



National Night Out—August 1 Huber Ridge Area Joins Cities Nationwide for “America’s Night Out Against Crime”



On Tuesday, August 1, neighbors throughout Huber Ridge are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the “23rd Annual National Night Out” (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and cosponsored locally by the Huber Ridge Area Association, will involve over 10,000 communities from all 50 states, US territories, Canadian cities, and military bases around the world. In all, over 34 million people are expected to participate in “America’s Night Out Against Crime” on August 1. NNO 2006 is being supported in part by the Target Corporation and the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

National Night Out is designed to (1) heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, (2) generate support for and participation in local anticrime efforts, (3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and (4) send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 7 to 10 p.m. on August 1, residents in neighborhoods throughout Westerville and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout Central Ohio will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities, and anticrime rallies.

National Project Coordinator Mat Peskin said: This is a night for America to stand together to promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer nation. On August 1, we invite neighborhoods nationwide to join us in Giving Crime & Drugs a Going Away Party.

In the Huber Ridge Area, we are encouraging neighbors on each street to participate by turning their lights on around 7 p.m. even if it doesn’t get dark until later. Go outside and walk around your street to meet

your neighbors and make it a point to introduce yourself to new neighbors or neighbors you have not previously met. Get to know who lives on your street, what cars or trucks are common and when people come and go. If you know who is there on a regular basis, it makes it easier to identify if a strange car might be out of place and possibly causing trouble.

Various neighbors on certain streets hosted impromptu street parties last year to get to know their neighbors. Since the event starts after the dinner hour, they encouraged everyone on the street to come outside and bring a dessert to share. This after-dinner event got most of the neighbors to be involved and created a friendly environment to begin conversations or to interact with people that they had not met yet. The Association provided a quantity of flyers to help promote the event that had important phone numbers for local services and emergency utility numbers. With the increase in the number of Block Watch representatives, the National Night Out is an ideal opportunity to meet more people on their streets and help to introduce new neighbors to their neighbors.

Remember to include children in your planning. This is a great opportunity to introduce them to neighborhood parents and to identify which kids go with which homes. Encouraging children to create posters or

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prepare skits that discourage crime may give them an avenue to express their creativity while encouraging them to be aware of their environment, to stay safe, and to help build a positive relationship with law enforcement personnel.

“Lights On Means Lights Out For Crime.” If you have the opportunity to demonstrate or bring up the subject in conversation, this is a good time to show neighbors the proper use of energy-efficient, outdoor security lighting. The cost of mini-florescent lighting has come down greatly and provides the equivalent light of more expensive halogen or incandescent lights. Everyone agrees that properly lighted homes, businesses, and streets deter crime, drug activity, etc. Why then are so many homes so poorly lit? We hope that during NNO 2006 the Huber Ridge Area will work towards making lighting improvements in our community. **We encourage residents throughout the area to show their support for crime prevention on August 1 by really lighting up their homes.** The cost? Pennies!

For more information, contact HRAA NNO Coordinator Brent Sheffer at 818-9324 or check our website at huberridge.org for calendar reminders and updates.

—Brent Sheffer, NNO Coordinator/Treasurer

Let's Participate in



on August 1

For the second year, the Huber Ridge Area Association is encouraging neighbors to participate in America's Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday, August 1. What's involved? It can be as simple as turning on your outdoor house light(s) and walking outside to chat with your neighbors, or it can be much more.

Here is what we—Esther Cunliff, Tom Burke, and Marje Obrist—have planned for the 12 homes of Acapulco Place this year. Neighbors will meet in Blendon Township Trustee Jerry Ward's front yard ('cause he has a great collection of

lawn chairs) to enjoy appetizers and/or desserts prepared by Esther and Marje at 7 p.m. One of the Blendon Township Police officers will be asked to join us for refreshments and to talk with us briefly about what we can do to discourage crime in our area.

We will also update the list we prepared last year which includes an aerial-view map of our court from the Franklin County Auditor's website with the house numbers typed in; the names of the residents in each home; and their home, cell, and work telephone numbers. Most of us have this list taped to the refrigerator or inside a cupboard door where it is easily accessible should we need to contact a neighbor quickly.

Of course, we'll all turn on our house lights and visit a bit with our neighbors. This event is easy to organize and can be as simple or as grand as you like! Do it for your street on August 1!

—Marje Obrist, Neighbor

Block Watch/Street Reps—Differences and Duties

Block Watch is something we all should be doing to help our neighbors and the community. Remember what it is and what it is not. It is knowing your neighbors or at least who belongs and who doesn't; it is being alert to your surroundings; it is making sure your home and property are secure, clear of litter, and well-lit and your shrubs are trimmed; and it is reporting suspicious or criminal activity appropriately. It is not being a detective, police officer, or vigilante; it is not being in your neighbor's hip pocket; and it is not time consuming.

A Street Rep does all of the above and a little more. A Street Rep is expected to a) stay informed of the criminal activity affecting the neighborhood preferably by checking our website weekly; b) pass out the HRAA newsletter on his or her assigned street when possible; c) accompany the Welcome Committee Rep when he or she delivers the bags to homes in order to meet new neighbors; d) be the liaison for matters regarding his or her street; e) handle issues and information with sensitivity and confidentiality; f) communicate reports and issues to the Block Watch Coordinator that are relevant to the good of the neighborhood; g) adhere to the bylaws of the HRAA; h) be a member of the HRAA in good standing.

We need more Street Reps, particularly for the area north of Dempsey Road. Years ago, when I was a Street Rep for the past association, I received a map of the neighborhood

outlining the different areas. My map had written on it "A and B need covered." That was prior to 2000. It is 2006, and A and B still need covered. This list of Street Reps should tell you whether your street is covered. And yes, having more than one rep per street is encouraged. Please call or e-mail me today while you are considering the matter.

If you have questions or want more details about Block Watch, contact me.

—Pam Clegg, Block Watch Coordinator



Block Watch Street Representatives

Area	Street	House	Name(s)	Phone
A	Arnett Ct.	3361	Bill and Gloria Cochenour	882-2639
	Dahlgreen Dr.	3525	Mindy March	523-3184
	Dempsey Rd. (3352-3547)	3473	Era McMahon	891-5312
B	Batavia Rd.	6101	Deborah Candow	728-6817
	Paris Bl., N.	6084	Jo Ellen Lugin	882-0030
C	Canberra Ct.	3515	Edwin England	794-3049
	Dakar Rd., E.	5903	George King	
	Rangoon Dr.	3510	Lori Mann	882-3795
	Saigon Dr.	3505	Jim and Amber Chill	882-4220
D	Bangasi Rd.	5971	Paul and Robin Wagner	282-5800
	Cairo Rd.	5911	Julie Hedrick	890-4045
	Karikal Dr.	3582	Janet Brown	882-8684
	Karikal Dr.	3581	Merry Neff	804-7426
	Makassar Dr.	3614	Pam Clegg	891-9176
	Manila Dr.	3480	Jim and Jacquelyn Shumaker	895-8184
	E	Buenos Aires North of Paris	5788	Lynn Hays
Varadero Dr.		5865	Tony Miller	296-0407
F	Acapulco Pl.	5455	Lou Dunbar	882-0376
	Acapulco Pl.	5433	Brad and Paula Hart	899-6728
	Buenos Aires South of Paris	5643	Ron and Diane Szymkowiak	898-7754
	Copenhagen Dr.	5520	Bill and June Riggs	890-6070
	Lisbon Pl.	5418	Gary and Annette Humphries	891-7816
	Madrid Dr.	5625	Ralph and Judy Barrell	882-5298
	Oslo Dr.	5561	Sharon Ricker*	891-1881
	Panama Dr. 3515-3622	3596	Michael Dodgens	895-0499
	Stockholm Rd.	3539	Ken and Ann Laub	882-2753
G	Bashaw Dr.	5643	Barb Kraynak	891-5296
	Bogota Dr.	3706	Nicholas Halliwell**	946-7615
	Managua Dr.	3668	Andrea Wei	890-8187
	Mexico Ave.	3661	Michelle Baum	895-9601
	Montevideo Dr.	5618	Matt Sherman	882-0368
	Natalie Ct.	5598	Shawna Gfroerer	595-4156

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festivals this year, too—so stop by and say, “Hello!” His food is EXCELLENT!!

—Julie Hedrick, Neighbor

Welcome, New Neighbors!

Last month the Welcome Committee distributed its first welcome bags to neighbors who bought homes in the Huber Ridge communities through the first week of March. These bags contain various items from local merchants as well as information about the area but most specifically the HRAA (Huber Ridge Area Association). This gift bag put together by the HRAA has been very well received by the new home owners, and the Committee will soon be delivering more! Below is the list of the new neighbors who have purchased Huber Ridge properties since the beginning of the year. Compuname (www.compuname.com) provided the data. On behalf of the Huber Ridge Area Association, we officially welcome you to the neighborhood!

January Sales:

Timothy Middleditch and Chan Park-Miller, 3694 Caracas Drive
Pamela F. Laing, 3490 Fox Run Road
Sherrill E. Ronske and Karen R. Albrecht, 3345 Hunt Club Road

February Sales:

Mark Kelley and Cristal Sloan, 3526 Dempsey Road
Forbes V. Carroll, III, and Tricia F. Carroll, 5670 Natalie Court

James W. Chill, 3505 Saigon
Tacoma Quagliata, 3511 Rangoon Drive
Christopher and Kathryn Harris, 3427 Dempsey Road
Sahr K. Kaingbanja, 3470 Brazzaville Road
Ariss L. Sanfillipo 3631 Manila Drive
Robert Snyder, II, 5568 Copenhagen Drive
Renee L. Clevenger, 6351 Montford Road, West

March Sales:

Melanie A. Toth, 3487 Saddle Lane, South
Nicholas Scott, 6377 Hunt Club Road, West
Daniel and Vicki L. Boyd, 6100 Reno Road
Sandra Farley, 5541 Oslo Drive
Ryan Durbin, 5584 Santiago Drive
Leslie Houston, 3496 Saigon Drive
Paul Dudgeon, 3499 Saigon Drive
Charles Marlow, 3360 Dempsey Road

April Sales:

Andrea Smith, 6333 Saddle Lane, West

Cairo Road Kicks Off the Summer with a Block Party

On Sunday, May 28, 2006, several residents on the north end of Cairo Road gathered in front of Kevin Juresich's house for a summer kickoff block party! Kevin was kind enough to fire up his Dan's Deli truck and was BBQing everything from hotdogs to hamburgers. The event was such a success that we hope to do this twice a year, most likely early summer and early fall. If you would like to be invited to the next Cairo Road P-A-R-T-Y, please e-mail Julie Hedrick at communications@huberridge.org; and we'll ensure you get invited!

For those not on the north end of Cairo Road, knock on your neighbors' doors and invite them over for a BBQ. Be sure to let the HRAA know of your party plans so we can report your party in our next issue of *The Herald*.

Side note: Visit your Cairo Road/Huber Ridge neighbor, Kevin Juresich, in his Dan's Deli truck every Monday through Thursday out in front of the Best Buy store on Morse Road. Plus, you may see Kevin out at various arts

Imad Yacoub, 3637 Manila Drive
 Robby Pierce, 3548 Stockholm Road
 Kenneth Chapman, 3780 Mexico Avenue
 Kenneth Farmwald, 5688 Montevideo Road
 Edward Johnson, 5774 Montevideo Road
 Michael Beckman, Jr., 3356 Arnett Court
May Sales (through May 12, 2006, only):
 Adeline Ailshire, 3331 Vickers Drive
 Timothy W. Woodruff, 3448 Saigon Drive
 Sean Miller, 3501 Makassar Drive
 Andrew Patton, 3695 Managua Drive
 Huong Lam, 3661 Bolamo Drive
 —Carolyn Cordray, Welcome Committee Coordinator



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The Spirit of Volunteerism Is Alive in Blendon Township

Thank you to all who helped in any way with the Ridgewood Park cleanup on Saturday, April 29. The spirit of volunteerism is alive in Blendon Township and Westerville.

With your help, we mulched the path in the woods and cleared the east portion of fallen trees. Narrow places along the path were widened, and overgrown and blocked areas were made accessible. Many of the playground toys were scraped and painted, and gravel and sand were spread in the areas under the equipment. Grass and weeds were pulled in the play areas and the volleyball court. The picnic tables were sanded and painted. The steps and railing from Buenos Aires Boulevard were fixed and refilled making them functional again.

While all these areas are obviously changed for the better, nothing is as glaringly noticeable as the shelter itself! The new color of electric-neon-fluorescent lime green is

highLIGHTed by the repaired electrical wiring and new night light! A major thanks to neighbor Brad Hart for all the supplies to accomplish this. (If you drive past the Park after dark, you'll see!)

The Blendon Township Trustees need to be recognized for all they contributed. The Township eagerly supplied all the paint, mulch, gravel, and sand as well as many of the incidentals needed (paint brushes, paper towels, garbage bags, etc.). Trustees Jerry Ward and Kevin Bacon were able to put in some hard work for the cause. The Service Department allowed us to borrow gardening implements and the Kubota front-end loader that was driven by Mr. Ward. (Yes, he smiled the whole time.)

Thanks go to Keep Franklin County Beautiful, too, for all the support they gave to the event. They supplied vinyl gloves and handouts. It is their initiative that starts the process. The banners, drop cloths, and volunteer stickers were supplied by Keep America Beautiful, and the trash bags were from Glad, a national sponsor.

The only food that was purchased by the Huber Ridge Area Association was the hamburgers and hot dogs. Everything else was donated: Breakfast was furnished by the Trustees. We received gift cards from Meijer on Cleveland Avenue and Kroger at Columbus Square that were used to purchase the other food with the exception of the cookies. The oatmeal raisin cookies (along with gift cards for free children's meals and adult lunches) were given by HomeTown Buffet on Morse Road.

There were 49 people who signed in: 17 Boy Scouts and 32 neighborhood volunteers. Work started around 9:00 a.m. and ended after 5:30 p.m.

We made it a safer and more welcome place to play. Give yourselves a hand!

—Lori Mann, Ridgewood Park Cleanup Day Coordinator



Boy Scout Troop 560 Refilled the Steps into Ridgewood Park
 Photo by Lori Mann

JOB LISTING

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Ridgewood Park Cleanup Day on April 29
 Photo by Paula Hart

Want to Reserve Beautiful Ridgewood Park for Your Event?

Call Linda Harter, the Blendon Township Administrative Assistant, at 882-1270 to reserve the shelter house in Ridgewood Park for your event. Ridgewood Park is located on Buenos Aires Boulevard just north of State Route 161. This is our park; let's use it!

—Marje Obrist, Newsletter Editor



Brad Hart Repaired the Electrical System



Tom Burke Spread Mulch on the Woodland Paths



Everything Was Painted—Even This Abandoned Bike!
Photos by Lori Mann

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Byron Mann Cleared the Paths



Lou Dunbar Prepared the Merry-Go-Round for Painting

We Came ... We Swapped ... and We Planted!

Saturday, May 27, was the day of the first Huber Ridge Area Association Plant and Seed Swap-n-Share, which was held in Ridgewood Park. A good number turned out for this first ever event of its kind, and there was no shortage of interesting plants and seeds made available to the participants.

Organized by Carolyn and Eric Cordray of Caracas Drive, the attendees—who included Marje Obrist, Lori Mann, Pam Clegg, Jaime Lehtomaa, and the Cordrays—shared a nice variety of flowering plants, herbs, hostas, ivy, bulbs, and seeds. A wonderful time was had by all. There were excess plants which were added to some of the gardens surrounding Huber Ridge signs as well as in Ridgewood Park.

Plan to attend next year's Plant and Seed Swap-n-Share and join in the fun! You'll DIG it!

—Carolyn Cordray, Neighbor



Jaime Lehtomaa, Lori Mann, Marje Obrist, Pam Clegg, and Carolyn Cordray at the First Annual Plant and Seed Swap-n-Share in Ridgewood Park

Photo by Eric Cordray

Volunteer Host Families Are Needed for Four Exchange Students in Westerville

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July 15 to July 31, 2006.

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The students will be in class on most weekdays. Families will be required to provide transportation to (9 a.m.) and from (5 p.m.) Grace Baptist Church on class days; provide three meals a day (a sack lunch on class days); and provide the student his or her own bed (sharing a room is okay).

Please contact Jenny Spolnik-Greathouse with questions or for an application: 353-7003 or spolnik.1@osu.edu.

—Jenny Spolnik-Greathouse, Neighbor

Yard Tip

Be sure your lawn and garden receive 1 inch of water each week during the summer months.

—James Welch, President



HRAA Humbled? . . .

One year ago, a few concerned residents gathered to discuss the possibility of reestablishing a Block Watch program. (In order not to leave anyone out, I will not attempt to list the residents' names.)

As the meetings progressed and the attendance grew, the issue of Block Watch progressed to reestablishing the Huber Ridge Area Association (HRAA) including Block Watch. Officials were elected, and bylaws were drawn up and adopted. At October's meeting, all of the Executive Committee positions were filled; and the Association was fully established and off and running.

Your association in its first year has made some major accomplishments and has become a voice for our neighborhood. To list a few of your HRAA accomplishments:

-  Sponsored a clothing drive on December 17, 2005, with great success.
 -  Established a newsletter with a quarterly distribution. The first issue edited by Marje Obrist was published in December 2005; the second, in March 2006.
 -  Revitalized Block Watch under the direction of Pam Clegg.
 -  Established a Welcome Committee for new residents under the direction of Carolyn and Eric Cordray.
 -  Cleaned up and revitalized our park (Ridgewood Park) under the direction of Lori Mann with the help of Boy Scout Troop 560 and many of our residents.
 -  Ran an frequently updated community website—huberridge.org.
- Future plans are as follows:
-  A community garage sale on July 15.
 -  National Night Out on August 1.
 -  A community Halloween party in October.
 -  A clothing drive in mid- or late November.

Under the direction of Julie Hedrick, we are currently educating our neighbors and organizing with other neighborhoods to try to defeat the Ohio American Water Company's proposed rate increase of 17.01 percent statewide.

In the last 6 months, many of our neighbors have voiced their concerns regarding the neighborhood; the two biggest issues are beautification and Block Watch. Beautification covers a lot of issues from our streets to our parks to our homes. We have addressed many of these issues, e.g., Ridgewood Park; and many of the issues are ongoing. A lot of the concerns pertained to vacant homes or ones in disrepair—an issue to be addressed by the Franklin County Board of Health (FCBH). We have forwarded information from you to the Franklin County Board of Health, which has

come out and evaluated the situations and started addressing them. The Franklin County Board of Health representative stated that this will take some time to correct. We have established open communication with the FCBH and are checking their progress. If you have any concerns, questions, or comments, please call the Franklin County Board of Health at (614) 462-3160 and let us know, also.

Block Watch also covers many issues including reporting crimes, crime prevention, etc. (Block Watch is directed by Pam Clegg, who explains Block Watch in an article entitled "Block Watch/Street Reps—Differences and Duties" on page 2.) Many residents have stated concerns about vandalism and other crimes in the area. We have established the Block Watch program with success in certain neighborhoods, but not all residents or streets are represented. Pam is coordinating with our local police to educate our community about the crimes committed and what and who have been affected. We have an open communication with our local police. If you see suspicious activity or witness a crime, please call our police at (614) 889-9494. Keep Pam posted as well. We are continuing to improve Block Watch and need your help doing so.

Your association's goals are to:

-  Foster and advance the public interest in the Huber Ridge area.
-  Encourage and promote the general welfare of our community.
-  Provide a forum for members to respond to issues of common concern.
-  Promote public improvements and safety within our community.
-  Encourage social activities and unity among members and residents of our community.

A united community is a healthy community. A healthy community is a prosperous and vibrant community. A united, healthy, prosperous, vibrant community deters crime, raises the value of your home, and makes the community desirable. Please support your community. Become an HRAA member. Volunteer as little or as often as you like. Just become proactive; and together we can make this community a beautiful place we would all be proud to call home.

—James Welch, President

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*President James Welch Painting the Shelter House in Ridgewood Park
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along. As time went by, we realized we could not have hand selected better, diverse neighbors. As years rolled by, not only were our neighbors and our neighborhood great; but also we found the same to be true of our community.

When asked why he wanted to run for President of HRAA, Jim says, "After five years, I have decided to give back to this fine community by donating my time and ideas along with others to make this community an even better place to live"

When he is not busy leading HRAA, Jim works at the Broad and James Shell station as an automotive service technician (a field in which he has been employed for 24 years). In his quest to inform residents about the Ohio American Water Company proposed rate increase, Jim has been interviewed on Channel 10 and has talked with State

**HRAA Profile:
 James Welch**

James Welch, who was elected President of the reestablished Huber Ridge Area Association on October 13, has kept the Association busy with many projects focusing on beautification and crime prevention, the two concerns that he sees as mattering most to residents. Jim's leadership style includes not only organizing activities but also encouraging the members and actually working with them. Yes, the picture above *is* Jim painting the shelter house during Ridgewood Park Cleanup Day (a 12-hour day for him).

We couldn't get him to pose for the camera while he was painting, but he did at least turn around and stand still for the photograph with Blendon Township Trustees President Jerry Ward on Cleanup Day.

Jim and his better half, Jean, purchased a home—their first—on Acapulco Place in June of 2000. Jim states: When purchasing and moving into our home, we were hesitant about meeting our new neighbors as we were concerned about how we would all get



*Jim Welch with Blendon Township Trustees President Jerry Ward
 Photo by Marje Obrist*

Representative Jim McGregor, State Senator David Goodman, and Ohio Consumer Counsel Attorney Maureen Grady.

In his spare moments, Jim enjoys keeping his lawn and flowers in picture-perfect shape and walking the family dogs, Sadie and Brownie, with Jean.

—Marje Obrist, Newsletter Editor



Pretty Please!

Please don't post signs on the Huber Ridge Area Association kiosks; it's so-o-o hard to clean the "stickiness" off!

If you post signs elsewhere, please remove them as soon as your information is no longer timely! Let's keep the Huber Ridge Area beautiful!



—James Welch, President

Editorial Guidelines for the Publication of *The Herald* Purpose

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

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\$125 per issue for a half-page ad

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My Neighbor's Dog Is Barking and Barking! What Can I Do?

If a barking dog is a problem in your neighborhood, Acting Police Chief Lt. Dustin Lephart says, "Call the Police Department." A Blendon Township Police officer will try to contact the dog owner and give him or her a copy of Resolution No. 90-04, which reads in part:

Section II. Barking and Noisy Animals

(A) No person shall keep or harbor any dog which howls or barks or emits audible sounds which are unreasonably loud or disturbing and which are of such a character, intensity and duration so as to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood or to be detrimental to the life and health of any individual.

Lt. Lephart continues, "If the dog owner does not comply, a citation is a possibility. Generally, the Police Department tries to work it out."

To report a barking dog, give the Police the appropriate address so that an officer can go by to listen and make contact.

—Acting Police Chief Lt. Dustin Lephart



Huber Ridge Area Association Membership Application

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Telephone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Block Watch Street Rep | <input type="checkbox"/> National Night Out | Costume Party |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen Assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing Drive |

Mail your check made payable to Huber Ridge Area Association for \$15 (dues cover all adults in the household) to Brent Sheffer, HRAA Treasurer, 5663 Bashaw Drive, Westerville, OH 43081. Become a 2006 member of HRAA today! Applicants for HRAA membership agree to abide by present and future bylaws.

Ohio American Water Rate Increase Update—Your Help Is Needed!

As you read on our website, huberridge.org, and on the signs posted around our neighborhood, Ohio American Water (OAW) is proposing a hefty increase in your water bill ... again!

A lot of work has been happening behind the scenes on behalf of the Huber Ridge Area Association (HRAA) in defeating this water rate increase— but **your help is greatly needed!**

A new committee within the Association has been established, and Julie Hedrick from Cairo Road is leading the way as OAW Communications Coordinator. Some future plans of this committee include partnering with other Central Ohio communities and sharing best practices and strategies, establishing a timeline of key events, developing an aggressive media campaign to ensure local press coverage of our plight, and launching a “fight the OAW rate increase” website, GettingSoaked.com in late June 2006.

Volunteers are needed who can help us stay on track. We may do petitions, write letters, appear in court, coordinate community information meetings, and more.

Please call or write Julie Hedrick if you can help us fight OAW on this water rate increase in any way. Julie can be e-mailed at communications@huberridge.org or called at (614) 890-4045.

At the very least, all Huber Ridge residents are encouraged to send a letter opposing the rate increase to **PUCO**

**Attn: Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215**

Regarding: Case #06-0433-WS-AIR

The case number must be on your letter to be docketed in the official case record.

—Julie Hedrick, OAW Communications Coordinator

Register for the Huber Ridge Area Garage Sale on July 15!

All residents are encouraged to participate in the Huber Ridge Area garage sale sponsored by Rodger and Barbara Crawford with **Century 21 Joe Walker & Assoc.** and the HRAA. E-mail HRAA President Jim Welch at president@huberridge.org or call him at 882-8959 to register for the garage sale. Newspaper advertising, signs at the entrances, and maps of registered participants will be provided.

—James Welch, President