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The following is the list of the HRAA, Inc.
nominees for officers for the 2014 year:

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Carolyn Cordray

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Charles Edwards

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The election for officers will take place during
the HRAA, Inc. general meeting beginning at 7
p.m. on January 9 at the Blendon Senior Center,
6330 Hempstead Road.

—Nominating Committee:
Charles Edwards
Chris Stevko
Lynn White

on its services and will answer questions for us. From the activity on our Facebook page, this seems to be a hotbed for discussion; come to the meeting and get answers to your questions straight from the source.

While no speaker has been confirmed for the March 6 meeting, suggestions can be made via our Huber Ridge website or on our Facebook page.

Meetings are held at the Blendon Senior Center, 6330 Hempstead Road, right next to the Blendon Township offices; and they begin at 7 p.m. usually on the first Thursday of each month. Mark your calendars; we hope to see you there!

—Claudia Carney, Secretary

Group Home Research Update

I am so impressed with my friends and neighbors who have now formed a loose group to work on collecting data on the Franklin County Children Services (FCCS) group homes in our community. For those who are unaware, Huber Ridge has two such homes; and the homes are contracted out to a for-profit business called Consumer Support Services (CSS). CSS operates and maintains the two homes, one on Copenhagen Drive and the other on Santiago Drive. The homes have been in operation since 2007.

This group of concerned neighbors is digging into the research on the efficacy of group homes in care of troubled kids; and we are working with law enforcement, various agencies, elected leaders, and the press to raise awareness of the situation these kids are in. I think we have a real opportunity to help find solutions that work much better for kids in group home care, the system in general, group home workers, and our communities hosting these facilities.

I've also been impressed by the accuracy of reporting and enthusiastic engagement of the local press. The personal engagement of reporters from several news outlets has been phenomenal and is driving their continued investigation and reporting. They have been nothing but helpful partners to make something positive happen out of this tragedy (the murder of Jane Juergens in Ridgewood Park on October 20, 2013). Likewise public officials at the township and state

Your New Year's Resolution

Start off your new year by resolving to attend our monthly HRAA, Inc. meetings and get to know your neighbors and all the fun activities that take place throughout the Ridge during the year!

Our January 9 meeting will center around the election of officers, and we also need to fill some vacant positions on standing committees.

A representative from Rumpke will be the presenter for our February 6 meeting and will be providing information

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level as well as other communities with group homes are increasingly engaged. The interest is not waning but, in fact, is growing and continues to snowball.

We are having some success engaging Franklin County Children Services, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS), and even Consumer Support Services on some of these issues. In part, due to the massive amount of records we've now requested and the press interest, FCCS leadership seems to be taking the investigation of their system quite seriously. We've had meetings with them and public officials to engage in the problem. This is the best response I think I could have hoped for. It's a complete turn around from the "never had any complaints or problems" public relations line that came out initially after Jane's murder.

Another success coming up is a scheduled Summit, a meeting of agency heads who deal with troubled youth. It is a closed meeting; however, five Huber Ridge residents have been invited to be part of the process. Representative Anne Gonzales, Blendon Township Trustees, and the police have also been invited. The purpose of the Summit is to brainstorm ways to improve interdepartmental and organizational communication. Each agency has its own system, and they need to collaborate and coordinate. This is a very positive step in the right direction for our youth and for communities.

We have had two update meetings with residents so far. The most recent was December 2. We'll keep you posted on the Huber Ridge Area Association Facebook page as we find information and begin to draw some conclusions. Members of the HRAA, Inc. will receive emails with updates, and we will also share on the huberridge.org discussion section.

—John McGuire, Neighbor

LETTERS

To the Editor:

Jane Juergens probably started her Sunday like most of us—thinking about her activities for the day. Not knowing Jane personally, I do not know what those activities might have entailed; but I do know that one activity was to run through the beautiful wooded area in Ridgewood Park, Blendon Township. All who knew Jane recounted that she was an avid runner. Some have said she ran the same route at the park every day. But on the now infamous Sunday, October 20, 2013, around 6:30 p.m., she was in the wrong place at the wrong time; and she was very unaware that her life would soon end—and end tragically.

While on the main trail through the woods, Jane was ambushed—attacked by someone who had a knife and an obvious intent to kill, because kill he did—mercilessly and

savagely. Reports indicate that Jordan T. Stewart, the accused murderer, stabbed Jane's chest area 26 times and slashed her four times. I suspect more based on his track record. Reports also indicated that there were no defensive wounds on Jane Juergens.

Does the fact that there were no defensive wounds on Jane Juergens cause us to be troubled? Are the lack of defensive wounds, the 26 stabs, or the four slashes not enough for you and me to be outraged, appalled, shocked, and grieved, to say the least? Knowing all this should cause us to demand that justice is served for the one who took an innocent life, cause us to insist there is certain change and accountability within an apparently broken system, and cause us to work tirelessly to ensure there is proper care for those like Jordan T. Stewart who have problems far greater than the ordinary human. While one ought to feel compassion for the needs of such human beings, to overlook and cast aside justice is morally irresponsible and reprehensible.

A history of trouble had already been established by this 16-year-old juvenile when he had been assigned to a group home for transitioning youth by Franklin County Children Services (FCCS). The group home to which he was assigned was in our community, Huber Ridge; and it is operated by Consumer Support Services (CSS), an agency that has contracted with FCCS to help troubled youth transition to community life. Apparently, FCCS or the juvenile court system thought Jordan Stewart had been improving; consequently, his supposed improvement qualified him to live in a group home within a community—our community.

Yet according to reports obtained from Franklin County Children Services (FCCS), Jordan T. Stewart was expelled from one of the schools he attended for taking a notebook from a female peer; and when her friend attempted to get it back, he "pushed her to the floor and struck the other young lady in the face and attempted to choke her two times while repeatedly slamming her body to the ground." For whatever reason, this incident has not been reported by the media; and it should have been.

One cannot help wondering what possessed Jordan T. Stewart to senselessly and savagely kill another human being that day—unprovoked. Given Jordan Stewart's history, it appears someone made a mistake in judgment. Other mistakes were made as well—management mistakes. Some in our community are trying to rectify those mistakes. **Our trustees are working with Representative Anne Gonzales to try to draft legislation that may prevent other tragedies.** One mistake will never be rectified; Jane Juergens is dead.

Jordan T. Stewart should never have had blood on his hands. Many believe this murder could have been prevented. Under different circumstances, Jane Juergens might be alive today, still running through the park she dearly loved.

Instead, her sons have the sad reminder that their mother was mercilessly murdered at the very park she loved.

Consequently, many in our community want a change in how group homes are run; a change in how juveniles are assigned to transition to a community; and an assurance that these assigned juveniles can indeed transition to a community cohesively. The juveniles have needs and rights, and the community has needs and rights. We need to find a workable, reasonable balance. This is why we circulated petitions and sparked a letter writing campaign. Let us not rest until we are confident the system is indeed working cohesively and properly. Will you join us in our endeavor? See huberridge.org discussion section or call 891-9176.

Sincerely,
Pamela J. Clegg

In Service to Our Country ...



We are proud to recognize Huber Ridge service people both in *The Herald* and on our website, huberridge.org. In this issue, we honor

★ George Faithful

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- ★ Specialist Mark Smock
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—James Welch, Neighbor

Block Watch Program Sees Change in Leadership

Neighbor Lynn White has agreed to take over as coordinator of the Block Watch program for the HRAA, Inc. Lynn has been a neighbor for several years and wanted to get more involved with our association. She has many ideas to continue to grow this vital community program.

Originally from the Westerville area, Lynn's family moved to Florida for a few years before relocating again to Hawaii where Lynn stayed through college. She and her husband of 12 years, Scott, have lived on Spohn for the past ten years. Between them, they have three children—one attending Huber Ridge Elementary School. Lynn is very proud to be a family with four generations—including her grandfather, mother, herself, and her kids—who have attended Westerville area schools.

If you are interested in getting involved in this program, contact Lynn at blockwatch@huberridge.org. Congratulations, Lynn, on your new appointment to our HRAA, Inc. Executive Committee; and thank you for your willingness to serve our community!

—Carolyn Cordray, President



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HRAA, Inc. Household of the Quarter**Meet the Royse Family**

Guy and Linda met me at the door with smiles in anticipation of telling their family story; and my reception was met by the whole family, I believe “a first.” Lucas, Michael, and Nicholas were a bit more reserved; but Madeline (Maddie), their beautiful black-and-white, curious, friendly cat joined in with a meow. Our discussion began in the family room where I chose the couch and sank into the most comfortable seat I can remember.

Guy and Linda’s relationship began in high school in Ashland; then in 1989, they were encouraged by their mutual friends to go to the New Year’s Eve party. After the party, Linda wanted to call Guy but hesitated as it wasn’t considered “proper.” Mutual friends gave her the number, and she got up the nerve to call him to invite him to a Sadie Hawkins dance (where the girl asks the boy). When he answered her call, he was sure it was another classmate in whom he wasn’t interested. Then on Valentine’s Day, he got a “soppy” card; and the romance was on! Being just in high school, their first date was a movie (“The ‘Burbs”) and dinner at Taco Bell. While that was the beginning of their love story, their college plans stepped in. Linda went to Kent State and received a bachelor’s degree in math education while Guy came to Columbus to attend DeVry to follow his passion in the technology world. After his graduation, he settled in Columbus, worked in IT at Nationwide, and later settled with Pillar Technology as a consultant to outside contractors. In May, Linda moved to Columbus and was employed in temporary teaching in Worthington as well as some home instruction and tutoring. I guess the move solidified their love story as on December 16, 1994, they eloped. I smiled, as did Linda, when Guy was the one who shared the date!

In 1999, they began to consider buying a home when church friends told them that they liked Huber Ridge and that a neighbor of theirs was moving but hadn’t listed the house. The negotiations began, and the move was far easier than they expected. They are so very complimentary about the friendships they have enjoyed with their neighbors adding that they help with babysitting, know the dates of their sons’ birthdays, and give gifts. Their comments about the neighbors can be summarized in their quote, “This neighborhood is family, and you can’t move your neighbors.” What a testimony!

In 2000, their first boy, Lucas was born, then Michael in 2003, and Nicholas in 2006. The boys are all active in Scouts as both Guy and Linda are both volunteers—Guy as Cub Master since fall of 2010 and Linda as Den Leader just last year. Can you image their schedules? Luke has earned his Tenderfoot Boy Scout rank while Mike is a Webelos 1

Cub Scout, and Nick is a Wolf Cub Scout. The boys were not interested in telling me any stories except that Lucas did share that he plays the alto saxophone in the band at Calumet Christian School. Michael loves to collect—especially friends! And Nicholas is the “action man,” who is always on the go!

I was so impressed by the boys’ manners! When they came home, there was no interruption of our discussion, just a soft question about whether they could fix something to eat. There were other times they asked questions but certainly not what I would expect of three boys after school!

I almost hesitated to ask about Linda and Guy’s hobbies considering keeping up with the family was enough! But I braved it and was overwhelmed. Twice a month they work with International Friendships, Inc. (IFI), an outreach for families of other cultures. Linda helps with childcare while moms study English with other volunteers. Linda volunteers weekly at school and church, Guy runs the church sound system, and Linda provides *Bible* stories for the children. Guy’s actual hobbies focus around video stuff, board games, and involvement with the Columbus JavaScript User Group (JavaScript is a programming language, and the User Group is where like-minded techies gather to hone and improve their skills).

I do hope you come to the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. meeting on February 6 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center on Hempstead to meet this amazing family and welcome them into our Household of the Quarter family.

—Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator

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[Editor's Note: Doug Dapo has written 17 local business profiles for *The Herald* over the years. It is a pleasure to publish a profile of Doug's business in this issue.]

For 2014, give yourself the gift of health, fitness, and well-being by learning ChiRunning and ChiWalking! Learn to move from your core while being relaxed and aligned in your body. Discover for yourself how walking and running can be fun, relaxing, and so therapeutic!

My name is Doug Dapo, and I am a Certified ChiRunning and ChiWalking instructor right here in Huber Ridge. I have been practicing and teaching ChiRunning and ChiWalking for several years and would love to share this holistic technique of moving with our community!

Danny Dreyer, an ultra-marathon runner who also practiced T'ai Chi, developed the ChiRunning technique. Danny and his wife, Katherine, combined principles from T'ai Chi with running and walking so that people can learn to move with greater efficiency while avoiding injury. You don't have to learn T'ai Chi to learn ChiRunning and ChiWalking.

Proper movement is good for our body! We were made to walk and run. Not long ago, Christopher McDougell wrote the book *Born to Run*. But how many really think they were born to run? A lot of people may be intimidated about running. One reason for this is the thinking that running has to be a "No Pain, No Gain" exercise. But that way of running can lead to pain with no gain—stopping people in their tracks because of injuries!

Our bodies are engineered for movement. But it's sad that in our society, the older we get, the less we move. A T'ai Chi master once said, "The moment you stop moving your spine is when you begin to die!"

There are so many people I know who say they used to run but now their knees can't take it. Or they have foot, ankle, lower back, or hip problems. They say their injuries are because of running. Well, I really like what Danny Dreyer said, "It's not running that hurts your body. It's the way you run that hurts your body."

Learning ChiRunning and ChiWalking can help you feel confident about moving. There are so many wonderful benefits to be gained from walking and running. ChiRunning and ChiWalking are great stress relievers. Being able to walk and run has helped me to improve my overall health by chasing depression away, keeping my weight in check, lowering my cholesterol, improving the aerobic capacity for my heart and lungs, and the sheer joy of being able to move! Running and walking are also great weight-bearing exercises

to keep our bones strong to help prevent osteoporosis.

Starting in January 2014, I will be conducting a 16-week ChiRunning Half-Marathon Training Program and a 12-week ChiWalking Training Program. These programs will be targeted at running and walking in the Columbus Capital City Half-Marathon on Saturday, May 3, 2014. For details, visit my website at www.lifelongrunning.com. I will also be setting up other ChiRunning and ChiWalking Workshops throughout the year.

My goal is to keep running and walking my whole life long. Yes, I truly believe this is possible for you and me with the help of ChiRunning and ChiWalking. In 2014, learn ChiRunning and ChiWalking and experience the joy of running and walking by creating a safe and effective lifelong program for health, fitness, and well-being! Contact me at (614) 915-8931 or email me at dougdapo@gmail.com.



Service to Community Appreciated

The year 2014 brings some changes to the HRAA, Inc. Executive Committee as a few neighbors who have long served the community through our association as leaders have either decided not to run again for their elected position or to step down from their appointed positions. It is with great thanks for their commitment to our association that I would like to recognize their contributions in their roles.

Marje Obrist has been our newsletter editor for the past eight years. She has worked tirelessly to secure stories as well as advertisers for the quarterly newsletter as well as to piece it all together and get it to the printer. Marje has really made her mark in this position by facilitating communication throughout the neighborhood via this very high quality newsletter and at very little cost to the membership. Residents have come to look forward to reading *The Herald* every quarter. Thank you, Marje, for all of your work toward making *The Herald* a fantastic newsletter!

Joya Neff has worn many hats with the Association but is probably best known as our membership coordinator and is responsible for having introduced some popular events to our membership. Joy initiated the Silver Celebration a few years back to recognize long-time residents and provide a very pleasant and popular event for neighbors to get together for a lovely meal and friendship renewals. On a quarterly basis, Joy began the "Household of the Quarter" articles where families are selected at the monthly meeting and then interviewed for *The Herald*. The program helped us all learn more about those neighbors. The list of Joy's contributions to our association is long; and her commitment, appreciated. Thank you, Joy!

Claudia Carney has held the Secretary position for two years. Always staying one step ahead of us on the Executive Committee and keeping us on track and well documented have made Claudia a champion for those of us who rely on her organizational skills! Claudia has proven herself to be a valuable volunteer willing to help out with most everything the Association has sponsored, and this year she has co-coordinated the Holiday Cheer program, which has been a success. Claudia, thank you, for your work with us as our secretary these past couple of years!

Doug Murphy was motivated to step forward and take

on the role of Block Watch Coordinator toward the end of 2011. Under Doug's leadership, the Block Watch program was revitalized—having been without a coordinator for a while. Doug has put together annual training sessions for our street representatives and facilitated a Block Watch focused HRAA meeting for the past couple of years as well. His reports have kept us aware of issues in the neighborhood on a regular basis. Although Doug resigned his Block Watch position in November 2013, he has been working with our new Block Watch Coordinator, Lynn White, to help with her transition into her new role. Doug, thank you for your contributions to our Block Watch program!

Of course, these four frequently have also helped out with other Association initiatives, and we hope to continue to have them help out and to enjoy their company from time to time. It isn't a secret that neighborhood groups often times have difficulty finding volunteers willing to commit time to various activities they sponsor, but we count ourselves very fortunate to have benefitted from the generosity, fellowship, and commitment of Marje, Joy, Claudia, and Doug. Join me in acknowledging their contributions and thanking them for their service to our community.

—Carolyn Cordray, President

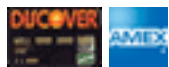
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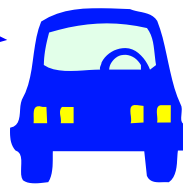
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Hello, Huber Ridge Neighbors!

At Faith Covenant Church, we have small groups that study and pray together and care for each other. As our small group, Mixed Blessings, recently met, we shared our own personal prayer needs. These are usually the biggest challenges in our lives where God is stretching our faith to trust in Him. As we talked about these needs, someone suggested we offer prayers for those in our neighborhood. There are times all of us feel burdened and overwhelmed by difficult issues, and we need people to pray for us. If this is something that would be helpful for you or a family member, please contact us by using the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/faithcovprayers>. We do request that you submit prayer concerns using first names only. We trust God to know the specific details.

—Mixed Blessings Small Group

“Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone.”

—Charles Schulz

Holiday Cheer

The wonderful residents of Huber Ridge took this quote to heart this year and did a lot of “something extra” for one of our neighborhood families.

Beginning with a simple suggestion on Facebook, Chuck Edwards suggested it would be a great idea for the HRAA, Inc. to sponsor a family for the holidays. The Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM) identified a family here who needed some holiday help and gave the committee their basic information and wish lists.

Chuck took it upon himself to organize the effort (dubbed “Holiday Cheer”), and the donations came rolling in. With a goal of \$500 (\$100 per family member), a basket was placed at the December HRAA, Inc. meeting; and with the efforts of Chuck, Carolyn Cordray, and Claudia Carney, over \$600 was raised for the family. Shopping was coordinated by Anna Grant, and the gifts for the adults were wrapped by Diane Murphy. The family was also provided with gift wrap for the children’s presents, so they could be involved in the fun as well. Gifts were taken to WARM offices where elves made arrangements for the family to receive their gifts.

A big thanks to our generous neighbors and to all of the other kind folks who worked so hard to ensure a joyful holiday for one of our own!! Plans are already in the making to try to help at least two families next year.

—Claudia Carney, Secretary

It was another first!

Membership Recognition Dinner

After the idea of honoring our membership was first perceived, it seemed only natural that we say thank you with a dinner. So a small group composed of Thom Conley, Lori Mann, Marje Obrist, Sharon Ricker, and I sifted through “the when” we could squeeze in a date between sports and concerts in the park; “the where” to provide enough space in case many came; “the how” of a menu; and “for how many” we should plan. We wondered what to do if we had reservations for the 225 households with members. That created a short time of panic! But all the planning and work by the committee proved successful with 40 resident members enjoying lasagna, salad, rolls, desserts, and beverages in the large dining area at GRACE Fellowship Church, our gracious host.

We were graced by the help of Harold and Dixie Shoemaker, members of the Church, with letting us in and out and helping with the setup. As is always a pleasure, Ron Bricker and his friend, David, came to our rescue; they helped with the setup and did some “running for the forgotten items.” Thank you also to everyone who helped with the closing!

We were true to our vow that there would be no program, no speeches, and no politics. Marje handed out name tags and a beautiful brochure she designed listing the

accomplishments of the Association through the support of the membership. It was a fun night. The honorees were jovial, conversational, and very complimentary via comment cards left on the tables. Pictures were taken and several are shown here.

—Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator

Membership Recognition Dinner

Were You There?



—Alex Kelley and Bob Neff, Photographers

Holiday Lights and Decorations Contest Winners

The Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. held its annual Holiday Lights and Decorations Contest and awarded prizes on December 18. In Santa's absence, Sergeant Eric Moynihan of the Blendon Township Police Department presented the prizes and gift baskets to the three winning households.

—Sharon Ricker, Holiday Lights and Decorations Contest Coordinator



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3rd Place Winners
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—Elisabeth Clegg, Photographer

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As a veterans' advocate, I am always looking for ways to get word out to veterans about the benefits they may be entitled to. What makes me an advocate, other than being a veteran, is that I am a state and nationally accredited County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO). I work for the Franklin County Veterans Service Commission (VSC). The main office is at Veteran's Memorial, and there are satellite offices throughout the county. The VSCs have existed since the Civil War—originally created to financially help those returning from war. Now they provide financial assistance as well as help with applying for benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. This includes enrollment for healthcare at the VA medical facilities.

It is all too often that veterans say they didn't know there was any help or they do not believe they are eligible for anything. Now I have made it my personal mission to get the word out there.

Please do not apply for VA benefits on your own. I strongly encourage veterans to use a CVSO regardless of how simple the process may appear to be to do. If anyone charges you to file for your benefits, they are WRONG.

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—Doreen Lafferty, Neighbor

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:

\$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 spring issue of *The Herald*, please contact the Newsletter Editor at editor@huberridge.org.

Just a Little of Everything About Membership

We continue to have 232 members who support the Association, and we gained the following two new families during the quarter:

🏠 Doreen and Kristin Lafferty, 5967 Bangasi Road

🏠 John and Melinda McGuire, 5511 Copenhagen Drive

Now we have an accurate listing of the home sales during the quarter provided by John Oleyar, a resident of Huber Ridge and owner of Fountain Realty. Thank you, John.

🏠 Daryl Vesner, 3356 Arnett Court

🏠 William and Sarah Armstrong, 3525 Dahlgreen Drive

🏠 Ashley Heuberger, 5970 Dakar Road, East

🏠 Lindsey Briggs, 3418 Dempsey Road

🏠 Eric Donovan, 3600 Madrid Drive

🏠 Bruce Wilging, Jr., 5659 Montevideo Road

🏠 Harrison and Julie Hale, 3566 Panama Drive

🏠 Jaclyn Fraley, 3675 Panama Drive

🏠 Anthony and Colleen Bellman, 3744 Paris Boulevard

🏠 Jennifer and Nathaniel Carlyle, 3338 Reno Road

🏠 Kathleen Britt, 6428 Saddle Lane Court

🏠 Elizabeth Andrix, 3442 Saigon Drive

🏠 Luke Rayner and Catherine Ho, 5680 Spohn Drive

🏠 Kelly McKanna, 3684 Bader Court

🏠 Philip Treglia, 3688 Bader Court

🏠 Andy and Courtney Kirby, 3680 Bogota Drive

🏠 Alexander Soskin, 3623 Bolamo Drive

🏠 Michael and Susan Starner, 3781 Caracas Drive

🏠 Michael and Scott Joseph Kirwin, 3475 Dahlgreen Drive

🏠 Joshua Cross, 3676 Mexico Avenue

🏠 Matthew Bear, 5601 Spohn Drive

🏠 Robert Brown, 5548 Buenos Aires Boulevard

Lastly, I have stepped down as Membership Coordinator. I have enjoyed the relationships I have experienced during my time working with all of you. Thom Conley will continue with the membership duties, and John Oleyar will provide the new resident list.

Thank you all for your friendships. We'll continue to enjoy good times within the Association.

—Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator

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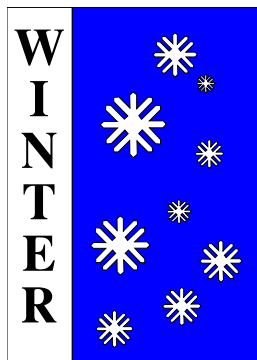
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Membership dues are \$15 per household. Dues are for a 12-month period and may be paid at any time throughout the year. You can bring your dues to a meeting or mail them to Thom Conley, 3533 Makassar Drive, Westerville, OH 43081 or call him at 882-5252. Checks are to be made payable to the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc.

Put these dates on your calendar!

Here's What's Happening in the Ridge!



January 2Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

January 9HRAA, Inc. Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.: ELECTION OF 2014 HRAA, Inc. OFFICERS

January 15Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

January 16HRAA, Inc. Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.

January 29Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

February 6HRAA, Inc. Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.

February 12Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

February 20HRAA, Inc. Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.

February 26Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

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