighbors and share your concerns and hopes for the neighborhood. We usually have speakers at each meeting, and the information they provide is invaluable.

The October 3 meeting will be no exception as we will have a "Candidates and Issues Night" with the opportunity for you to meet Jan Heichel and Stew Flaherty (Blendon Township Trustee candidates) and Nancy Nestor-Baker, Robert Edwards, Jim Burgess, Luke Davis, Kevin Hoffman, Rick A. Vilardo, Tracy Davidson, and John Sodt (Westerville School Board candidates). Additionally, Bryan Rhoads will be there to discuss the zoning issue, which is of major importance to all of us as Blendon Township residents.

Greg Odell and Jeff La Rue representing Aqua Ohio will be at our November 7 meeting to talk with us; and our December 5 meeting will be a celebration of all of our hard work with refreshments and time to socialize.

Meetings are held at the Blendon Township Senior Center, 6330 Hempstead Road—right next to the Blendon Township offices, and they begin at 7 p.m. Mark your calendars, and we hope to see you there!

—Claudia Carney, Secretary

Holiday Lights and Decorations Contest


Once again, the HRAA, Inc. is sponsoring its annual Holiday Lights and Decorations Contest. This is the best contest of all. No registration or application is necessary. The only requirement is that you live in the HRAA, Inc. area and decorate your residence for the holidays.

Prizes include a cash award of \$50 for first place, \$35 for second place, and \$25 for third place. In addition to the cash award, each winner will receive a gift basket of holiday goodies.

Judges will visit the HRAA, Inc. neighborhoods during the holiday season and determine the winners. Decorations should be on display by December 15 for judging. There are no categories of decorations, age groups, or other qualifications. Houses will be judged; and prizes, distributed the week before Christmas by a member of the Blendon Township Police Department if available.

—Sharon Ricker

Holiday Lights and Decorations Contest Coordinator



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First Season Concerts in the Park a Success!

This summer the first ever summer Concert in Ridgewood Park series proved very popular with residents with crowds estimated between 400 and 600 for each of the three events. These concerts were hosted by Blendon Township and by primary organizer and sponsor Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. All three concerts were completely free to concert goers—including free admission; free parking; free food; free treats; free bounce houses for the kids; and, best of all, free entertainment!

Resident Ginny Santos said of the concerts that she would see residents walking by her home in large groups to the Park, everyone smiling and having a great time. Another resident, Syreeta Long, commented at the July concert that these were great community events and right here in the neighborhood and much more affordable than going to the fair! Our first concert was held on Friday, June 14; and the featured band was Kelly Goodrich and the Rhythm Kings. The second concert was held on Saturday, July 13; and the featured band was Hang Time. The third concert was held on Saturday, September 14; and the featured band was These Guys Live!

Of course, there were costs incurred to bring these concerts to residents on a completely free basis. The group responsible for planning and pulling these concerts together included Duff Kelly, Carolyn Cordray, Jan Heichel, Claudia Carney, June Riggs, Eric Cordray, Jim Welch, Tom Heichel, and Bryan Rhoads. Many sponsors were recruited for financial donations to make this all happen for our community. Our sponsors this year were The Flaherty Consulting Group; Aqua Ohio; Roush Honda Used Car Company; Rife's Autobody; Bryan Rhoads, Realtor, Coldwell Banker King Thompson; John Nicholson, Agent, State Farm; Willie's Barber Salon; Public Safety Concepts; Tuffy Tire & Auto; Blendon Kennels; Clearwater Pools; Sears Heating & Cooling; Barnette's Services; Buckeye Bounce Houses; Fred Astaire Dance Studio; Tom and Jan Heichel; and Duff and Denise Kelly.

Concerts in the Park are off to a great start in Ridgewood Park. Next year is bound to be even better!

—Carolyn Cordray, President

First Concert in the Park

Were You There?



Top:

*Tom Heichel, Master of Ceremonies and Concert Sponsor
at the Gazebo in Ridgewood Park*

Lower left:

*Kelly Goodrich of Kelly Goodrich and the Rhythm Kings
Performing at the First Concert in the Park*

Lower right:

*Concert Goers
Enjoying Free Food*



"Gardens Are for Sharing"

—Linda Laine, Huber Ridge Blooms Judge and Westerflora Coordinator

We heartily agree with Linda, and so we on the Huber Ridge Blooms Committee sincerely THANK all who shared their gardens with the community July 18 and were part of our annual Huber Ridge Blooms Garden Show and Contest. Below are the gardeners who shared their beautiful gardens with you and how they were awarded.

- ✿ First Place winner of a \$100 gift card to Home Depot donated by Stewart Flaherty: Fred and Mary Moore, 5706 Bashaw Drive—Extensive, Varied, and Gorgeous Gardening; Obvious Love of Gardening
- ✿ Second Place winner of a \$50 gift card to Oakland Nursery donated by Sharon Ricker: Tom and Jan Heichel, 5576 Santiago Drive—Backyard Oasis; Pristine Gardening; Unique Features
- ✿ Third Place winner of \$35 cash from the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc.: Carole Gast, 6325 Arnett Road—Extensive and Colorful Perennials; Beauty in Garden Art and Rock Selections
- ✿ John and Karen Boley, 3815 Balboa Place—Beautifully Trimmed; Orderly Gardening; Creative and Beautiful Additions
- ✿ Evelyn Gardner, 3693 Managua Drive—Meticulously Maintained; Beautiful Roses; Unique Gardening Idea
- ✿ Brenda and Joseph Kakabar, 5664 Bashaw Drive—Front Yard Retreat; Beautiful Stone and Pond Features; Welcoming
- ✿ Trisha and Mark Miller, 3479 Saigon Drive—Outstanding Vegetable Garden; Beauty and Creativity in Vintage Garden Art; Environmentally Conscious

All were awarded a beautiful certificate and many other perks thanks to donors and sponsors Barbara Crawford, Joy Neff, Marje Obrist, Nancy Potts, the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc., and Hoover Gardens.

To see pictures of the gardens, access our Facebook page, Huber Ridge Blooms, Community Organization. You do not need a Facebook account to see the pictures; but if you have one, feel free to Like our page. We anticipate new garden entries for next year from those who understand that "gardens are for sharing!"

—Elisabeth Clegg, Hannah Clegg (photographer),
Pam Clegg, Barbara Crawford, Linda Laine,
and Sharon Ricker
Huber Ridge Blooms Committee

Huber Ridge Blooms

Thanks for Sharing!



Stew Flaherty Awarding His Donated First Place Prize of a \$100 Home Depot Gift Card to Fred and Mary Moore



Tom and Jan Heichel, Second Place Prize Winners, with a \$50 Oakland Nursery Gift Card Donated by Sharon Ricker



Carol Gast, Third Place Prize Winner, with \$35 Cash Donated by the HRAA, Inc.

Huber Ridges **Bl**ooms

More Garden Show Contestants!



Top row, left: John and Karen Boley

Top row, middle: Evelyn Gardner

*Top row, right: Joe Kakabar with Sharon Ricker
presenting a gift bag each participant received
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Bottom row, left: Mark and Trisha Miller



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Wraps Up Summer and Draws Many

It was a perfect August day for this year's Ridge-A-Palooza, which took place on Saturday, August 3; and it brought out many residents to enjoy this terrific community event. Once again, co-sponsored by the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. and Faith Covenant Church, this year's festivities attracted over 400 attendees.

We had hot dogs, cotton candy, lemonade, chips, a host of raffle prizes, sno cones, a bounce house, face painting, an obstacle course, a giant slip and slide, a marketplace with a variety of vendors, a Blendon Township police cruiser, a Westerville/Blendon Township fire truck, and a movie at dusk. Additionally we had a car show with prizes this year.

The car show was a huge success with a total of eight vehicles. The owners were limited to those who attend Faith Covenant Church or are residents of the Ridge. Jared

Congrove on Copenhagen owns the Willy's Jeep which he named "My Grandpa's Jeep." The pickup was a 1954 Chevy 3100 series and is the pride and joy of Tom Heichel on Santiago. Sherri Dearth turned heads as she drove in in her and her husband, Bill's, beautiful red 1966 Ford Mustang. Larry Reece on Copenhagen tools his beautiful 1957 turquoise-and-white Chevy around the neighborhood to the envy of all of us. Tom Wiebell on Oslo also tools his showpiece around the neighborhood: his 1974 Pontiac Ventura was his father's retirement gift from his employer! Don Hall brought his beautiful red 1963 Chevy Impala Convertible with a black top! Bob and Cheryl Matheny brought their 1969 Ford Fairlane to the show although he had others to choose from. Last but not least was the duo of Model Ts owned by Bob Neff and restored by Bob's son and grandson. Thanks to all those who were a part of this show! A plaque was awarded to each owner and two "Pastor's Choice" trophies were presented. Pastor Tim chose Larry Reece's 1957 Chevy and Pastor Kevin chose Tom Heichel's 1954 Chevy 3100 series pickup. Congratulations to both!

—Carolyn Cordray, President,
and Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator



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- ✓ We will honor our obligation to represent the taxpayers who rely on us to spend their dollars effectively.

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Second Fall Community Garage Sale Draws Shoppers

For the second year, the HRAA, Inc. coordinated a fall community garage sale on Saturday, September 7. Originally this was an event added to our schedule of activities at the suggestion of residents. It seems that the popularity of this second community garage sale is growing. Registrations for sales increased 38 percent over last year's registrations.

Once again, Kimberly Sherrod and Sherri Foster of Keller Williams Greater Columbus Realty sponsored the event through covering the cost of advertising and printing the maps. We hope everyone who participated in this community garage sale—whether they registered their sales prior to the date or decided to open up a sale at the last minute—had great success with their garage sales!

—Carolyn Cordray, President

Member Appreciation Day Is October 5

It's about time that we expressed appreciation to those households which have paid their annual dues of \$15 to support the many activities of the Huber Ridge Area

Association, Inc.; and we want to do it with a Saturday night supper at GRACE Fellowship Church.

Members in good standing at the end of August have been invited to attend this new event by email or by mail (for those who don't have email). Those who replied to this invitation will enjoy an evening of good food and fellowship from 5 to 7 p.m. We promise that there will be no lectures, no programs, no speeches, and no cost to members—just a good time for all in attendance.

HRAA, Inc. members who planned this event are Thom Conley, Lori Mann, Marje Obrist, and Sharon Ricker led by HRAA, Inc. Membership Coordinator Joya Neff. GRACE Fellowship Church graciously offered their kitchen and dining area for our use.

Membership dues have helped the HRAA, Inc. accomplish many things including monthly meetings, which often include programs; a revitalized Block Watch program and training; publication of a quarterly newsletter, a website, a Facebook page, park cleanups, plant swaps, garage sales, candidates' nights, Halloween parties, Silver Celebrations, Concerts in the Park, and so much more. If you're not a member yet, complete the application blank on page 16 and mail it and your check to Thom Conley.

—Marje Obrist, Newsletter Editor



All of us at Faith Covenant Church are excited for this new ministry for your entire family. All year long we will be doing special events, activities, and even field trips to get us all engaged with each other as well as engaged with God.

- Pumpkin Patch - October 26
- Game Night - November 22
- Zoolights - December 27

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Children

*are important to us at GRACE Fellowship,
and we would like to invite the community
to send their children
to our Awana program at the church
held on Sunday nights at 6 PM
beginning, Sunday, September 15.*

The Awana program is for children ages 2 years through 6th grade and is a nationally known non-denominational ministry that helps children learn the stories of the Bible and Bible verses and gives them a solid foundation of loving and serving God.



For more information about the program and to register your children, call the church at 614-890-0078 or email us at office.gfcw@gmail.com or register online at gracefcwesterville.org.

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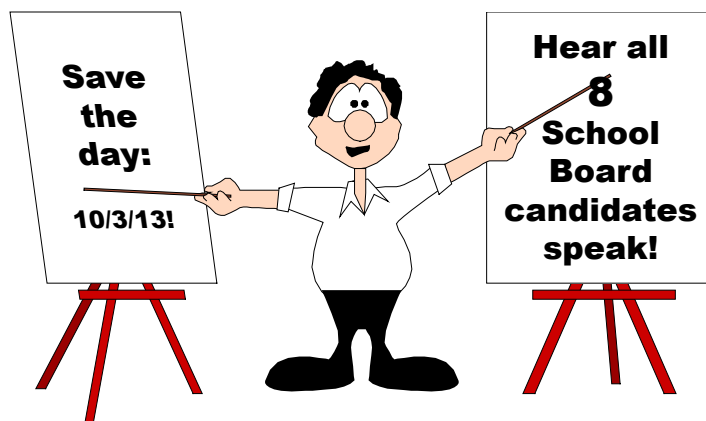
An Extremely Frightening Experience ...

The other day I had an extremely frightening experience in our neighborhood. A young child on a motorized scooter pulled out in front of my large sized vehicle. The child was not wearing a helmet, ran through a stop sign, and was happily riding in the road—oblivious to oncoming traffic. I slammed on the brakes, and both of us were visibly shaken.

In Ohio, motorized scooters cannot be legally operated on public roadways unless they are titled, registered, insured, and operated by a properly licensed rider at least 16 years old. The motorized scooters that are typically bought in sporting goods stores or department stores cannot be titled or registered, which means they cannot be driven in the streets or roads in our neighborhood.

For more information on motorized scooters and Ohio law, visit http://bmvo.hio.gov/motor_scooters.stm.

—Chris Stevko, Neighbor



Come to the October 3 meeting of the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. in the Blendon Senior Center at 7 p.m. to hear the eight Westerville School Board candidates, who are running for three open positions, speak. Also, meet the Blendon Township Trustees and learn more about Issue #37, the Proposed Zoning Plan, which will be on the ballot on November 5!

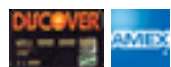
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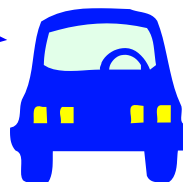
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Is It Your Turn?

As we head into election season, it is also time to start thinking about the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. annual election of its officers. Each year our bylaws require a slate of candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor to be presented to the membership for a vote. Is it your turn to serve on our neighborhood association and keep the momentum of our dynamic organization going? Our neighborhood association produces a quarterly newsletter, maintains a website that gets at least 13,000 hits a month, and has a fast-moving Facebook page that has inspired members to create three other special interest Facebook pages as well. We have monthly membership meetings with speakers, an active Block Watch program, a Silver Celebration dinner for long-time residents, two community garage sales per year, a summer block party called Ridge-A-Palooza, an annual garden show and tour called Huber Ridge Blooms, a Halloween party, and a Holiday Lights and Decorations Contest. New this year we have partnered with the Township to bring a three-concert series to Ridgewood Park this summer.

Pulling together this many events and activities each year requires many willing volunteers with a desire to help make our neighborhood a terrific place with a vibrant sense of community. There is room for many types of residents with varying interests and talents to lead this effort. The President presides over both the general meeting and the Executive Committee meeting. The Vice President assumes the role of President in his or her absence as well as schedules activities for the Association. In the past, the Vice President has coordinated the Community Garage Sales and engaged speakers for the monthly general meeting. The Secretary prepares the agenda and reports on the monthly meetings as well as documents and posts meeting minutes and presents expenses for payment. The Treasurer is responsible for making deposits and payments on behalf of the Association and for maintaining accounting of the treasury and provides a monthly report to the membership as well as submits tax forms as needed. The Newsletter Editor plans and suggests stories for the next quarterly issue of the newsletter, creates the layout once stories are submitted, and readies the copy for print. Additionally, the Newsletter Editor pursues advertising to help defray costs of printing the newsletter. Do any of these positions sound like you can give of your time to help out? In addition to Executive Committee elected positions, there are standing committees that can accept your help as well: Block Watch, Beautification, Newsletter Distribution, and Membership. You can also volunteer to help with any one of our special events. The Association already accepts your dues; but as a paying member, we also need your time to help things run smoothly. So it's your turn; what would you like to volunteer to do?

—Carolyn Cordray, President

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Huber Ridge Thanks Otterbein Blendon Township Community Garden (BTCG)

Residents who are part of the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. Facebook community were invited to receive FREE produce this summer courtesy of the Otterbein Blendon Township Community Garden workers. The produce was available weekly and was free. Those who came were asked, not required, to complete a short, anonymous survey. The survey was intended to determine need for produce and fruit and need for education on how to prepare it.

The BTCG spanned the length of the community garden and included tomatoes, corn, peppers, cantaloupe, watermelon, okra, herbs, zucchini, and more. Bags were provided, and it was self-serve.

This article is our way of telling the rest of the community that such an event was made available to us. We will try to post future information on our HRAA, Inc. website as well for those who do not use Facebook.

Thank you, Brianna and Otterbein BTCG workers, for your hard work and generosity on behalf of our community. By the way, neighbors, they could use some help with weeding their garden. If those who benefit will consider 15 minutes a week of their time weeding, it would make a big difference and would be a great way to return the favor.

—Pam Clegg, Neighbor

News from the Blendon Senior Center

Dues Bargain and Holiday Craft Bazaar

Blendon Township residents pay \$15 for yearly dues and will have their 2013 dues waived for the remainder of the year when they pay dues for 2014. The Blendon Senior Center provides many activities for its members as detailed in its bimonthly newsletter, the *Blendon Senior Gazette*, and also provides free transportation service to appointments or even to come to the Center for an activity. For those residents age 55 and above, membership is quite a bargain.

The Blendon Senior Center is sponsoring a Holiday Craft Bazaar on Saturday, November 23, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Merchandise can be anything new: jewelry, scarves, quilts, wood carvings, Avon, Pampered Chef, etc. A 6-foot table or space will cost \$25, and a 12-foot table or space is \$35. The Senior Center will provide the tables. If you are interested

in having a table or space, go to or call the Senior Center at 882-1260. Payment is needed when making a reservation to hold the table or space.

There'll be a bake sale during the bazaar, and lunch will be sold.

—Donna Jordan, Director, Blendon Senior Center

huberridge.org Continues to Be a Popular Website

The Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc.'s website continues to be popular with those who browse the web.

Here is the hit report from April through September 19 of this year for "All Pages":

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| April | 16,806 |
| May | 18,650 |
| June..... | 16,382 |
| July..... | 15,759 |
| August..... | 13,460 |
| September (through the 19 th) | 8,471 |

Log on to huberridge.org to participate in the very popular "Discussion" page, check out community events on the "Pages & Docs" page, look at current and prior issues of *The Herald* under "Our Info."

Find us on Facebook as well (our group is entitled Huber Ridge Area Association) or write a letter to the editor at editor@huberridge.org.

—Marje Obrist, Newsletter Editor

Editorial Guidelines for the Publication of THE HERALD

Purpose

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

Advertising Rates

Advertising rates are as follows:

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| \$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 |
| \$125 per issue for a half-page (7.5" wide x 5" tall) ad |
| \$225 per issue for a full-page (7.5" wide x 10" tall) ad |

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

There's Something in the Air—I Love It!

Not since the winter of 2012, when the Halloween party brought in 15 new members, have we had as many new members joining our association in consecutive months as in this year! In the spring of 2013, eight households became members; and this quarter, we welcomed seven new households! Let's keep the word going that we are a significant asset to the growth of our community!

🏠 Kevin and Angie Diamond, 3605 Dempsey

🏠 John Oleyar, 6027 Cairo

🏠 Chris Stevko, 5816 La Paz Place

🏠 Tim and Cathy Long, 3552 Paris

🏠 Robert and Peggy Petty, 3612 Karikal

🏠 Paul Fultz, 3590 Carthage Court

🏠 Brent and Hillary Sheffer, 5663 Bashaw

According to the only source we have, the following homes were sold:

Early in the Quarter

🏠 Benjamin P. and Melissa Clark, 3705 Batavia Court

🏠 Stephen D. and Morgan Gray, 3486 Dahlgreen Drive

🏠 Moses Addo, 3598 Carthage Court

🏠 Bhattarai Suman, 3524 Dahlgreen Drive

🏠 Hedy and Kumiko Matsuura, 3515 Karikal Court

🏠 Martin and Christine Rauckis, 3535 Karikal Court

Then in September

🏠 Joel E. Rader and Jordan M. Gustine, 3641 Bolamo Drive

🏠 Mark McCray and Mary Roederer, 5985 Cairo

There were three foreclosures in the quarter:

🏠 3688 Caracas, US Bank, \$100,000

🏠 5943 East Dakar, Fannie Mae, \$78,000

🏠 5527 Madrid, Bank of America, \$84,000

—Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator

HUBER RIDGE AREA ASSOCIATION, INC. 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, Inc.

Here's What's Happening in the Ridge!

**Put these
dates
on
your
calendar!**



October 3Farmers Market behind the Blendon Senior Center from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and every Thursday thereafter through October 25

October 3HRAA, Inc. Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.: MEET THE WESTERVILLE SCHOOL BOARD AND BLENDON TOWNSHIP CANDIDATES NIGHT

October 9Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

October 17HRAA, Inc. Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.

October 23Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

October 26HRAA, Inc. Halloween Party in Ridgewood Park from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

October 31Beggars' Night from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

November 5Election Day: Zoning Code, Blendon Township Trustees, and Westerville School Board

November 6Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

November 7HRAA, Inc. Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.

November 20Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

November 21HRAA, Inc. Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.

November 23Holiday Craft Bazaar at the Blendon Senior Center from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

December 4Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.

December 5HRAA, Inc. Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.: DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2014 OFFICERS

December 15Deadline for Participating in the Holiday Lights and Decorations Contest

December 18Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

December 19HRAA, Inc. Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

January 2HRAA, Inc. Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.: ELECTION OF 2014 HRAA OFFICERS