

Huber Ridge Area Association Minutes
February 2, 2012

Call to order: A general meeting of the Huber Ridge Area Association was held in The Blendon Township Senior Center in Westerville, Ohio on Thursday, February 2, 2012. The meeting convened at 6:34 p.m, President Carolyn Cordray, presiding.

Members in attendance:

Lynn Amersdorfer, Hope Benson, Deb Candow, Claudia Carney, Pamela Clegg, Thom Conley, Roberta Conley, Carolyn Cordray, Anna Grant, Jan Heichel, Tom Heichel, Lori Mann, Chuck Marlow, Doug Murphy, Joy Neff, Marje Obrist, Almina Smock-Weibell, Jean Welch, James Welch, Tom Weibell.

Guest Speakers:

Andrew (Drew) Fowler gave a presentation on the Safe Call program, and distributed flyers about the program to attendees. The Safe Call program is his Eagle Scout project.

Bryan Rhoads gave an update on these topics:

- Farmers Market move to Faith Covenant Church grounds
- Community Garden plots availability
- Glengary Center redevelopment
- Cleveland Heights is to be redeveloped
- Need for volunteers for upcoming projects

It was suggested that both the Safe Call program and the information Bryan presented be included in the next issue of The Herald.

Approval of minutes: Motion was made by Joy and seconded to approve the corrected minutes of the January 5, 2012 meeting. **Motion carried.**

Officers' reports:

President (Carolyn Cordray) Gave brief overview of the previous evening's Township Trustees meeting; advised that Bryan Rhodes has taken on additional job duties to fill the newly created Township Administrator position. Discussion was had on Ridgewood Park issues; unkempt areas, tagging, mounds of dirt, and downed ash trees, etc. Concern and costs of lighting the cemetery flag was also addressed as was the issue of painting house numbers on curbs, related costs and reminder that the code is specific in what home owners are to provide in the way of size and color of house numbers. It was suggested that the issue also be addressed in The Herald.

There were 8500 hits on the Huber Ridge website, and we currently have 96 members on the Huber Ridge Facebook page.

Vice president Eric Cordray was not present; however Carolyn advised that the neighborhood garage sale date is June 23 this year. If anyone has ideas for speakers, please contact Eric.

Secretary none given

Treasurer (Pam Clegg) Reviewed report (attached) of expenses and current Association balance. She has obtained the EIN number for the HRAA and is investigating changing banks if Fifth Third is unwilling to give us free checks.

Immediate Past President (Jim Welch) Updated us on status of Ohio American Water's rate increase; staff report is complete, OAW wants a 26% increase, staff report recommends 9%. Information about public hearings will be published when available. Buyout of OAW will be complete in about two months.

Ann Gonzales advised Jan Heichel that HB 379 has been pulled from the agenda due to lack of public response in opposition. Will advise if it is added to agenda again. OAW can oppose if they wish.

Board and committee reports:

Newsletter: Marje distributed a newsletter report (attached) with the list of possible articles/writers for the next issue. Almira advised that she needs more folks to help distribute The Herald.

Membership: Joy prepared and distributed a membership report (attached) which also included information on homes sales in the area. She also updated us on plans for the Silver Celebration and Ridge-a-Palooza. Thom provided a report of progress in membership renewals (attached).

Block Watch: Doug gave an update on crime reports received through the Blendon Township Police Dept. His report is attached.

Unfinished business:

Drawing was held for the "Household of the Quarter" for the spring edition of The Herald. Three names were selected and Joy will contact them in order of the names drawn to see if they are interested.

New business:

It was moved by Almira Smock-Weibell that the meeting time for the monthly HRAA General Meeting be moved to 7:00 p.m. from 6:30 p.m. Motion carried

Announcements:

Doug asked if we could consider having a scholarship for students who live in Huber Ridge, as he discovered that Huber Ridge Elementary already has one established. Suggestion was made to either create one or add money to the existing scholarship offered by Huber Ridge. It was pointed out that Blendon Township already offers a scholarship, apart from the one from Huber Ridge, in the amount of \$1500.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Secretary: Claudia Carney Date of approval: February 2, 2012

Huber Ridge Area Association

Reports

President's Report:

Blendon Township Trustee Meeting

- Administrator's position
- Ridgewood Park issues
- House Numbers

January website hit report

Vice President's Report:

Community Garage Sale, Saturday, June 23rd
Meeting Speakers

Treasurer's Report:

| January Activity HRAA | Date | Amount | Description |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| December Balance | 12/30/2011 0:00 | 6619.04 | Balance forward |
| Debit Card purchase | 1/4/2012 0:00 | 29.95 | Neighborhood Link, per Eric report |
| Debit Card return | 1/4/2012 0:00 | 29.95 | Neighborhood Link, per Eric report |
| Balance | 1/4/2012 0:00 | 6619.04 | Balance |
| check 2333 pmt | 1/12/2012 0:00 | 46.51 | Herald supplies/Almina Wiebell |
| Balance | 1/12/2012 0:00 | 6572.53 | Balance |
| Deposit - Eric C. #1 | 1/23/2012 0:00 | 220 | 2 memberships/2 ads/1 fundraiser |
| Deposit - Eric C. #2 | 1/23/2012 0:00 | 350.75 | \$200 cash/1 check 150.75 |
| Deposit - Pam C #3 | 1/23/2012 0:00 | 300 | 20 memberships |
| Balance | 1/23/2012 0:00 | 7443.28 | Balance |
| Deposit - Pam C #4 | 1/26/2012 0:00 | 470 | 6 ads |
| Balance | 1/26/2012 0:00 | 7913.28 | Current Balance 1-31-12 |

In an effort to comply with the IRS required income filing for our organization, I learned that we needed to obtain our own EIN. This was accomplished; however, it will cost our organization when we receive the records from the IRS. We will have to close our present account and start over with a new account number. This means we will have to pay for new checks. Presently, our EIN is associated with the former association, Ridgewood Civic Association.

This report reflects all bank activity for the month of January, 2012.

Respectively submitted,
Pamela J. Clegg, HRAA Treasurer

Newsletter Editor Report:

✚ Possible articles and writers for the spring issue of *The Herald* are as follows:

| Category | Writer | Article | Received | Keyed | Placed |
|----------------|--------------------------------|---|----------|-------|--------|
| Front Page | Mann, Lori | 11 th annual Ridgewood Park Cleanup | | | |
| Issues | | Letter(s) to the Editor | | | |
| | Welch, Jim | House Bill 379 | | | |
| | Welch, Jim | JEDZ | | | |
| | Welch, Jim | OAWC/Aqua Ohio update | | | |
| Neighbors | Clegg, Pam | Neighbor news | | | |
| | Clegg, Pam Murphy, Doug | Profile of new Block Watch Coordinator | | | |
| | Dapo, Doug | Local business interview | | | |
| | Dapo, Susan Carney, Claudia | Profile of new Secretary | | | |
| | Murphy, Doug | Block Watch street representatives (Can we name the areas?) | | | |
| | Neff, Joy | HRAA family of the quarter | | | |
| | Neff, Joy | Thom Conley's duties on the Membership Committee | | | |
| | Neff, Joy | New residents, home sales, and membership statistics | | | |
| | Welch, Jim | Blendon Master Parks Plan first-place award | | | |
| | Welch, Jim | In service to our country | | | |
| | Wiebell, Almina | Appeal for newsletter deliverers | | | |
| Events | Cordray, Eric | Upcoming programs | | | |
| | Mann, Lori | Tree planting in Ridgewood Park | | | |
| | Murphy, Doug | Block Watch training | | | |
| | Neff, Joy | 3 rd annual Silver Celebration | | | |
| | Ricker, Sharon | Holiday lights and decorations contest winners with photos | | | |
| | Wallace, Deb | W.A.R.M. plans for 2012 | | | |
| Things to Know | Cordray, Carolyn | Donation to Miracle on Hempstead | | | |
| | Murphy, Doug | "No solicitors!" signs and "Call police when in doubt!" | | | |
| | Obrist, Marje | Website statistics | | | |
| | Welch, Jim | Blendon Master Parks Plan first-place award | | | |
| Back Page | Neff, Joy | Membership application | | | |
| | Obrist, Marje | Here's what's happening in the Ridge | | | |

✚ The following are important dates for the publication of the *twenty-sixth* issue of *The Herald*:

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|---------------------|-------------|--|
| Monday | February 20 | Editor will begin soliciting advertising for the spring issue of the newsletter. |
| Thursday | March 1 | Articles and advertising copy are due to the Newsletter Editor. |
| Saturday | March 10 | The newsletter will be e-mailed to the Executive Committee in PDF format for review and corrections. |
| Monday ¹ | March 12 | The Executive Committee members will email corrections and approval of the spring issue of <i>The Herald</i> . |
| Tuesday | March 13 | The newsletter will be e-mailed to YesPress Graphics LLC for printing. |
| Wednesday | March 14 | Delivery people will be contacted by the Newsletter Distribution Coordinators. |
| Thursday | March 15 | The newsletter will be picked up by the Newsletter Delivery Coordinators for delivery by March 31. |
| Thursday | April 19 | Payment for advertising is due to the Newsletter Editor or to the Treasurer. |

✚ Please call Marje Obrist at 891-6944 or email her at editor@huberridge.org to suggest potential advertisers who should be contacted or articles which should be included in *The Herald*.

Block Watch:

Feb 2nd HRAA meeting

As of the list received from Pam Clegg on 01/17 the number of watch homes has dropped from the 56 listed in the fall 2011 Herald to around 21 reps. I will be contacting the president of the Huber Ridge PTA to see if I will be able to pass out some fliers at their Feb 9th meeting to recruit new reps.

From the Crime report listing:

1-19 3700 block Woodvale - ID Fraud

1-26 3500 Dempsey Rd-Breaking & Entering 9:30am

1-28 5900 Westerville Rd-Assault 6:45am

Several Breaking & Entering reports in the Sunbury Farms area just on the other side of SR161 and one Assault at Cooper and Westerville Rd in the last two weeks.

Doug Murphy

Membership:

February 2, 2012

Household of the Quarter:

Drawing for the Household of the Quarter

| Home sales | | | | Purchase \$/ Value | |
|----------------------------------|------|--------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Fredric Hillenbrand | 3771 | Caracas Dr. | 12/11/2011 | \$99,900 / \$117,600 | |
| Kendall J. and Xu Yan Potter | 3700 | Managua Dr. | 12/11/2011 | \$125,000 / \$136,000 | |
| Steven and Charlotte Bowman | 3524 | Makassar Dr. | 12/23/2011 | \$67,650 / \$124,700 | address in Powell |
| Ming Hui Yuan | 3537 | Dempsey Rd. | 12/23/2011 | \$101,580 / \$176,300 | owns it outright |
| Corey D. Baker | 3594 | Madrid | 1/1/2012 | \$112,900 / \$99,700 | bill to 39 Groton Rd, Westerville |
| John and Rebekah Marette | 3535 | Panama | 1/1/2012 | \$79,000 / \$139,900 | own - live at 3463 Blendon Bend Way |
| Fanny Mae | 5927 | Bangasi Rd. | 1/9/2012 | \$107,600 / \$103,000 | |
| Michael and Paul Creager | 6606 | Dakar | 1/9/2012 | \$65,000 / \$111,000 | Michael/Copenhagen + son |
| Andres and Ximena Esquerra | 5556 | Madrid | 1/22/2012 | \$67,500 / \$ 121,700 | |
| David A., Jr and Laurel J. Fitch | 3419 | Paris | 1/22/2012 | \$115,565 / \$121,200 | SU from parents |
| Phillip and Victoria Griffin | 3723 | Paris | 1/22/2012 | \$83,947 / \$104,700 | |
| Melissa Taylor | 3700 | Caracas Dr. | 1/30/2012 | \$107,000 / \$104,400 | |
| Fanny Mae | 3560 | Paris | 1/0/2012 | \$72,000/\$114,700 | |

Silver Celebration:

Nothing new except we will have a social half-hour at 5 PM with punch and nuts, then dinner at 5:30. Roberta will let people know the time change when they register. As time goes on before the next meeting, and you want to know more about the plans, call me.

Ridge-a-Palooza:

The first planning meeting was held January 22nd at Faith Covenant to define the date and parameters of the event. Phyllis Van was the Moderator. Carolyn, Eric and I attended from HRAA. The date was set as August 4th, committees were defined and leads were named each representing the HRAA and FCC. Those defined are:

Facilities: Bob Borders and me; Activities: Kevin Diamond; Market Place: Carolyn and ?FCC; Staffing: Lori Mann and ?FCC; Food: Kristin Ballinger and Eric; Ads and Promotion: Phyllis Van and ?HRAA.. I was named Facilitator. The next meeting is February 26th. We will need many volunteers, so consider helping. It is fun!

Joya Neff, Membership

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

for January 2012 as of 2/2/2012

- 1) Emails or post cards sent to all due in February members.
- 2) Fourteen (14) members have replied with membership renewals.
- 3) Two (2) new members added.
- 4) \$240.00 in checks to treasurer.

Thom Conley