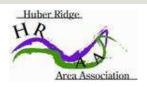
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AQUA Ohio Testing the Area Sewer Lines

Aqua Ohio's wastewater system in Huber Ridge experiences significant increases in flow during wet weather. The increase forces Aqua to treat (clean) unnecessary volumes of contaminated water increasing operation costs and ultimately impacting rates.

The most likely source of the increase flaws in the collection system such as cracks in the pipes that lead to the treatment plant, or rainwater systems improperly connected to the sanitary sewer system.

Starting next week through September, Aqua will perform smoke testing on the system. This testing will not interrupt water or sewer service.

During the test period residents might see smoke coming from sewer vent stacks on homes or from holes in the ground. Please don't be alarmed by this situation — the smoke used has no odor, is nontoxic, does not stain, is not a fire hazard, and will dissipate in a few minutes. Crews will test lines quickly and move street by street through the system.

Smoke should not enter homes unless there's a defect in the sewer plumbing. Please ensure that your sewer vent traps are full of water to prevent smoke from entering your residence:

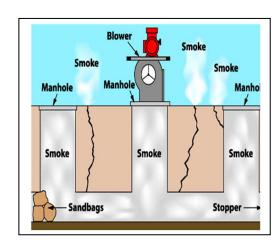
- Pour water in basement floor drains to ensure the trap has water,
- Run the water for a few seconds in infrequently used sinks to add water to the drain line.

If your home's downspouts or sump pumps, are connected to the sewer system, please contact our customer service at 877.WTR.AQUA. If smoke enters your residence during the test, remain calm, open doors and windows, note the location where the smoke is entering, and call our smoke crew at 614.381.4033.

Please notify Aqua if any individuals who will be in your home during this timeframe have respiratory issues or other concerns by calling 614.381.4033.

As a reminder, storm water must be kept out of the sewer system.
Customers with downspouts or storm water connections to the sewer system will be required to separate these improper connections. If you have any questions about your sewer system, please call customer service at 877.987.2782 (877.WTR.AQUA).

- Jeff La Rue Consultant, Aqua Ohio



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Music In The Air

The third and final Blendon Township Concert in the Park for this summer is scheduled for Saturday, August, 23rd from 6pm to 8pm in Ridgewood Park. Entertainment will be provided by Kelly Goodrich and the Rhythm Kings. Their band bio describes this ensemble as: "Collectively, the "Rhythm Kings" bring influences from their diverse music cultures, and present a crowd pleasing variety of popular music with many an unexpected twist and turn. Fasten your seatbelts, and enjoy the ride!" Come enjoy all of the FREE things you have come to see at previous Blendon Township Concert in the Park series: Food, Bounce Houses, Sno Cones, Cotton Candy and best of all Great Entertainment! As always we will have a 50-50 raffle to help go toward expenses and we'll accept donations at the concession stand.

Please be sure to support those that sponsor these concerts: The Flaherty Consulting Group, Great City Cars, Rife Autobody, Teleperformance, Faith Covenant Church, OHM, Rader Collision, Bryan Rhoads Realtor with Coldwell Banker and of course, The Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc.! Hope to see you at the concert!

Carolyn Cordray
 President

HRAA Member Appreciation Day

We would like to thank all HRAA members with a Membership Appreciation Day on September 27th. Come to Ridgewood Park to see what we have planned if you are one of our HRAA members!

If you look at the Calendar of Events you realize that there are a lot of hours given by some who have very busy lives. These folks work long hours after their paid jobs for nothing more than serving their neighbors. Webster's defines a volunteer as "one who serves or acts of his or her own free will." Since not one of the members of the HRAA is an employee or in a paid position, we can all be classified as volunteers. I underlined the term because I think the people who do this are very special. How do we say thanks for their efforts performed throughout the year? Come to the park on the 27th to see what we have planned!

Doug Murphy
 Neighbor





HRAA MEMBERSHIP EASIER THAN EVER PayPal A

Joining the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. is now easier and more convenient than ever with PayPal! We hear from our neighbors that they keep meaning to join but forget to write that check and send it to Thom Conley our Membership Dues Coordinator (Dues@huberridge.org). Well, with our new PayPal account, all you have to do is go to our website at www.huberridge.org and click on the "Pay Now" button to join or renew your membership. You can either use your existing PayPal account or your credit card to pay.

So what are you waiting for? Do you attend any one of the many events coordinated by the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. throughout the year? If so, why not support the efforts of YOUR neighborhood association. Here are some of the events that you would be supporting through your membership: The Herald newsletter, published and hand delivered 4 times a year, the spring and fall community garage sales, sponsorship of the Concerts in the Park series, the annual Plant Swap, beautification of our entrance signs, Huber Blooms Garden Show, two Blockwatch training sessions a year, Ridge-A-Palooza - the end of summer community block party, annual Halloween party, and The Holiday Cheer program-coordinated donations through WARM that benefited one of our own neighbors last holiday season. There are a few advantages available to you as a benefit of your membership. Specifically, you will receive a monthly member email delivered right to your inbox and for the second year, a Member Appreciation event in the fall.

We are an organization that exists solely to foster and advance the public interest in the Huber Ridge Area and the territory immediately adjacent and to encourage and promote the general welfare of the community. Does this sound like something you want to support? If so, then join today!

> - Carolyn Cordray President

See last page for membership form



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WHAT?!? No Halloween Party?

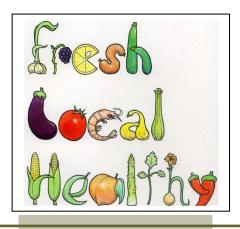
Have you enjoyed bringing your children to our annual Halloween Party in the park each year? We do not have a coordinator this year and without a coordinator, there won't be a Halloween Party. A date has been scheduled for the party of Saturday, October 25th from 6pm to 8pm and there is some help to be had, just no one to step into the coordinator role. The Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. is looking for an individual or team of individuals to take the lead to plan and coordinate this extremely popular event this year. Are you a terrific event or party planner? This is a wonderful opportunity to use those skills to help continue this neighborhood tradition. If you're considering this, please let us know soon, planning should begin mid-August and if we don't have someone by then, we will need to communicate the cancellation to the community. Contact Carolyn Cordray, President, Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. at President@huberridge.org or 882-1310 if you are interested in learning more!



Farmer's Market Returns for Another Fruitful Year

The Blendon Township Farmers Market is back again for 2014! The market is open every Thursday from 3pm to 6pm. The market is located behind the Blendon Township government complex at 6350 S. Hempstead Road. Over 20 vendors are present each week with a variety of foods and crafts. The market will continue until the last Thursday in October.

- Bryan Rhoads Blendon Township Admin



Carolyn Cordray
 President

Two Residents Take The Reins

Mary Gould and Angie Merrin, residents and members of the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. stepped up and volunteered to take over the newsletter editor duties for The Herald as a team. This summer issue of The Herald is their first issue at the helm of this popular communication vehicle that we all have enjoyed for many years in The Ridge. Please welcome them to this role, and THANK them for stepping up as we were thinking we might have to give up this initiative. Mary and Angie felt strongly that the newsletter should continue. Thank you Mary and Angie!!

- Carolyn Cordray President



For the Love of Fido



Many of us have heard the saying that dogs are a man's best friend and I agree. However, there are times when we all need a little refresher on how to keep peace and harmony in our neighborhood for the love of Fido. Here are four friendly reminders:

- Owner's are required to register their Dogs and prevent Fido from running at large on any property not his/her own whether that dog is properly registered or not.
- Dogs are required to be on a leash when being walked. Leashes are to be no longer than 6
 feet and the dog must be under reasonable control by a person of reasonable age and
 discretion.
- Barking! If your dog(s) emits unreasonably loud or disturbing sounds for a duration of time that is disruptive to the neighborhood, please consider bringing them inside.
- If Fido poops, please scoop!

For more information on Blendon Township's Dog Ordinance visit www.blendontwp.org click POLICE, then click DOG ORDINANCE.

- Chris Stevko Communications Coord.

Fall Garage \$ale

Do you have things laying around your house and garage that need a new home? Would you like to make some extra bucks? Join our Fall Community Garage Sale!

The HRAA, Inc. is once again partnering with Kimberly Sherrod of Keller-Williams Realty Company to bring you the annual Fall Community Garage Sale on **Saturday September 13th** from 8am - 4pm. Registration and advertising are once again FREE. A map of registered participants will be provided on the Huber Ridge website www.huberridge.org.

To register please email or phone Carolyn Cordray at president@huberridge.org or phone at 882-1310. Please provide your name, address, phone number, email address and one or two items you will be featuring in your sale that you feel will draw shoppers to your address. Registrations must be submitted no later than September 1st.

Charles Edwards
 Vice President



casual, contemporary worship the second and fourth Saturdays at 6:30 pm beginning September 13th child care and a children's program provided

Faith Covenant Church - 3607 Dempsey Road 614.865.0791 - ask@faithcov.net faithcov.net - fb.com/faithcovwesterville - faithcov.sermon.net

WARM Summer Program

With summer in full swing, you will see familiar faces at Ridgewood Park for WARMS's Kids Lunch Club. Summer of 2014 brings season 4 for the lunch program. WARM is a sponsor of the USDA Summer Food Service Program that provides FREE lunch in an outdoor setting to children ages 1-18 within the Westerville School District. Some of these same children receive free and reduced lunches during the school year.

Each of our 8 sites operates 53 program days, 5 days a week, Monday thru Friday, for approximately 2 hours a day. Ridgewood Park's lunch is from 11:30am - 12:15pm. This program also provides free educational, enrichment and recreational activities. We've had some fun special guests and activities already this summer! Mad Scientist joined KLC for creeking and education on the creek ecosystem and craft day on Wednesdays. Coming soon - the Girl Scouts, Ohio Wildlife Center, Quest Church VBS, Fridays with the Fire Department, and Crime Prevention. By pairing lunch with recreational activities, all children receive sound nutrition and daily physical activity and appropriate mental stimulation. This promotes regular attendance and produces a positive impact on activity and lifestyle choices by the children. These kids return to school in the fall more fit and ready to learn.

WARM is also blessed to be a part of the Governor's Weekend Backpack Meal Program and weekly produce drop. We receive fresh fruits and vegetables to hand out every Thursday after lunch. On Friday, we send home a backpack of food to all of the attending children after lunch.

In the summer of 2013, over 199 children attended daily. Over 1000 individual children were impacted and 25,186 free meals were served. This year, in 6 weeks, we have already reached 21,167 free meals, serving approximately 314 kids a day. Ridgewood Park built the foundation for this program, modeling a successful operation helping WARM's Kid Lunch Club expand from 1 to 8 thriving sites,



- Jackie Haight WARM



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Certification in CPR and First Aid

The issue of so many people not being certified in CPR and first aid is getting worse. Even people with kids aren't getting certified because they don't think it's a big deal but it is if something happens to their kid and they can't breathe or they are injured and you won't know to do. Depending on how bad the injury is you might not have time to wait for the ambulance and you would have to do something but you can't because they don't know how. Now, I know there are some people who think "Oh if it ever happens it's probably going to be just like it is in the movies, there's going to be someone there who can help and everything will be ok". Well that probably won't happen.

Most of the time stuff like this happens at a playground and they fall off and break a bone, need first aid or get the wind knocked out of them. Depending on how hard they fall they could need CPR. Something could happen at a swimming pool where they could drown and need help or when they are eating out at a restaurant they could choke on their food and not be able to breathe so they could need CPR. There could be someone there who knows CPR and first aid but is afraid to say anything or they could think "it's not my kid I don't care what happens to them". Sometimes stuff like this also happens when your at home when its just you and your kid. They could fall down the stairs and break a bone or slip on the hard floors and hit their head and you would have to use first aid.

This is why if you aren't already certified in CPR and first aid you should get certified as soon as you can. Even if you are a teenager, you should still get certified for babysitting jobs. You can get certified at most hospitals, the American Red Cross, or the Westerville City Community Center. It is very important to get certified because when you do, if the situations said before happen you will know what to do. So get certified just like I did!

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- Sabrina Davis Westerville City Schools 8th Grader Here at The Herald, we will be looking to feature young guest writers in our upcoming papers! If you are interested in writing for The Herald, please contact the editors! Special thanks to Sabrina and Victoria for taking time out of their summer vacation to write for us! You girls are awesome!

Plants in Huber Ridge

Our neighborhood is very pretty. It has a lot of plants. We have citronella and lemongrass to repel mosquitoes. They are also very pretty. There are also crabapple trees. You should go see how pretty our neighborhood is.

When I walk around the neighborhood, I see a lot of plants. I see geraniums in shades of white, pink, and purple. There are also pine and spruce trees. There are patches of white and purple wildflowers and clovers. In a lot of front yard flowerbeds, there were plants like tall grass with yellow flowers. I also saw tiger lilies, daisies, and even a willow tree! There are even some bushes with leaves like a banana tree's! There are many plants in the neighborhood.

Our neighborhood is full of plants and trees. There are flowers such as lilacs and baby's breath. I hope you will take a walk around the neighborhood and see all the plants and trees because they are very pretty.

Victoria Davis
 Westerville City Schools 6th Grader

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Protect yourself by knowing criminal's tricks

Most criminals are in it for the money. It is their job. Most of them learn their trade either from another criminal, from watching TV and movies, or by trial and error. But knowing some of their tricks can not only protect you and your family, it will make you a better member of the neighborhood watch team.

Burglars: Most burglars like to break into residences during the day and businesses at night. They knock on the door. If nobody answers they may go around back to force a door or a window or they just kick in the front door. If someone answers the door, the burglar will say something like "Is Bob home?" Oh, I must have the wrong house". When this happens call us right away at **(614) 889-9494**. Try to give a description of the person and vehicle. We will check the neighborhood. Most stolen items are sold to pawn shops. The pawn shops are required to check ID and report purchases to the police. It is all computerized so if you have the make, model and serial number of your valuables, we can often catch them after the fact.

Phone Scams: First red flag, they called you. Second red flag, they want to verify information and they ask you to provide it so they can say if it is correct or not. Ask for a number so that you can call them back. They will often give an excuse, hang up, or both. In any event, never give your social security number, credit card number, mother's maiden name, or any other info to someone who calls you. If they are legit, they should already have that info. Any legitimate company will also have a website. Third red flag, "ACT NOW!" They are trying to rush you, it's an old con-game trick.

Door-to-Door Scams: If you have the slightest doubt or bad feeling about the person at your door, say no thanks, close your door and call us right away at **(614) 889-9494**. We will come and check them out and insure they are in compliance with our ordinance (non-profit groups do not need to be registered). NEVER let them in your house. If they ask to come in that is a red flag, if they get pushy, or urgent, that is another flag. "Can we use your bathroom/phone/get a drink of water?" Always say no and call us right away.

Thieves: This type of criminal will steal from anywhere. Homes are bigger jobs, but your car can be quick and easy. Don't leave valuables in your car in plain sight.

Bottom line: When in doubt call us right away. That's what we are here for!

- John C. Belford Blendon Township Chief of Police





Block Watch Revamped!

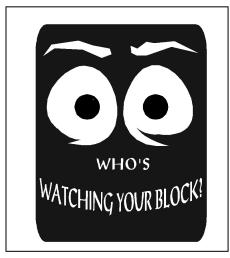
As you may have noticed we are no longer publishing the names and contact information for all of the Block Watch representatives. This decision was made to promote a larger participation in the Block Watch program in our community and so potential criminals do not know exactly who is watching them.

We have approximately 60 Block Watch representatives currently and we are always welcoming more. The more people we have watching the better! Please feel free to join by contacting me via email at blockwatch@huberridge.org or calling me at 614-849-8321 and I will add your name to the database.

If an issue arises in our neighborhood please contact either **Blendon Township Police Department** at **614-889-9494** or you can file a police report online on their website **at blendontwp.org/police** and click on the link "file a police report online". You can also contact me at 614-849-8321 or Carolyn Cordray at 614-882-1310 if you do not feel comfortable with calling and would like for someone else to take care of it for you.

If you have not joined the Huber Ridge Area Association Facebook page it is a very good way of finding out what is going on in the neighborhood with Chief John Belford updating the page with most of the activity and some very good tips almost daily.

- Lynn White Block Watch Coord.



Faith Covenant Church Launches Saturday Worship Service

A conversation over dinner with young adults in our area sparked an idea culminating in the question: How can Faith Covenant Church provide more opportunities for our community to fellowship together and grow as a faith community?

September 13, Faith Covenant Church will launch a new worship experience for the second and fourth Saturdays of the month beginning at 6:30 pm. We'll meet in the welcome center of the church, with comfy couches and chairs, drink coffee, fellowship with each other, and build community. This will be a casual, contemporary service designed for young families, young adults, couples, and singles.

We will have a children's program and child care for young families as well as ample time to worship God and connect with each other. We hope to see you on September 13th!

- Phyllis Van Faith Convenant Church

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9th Annual Plant Swap

Each year the annual Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. Plant Swap grows with more plants and participants. Plants are brought to the tables of the Ridgewood Park shelter with the intention of gardeners to take them home and add them to their own flower beds. This event is held every year the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend. This year we had 4 picnic tables full of a wide variety of plants, flowers, vegetables, shrubs, ground cover, etc.

Each and every plant found a new home by the end of the Plant Swap, leaving none to be planted in the park as we have done in previous years.

Additionally, two lists were generated for local gardeners: one of gardeners with excess plants they were still willing to share from their own gardens and the other list was more like a wish list of what types of plants and flowers gardeners were looking to add to their gardens. You could call it a virtual Plant Swap list! This event continues to be a popular event among our residents so plan to attend next year!

- Carolyn Cordray President







Ridge-A-Palooza is August 2

It is August. It is close to the end of the summer break. The kids are 'bored." School starts in a little over a week. How about some excitement?!?

Try Ridge-A-Palooza! August 2 from 5 p.m. -I 8:00ish with a movie to follow. It is a 'neighborhood party' for the whole Huber Ridge neighborhood jointly sponsored by the Huber Ridge Area Association and Faith Covenant Church (3607 Dempsey Road). There will be inflatable bounce houses, obstacle courses, face painting, and games. Have you ever played 9 square? It is essentially 4 square....in the air! Free food! Blendon Township police cars and fire trucks will be there for you to explore with a chance to meet Sparky! Try out freshly made popcorn, sno cones and cotton candy! There will be a raffle of donated prizes. Shop at the Marketplace! Listen to the music! Stay for the movie on our giant outdoor screen. Best of all – it is all FREE! See you there!

Faith Covenant Church

Advertising Rates

Advertise your company and business in The Herald and reach hundreds of potential customers! If you are interested in placing an ad in our fall issue, please contact Carolyn Cordray.

Advertising rates are as follows: \$25/issue for a business card ad \$65/issue for a quarter page ad \$125/issue for a half page ad \$225/issue for a full page ad





Join the HRAA Executive Board

The HRAA is currently seeking a member in good standing who is willing to step into the role of Secretary.

Duties of the Secretary are to prepare the agenda and meeting packets prior to both general and executive meetings as well as to write minutes and post them on Huber Ridge website. The Secretary also presents the bills during the general meeting for approval and payment.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in please email Carolyn Cardroy at president@huberridge.org

MOTORIZED SCOOTERS

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.

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://bmv.ohio.gov/motor_scooters.stm

- Chris Stevko Communications Coord.





Editorial Guidelines

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

Join the Discussion!

Join the neighborhood discussion on the Huber Ridge Area Association Facebook page! Stay updated on all of the things neighborhood related! www.facebook.com/pages/Huber-Ridge-Area-Association

Please read the rules and regulations before posting. Also, be respectful when posting or commenting. Report any page abuse to the Admins. That's what they are here for!

This is a closed group, meaning, you have to request to join. Send the Admins, Carolyn Cordray, Chris Stevko, and Lori Mann, a quick note telling them where you live, and they will add you. We regulate who we accept into the group to weed out non-residents and spamers. If you continue to be rejected after multiple attempts, please contact Carolyn.

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Note from the Editors

We are excited about this opportunity to edit *The Herald*. We are open to suggestions for upcoming articles and welcome volunteer writers. Please contact us at huberridgeeditor@gmail.com. Thank you!

- Mary and Angie

Calendar of Events

August 2014

2nd - Ridge-A-Palooza 5pm -8pm

5th - National Night Out

7th - HRAA General Meeting 7pm

13th - First day of classes Westerville City Schools

19th - HRAA Exec Meeting 7pm

23rd - Concert in the Park featuring *Kelly Goodrich and the Rhythm Kings* Ridgewood Park 6pm-8pm

October 2014

2nd - HRAA General Meeting 7pm

21st - HRAA Exec Meeting 7pm

25th - HRAA Halloween Party (pending identification of an event coordinator. See story pg 4.) Ridgewood Park 6pm-8:30pm

September 2014

4th - HRAA General Meeting 7pm

13th - HRAA Community Garage Sale 9am - 4pm

16th - HRAA Exec Meeting 7pm

27th - HRAA Membership Appreciation Day

November 2014

Holiday Cheer Program (Date TBD)

6th - HRAA General Meeting 7pm

21st - HRAA Exec Meeting

December 2014

4th - HRAA General Meeting 7pm

13th - Holidays Light Contest

16th - HRAA Exec Meeting 7pm

HUBER RIDGE AREA ASSOCIOATION, INC. MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s) of Adult(s) ______ Address _____ Phone Number _____ Email

Membership dues are \$15 per household. Dues are for a 12-month period and may be paid at anytime throughout the year. You can bring your dues to a meeting, mail them, pay using PayPal. Checks are to be made payable to the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc.

Mail-in dues to the following: Thom Conley. 3533 Makassar Drive. Westerville, OH 43081

^{**}Both HRAA General and Exec Meetings are held in the Blendon Senior Center**