

AGENDA

HRAA, Inc. General Meeting

November 7th, 2013

Call to order

Speakers: Greg Odell and Jeff LaRue, Aqua Ohio

Business Meeting:

1. **Approval of minutes for 10/3/2012 and 9/5/2013** (postponed from 10/3/ meeting upon motion of Joy Neff due to nature of last month's program)

2. Reports of:

a. **Officers**

President

Vice President:

Immediate Past President

Secretary

Treasurer

Newsletter Editor

b. **Standing Committees**

Block Watch

Newsletter Distribution

Historical

Membership

Beautification

Kiosk

3. Unfinished business

a. Election of the Nominating Committee

4. New business

a. Drawing of the Household of the Quarter

b. Approval of bills

c. Group Home update

d. Christmas donation discussion

5. Adjournment

Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. Minutes
General Meeting
10-3-2013

Call to order: A general meeting of the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc., was held at the Blendon Township Senior Center in Westerville, Ohio on Thursday, October 3rd, 2013. The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m., President Carolyn Cordray, presiding.

Attendees: (Non-Huber Ridge residents are indicated with an (*): Lynn Amersdorfer, Hope Benson, Mark Brugger*, Claudia Carney, Rod Clay*, Pam Clegg, Diane Conley*, Carolyn Cordray, Eric Cordray, Cassie Daida, Ruth Davis*, Ron Dirkworth*, Peg Duffy*, Charles Edwards, Dave Fitzpatrick*, Bev Good*, Tom Heichel, Rama Jones, Suzann Laird*, Lori Mann, Chuck Marlowe, Laura Young Mohr*, Diane Murphy, Doug Murphy, Joya Neff, Marje Obrist, John Oleyar, Kristan Robertson*, Margaret Sampson*, Breanna Seifert, Tricia Sodt*, David Stadge*, Vicki Stadge*, Chris Stevko, Shirley T.*, Mary Van Ligten, Tom Weibell, James Welch, Eric Zwilling*, Joan Zwilling*.

As this was a "Meet the Candidates Night", Joy Neff made a motion that our usual agenda be altered tonight and that the reading of the minutes and any unnecessary business be postponed to accommodate our program. Motion was seconded and **motion carried**.

Reports:

Secretary: following bills were presented for payment:

\$15.28 to Lori Mann for costs related Kiosks

\$11.55 to Thom Conley for postage

\$35.00 to Carolyn Cordray for garage sale ads

\$28.40 to Claudia Carney for postage and envelopes to mail The Herald to non-resident landlords

\$20.70 to Claudia Carney for copies of the agenda/minutes/reports for the Oct. 3rd HRAA, Inc. meeting.

\$19.26 to Marje Obrist for costs related to the Member Appreciation Dinner

Motion was made by Chris Stevko to pay these bills, motion seconded and **motion carried**.

Guests/Participants:

Blendon Township Trustees:

Stew Flaherty

Jan Heichel

Westerville School Board Candidates:

Nancy Nestor Baker

Jim Burgess

Tracy A. Davidson

Luke Davis

Erik Zwilling for Robert Edwards

Kevin W. Hoffman

John Sodt

Rick A. Villardo

Blendon Township Issue 37

Bryan Rhoads, Blendon Township Administrator

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Secretary _____

Date of approval _____

Huber Ridge Area Association

Reports for November 7th 2013:

President: none

Vice-President: none

Immediate Past President: none

Secretary: minutes attached

Treasurer:

Treasurer's Report HRAA, Inc. October 2013 Activity

Prepared for November 7, 2013 HRAA, Inc. Meeting

Beginning Balance: \$8,363.39

Disbursements: \$(295.19)

Date Posted	Action	Disbursement	Budget	Amount
10/04/13	Check 153	Claudia Carney	Herald/mailings	\$28.40
10/04/13	Check 154	Claudia Carney	Admin/copies	\$20.70
10/07/13	Check 150	Thom Conley	Membership/postage	\$11.55
10/11/13	Check 152	Lori Mann	Kiosk/Maintenance	\$15.28
10/22/13	Check 159	Faith Covenant	Donation/Halloween	\$100.00
10/31/13	Check 155	Marje Obrist	Membership/Dinner	\$19.26
10/31/13	Check 158	Blendon Twp Police	Donation/Halloween	\$100.00

*Note: outstanding check: #151 to Carolyn Cordray garage sale ads - \$35.60; Voided checks #156 (Joy Neff) and #157(Carolyn Cordray) due to Halloween Party cancellation

Deposits: \$ 652.50

Date Posted	Action	Budget	Amount
10/07/13	Deposit	5 Herald ads (detail below)	\$265.00
10/18/13	Deposit	4 Herald ads (detail below)	\$320.00
10/25/13	Deposit	4 memberships @ \$15/1 @ 7.50	\$67.50

Ending Balance: \$8,720.70 – Balances with 5/3 October 2013 Statement

Herald Ad Money Deposit Detail – Total Ad Money September, 2013 \$585.00

Date Posted	Purchased by	Amount
10/18/13	Bryan Rhoads, Realtor	\$125.00
10/18/13	Joy Neff for Burke's Blades	\$25.00
10/18/13	Jeff Patrick for World's Greatest Comics	\$25.00
10/18/13	Donley Strong	\$25.00
10/18/13	Stewart Flaherty for Financial Consulting	\$65.00
10/25/13	Grace Fellowship Church	\$65.00
10/25/13	Roush Honda Used Car Company	\$65.00
10/25/13	Sunbury Plaza Dental	\$65.00
10/25/13	Wayne's Auto Repair	\$125.00

Respectfully Submitted, Pamela J. Clegg, Treasurer, HRAA Inc.

Newsletter Editor:

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

Category	Writer	Article	Received	Keyed	Placed
Front Page	Neff, Joy	5 th Annual Silver Celebration			
Issues		Letter(s) to the Editor			
	Clegg, Pam	Group home situation			
	Heichel, Jan or Welch, Jim	Zoning post-election update			
Neighbors	Dapo, Doug	Local business interview			
	Murphy, Doug	Block Watch street representatives			
	Neff, Joy	HRAA, Inc. household of the quarter			
	Neff, Joy	New residents and membership statistics			
	Nominating Committee	Slate of HRAA, Inc. officers for 2014			
	Welch, Jim	In service to our country			
	Wiebell, Almina	Neighbor news			
Events	Carney, Claudia	Schedule of programs for January, February, March			
	Murphy, Doug	Candlelight vigil for Jane Juergens summary			
	Neff, Joy	Member Appreciation Day summary with photos			
	Ricker, Sharon	Holiday decorating contest winners with photos			
Things to Know	Lafferty, Doreen	Veterans benefits			
	Obrist, Marje	Website statistics			
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 *thirty-third* issue of *The Herald*.

Monday	November 25	Editor will begin soliciting advertising for the winter issue of the newsletter.
Thursday	December 5	Articles and advertising copy are due to the Newsletter Editor.
Monday	December 16	The newsletter will be e-mailed to the Executive Committee in PDF format for review and corrections.
Wednesday	December 18	Delivery people will be contacted by Newsletter Distribution Coordinator(s).
Thursday	December 19	The Executive Committee will approve the winter issue of <i>The Herald</i> .
Friday	December 20	The newsletter will be e-mailed to YesPress Graphics LLC for printing.
Friday	December 27	The newsletter will be picked up by the Newsletter Delivery Coordinator(s) for delivery no later than January 10, 2014.
Thursday	January 16	Payment for advertising is due to the Newsletter Editor or to the Treasurer.

-Marje Obrist, Newsletter Editor (891-6944)

Block Watch:

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Attached is the October 2013 Block Watch Report. We have two new reps this month, and I'll be sending them the program materials this week after I get more printed. Welcome to Shannon Chandler (5959 Balboa Road, 614-256-9869) and Lynn White (5615 Spohn Drive, 614-849-8321).

With the October 20 murder of Jane Juergens by a 16-year-old from a group home and charged with her death, I've thought many times "could Block Watch have done more to prevent her killing?" The answer is no. The issues at this group home on Copenhagen (and at another on Santiago operated in the same neglectful manner by Consumer Support Services) are well documented. The Block Watch Reps and the neighbors around those homes have received no assistance from Franklin County Children's Services. Both FCCS and CSS should, in my opinion, be held accountable in a court of law. These groups took county tax payers' funds for years and did little for the kids under their care. The terms fraud, waste, and abuse are applicable to those in charge of these "human puppy mills," and the citizens of this county deserve better. The kids in their care deserve better!

To that end, there is a group of community members who have been meeting since this happened and are trying to resolve the issue of these under-supervised and poorly-regulated group homes. Their efforts are to determine how these facilities should be run better and make recommendations for well managed group homes. We also intend to assure that those responsible for any criminal wrongdoing under current law and ethical lapses are held accountable by law enforcement and accrediting organizations. Where beneficial to solving the root cause problems, we will seek to have the laws changed in order to provide more oversight of these homes at the local level, while maintaining the need for the help from the community these kids deserve. Our efforts will give the trustees and our state-elected officials the energy they need to have these laws changed. We are fighting against an under-regulated and under-supervised industry whose estimated income from the State of Ohio through agencies like FCCS is over \$100,000,000 per year. That industry will not back down without a fight, and we need to keep the public aware of our efforts.

Lastly, I wish to inform the HRAA that for several reasons I find it necessary to step down as the Block Watch Coordinator soon. I've served for almost two years, and while interest in the program is growing, I will have to step aside for new leadership. I envision a team of Block Watch Reps rotating through in leadership positions every 6 months or so, and I can assist for the next few months until that is set up, if warranted. Some of the things that I have been doing are being worked by other reps and we just need two more reps to have a successful transition. No more than 1 hour per month to make contact via e-mail or phone to other reps.

Thanks.

Doug Murphy

10/7/2013	Theft	3500 Karikal Drive	Unknown person(s) entered a vehicle and remove a stereo face plate and a book of checks.
10/7/2013	Assault	5970 Westerville Road	Victim reports getting into a verbal argument re: a road rage incident. Victim states suspect slapped him in the face about four times.
10/8/2013	Agg. Assault	5646 Santiago Drive	Suspect cut victim with scissors.
10/9/2013	Criminal Damaging	Harbin Drive	The dividing wall between Harbin and St Rt 161 was spray painted.
10/10/2013	Identity Fraud	3400 Dempsey Road	Victim reports her checking account used without authorization.
10/11/2013	Theft	5700 Buenos Aires Blvd.	Reporting person states several checks were cashed without consent.
10/12/2013	Theft	3200 Paris Court	Batteries were removed from 3 concrete trucks.
10/13/2013	Assault	5646 Santiago Drive	Suspect threw telephone at victim, striking her in the hand.
10/18/2013	Violate Protection Order	3500 Madrid Road	Suspect attempted to contact victim in person, violating a Protection Order.
10/19/2013	Domestic Violence	3700 Caracas Drive	Victim stated suspect threatened her. Suspect denied making threats.
10/20/2013	Murder	Ridgewood Park	Victim was found deceased in woods.
10/21/2013	Theft	5990 Westerville Road	Suspect walked out of store with a cartload of items without paying. When confronted in parking lot suspect fled leaving property.
10/24/2013	Theft	5400 Acapulco Place	Known person borrowed victim's vehicle and failed to return it. Victim also noticed tools missing from the garage.
10/24/2013	Theft	6001 Westerville Road	Unknown person(s) took a license plate without permission.
10/25/2013	B & E	5996 Westerville Road	Entry was made by unknown person(s) and candy was taken.
10/25/2013	Burglary	3700 Balboa Court	Unknown person(s) removed money from a residence.
10/29/2013	Burglary	3300 Hunt Club Road	Victim reports known person stole copper wire and pipe from his garage.

Doug Murphy, Block Watch Coordinator

Newsletter Distribution: none

Historical: none

Membership:

**Membership Report
General HRAA Meeting
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Household of the Quarter: Kay Henderson, the Household of the Quarter, is unable to be with us. I will personally present her with her certificate.

Drawing of this Quarter's Household.

Memberships:

We have 229 member households!

Thom Conley's Membership Dues report for month of October is:

2 new members, 8 renewals Total collected and turned in \$142.50

The new members in October were:

John and Melinda McGuire, 5511 Copenhagen

Dorene and Kristin Lafferty. 5967 Bangasi Rd.

New Residents:

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

Christine Benson, 3620 Bolamo Dr. \$133,000/ \$117,500

Alex Soskin, 3654 Bolamo Dr. \$74,100 /\$109,000

There were no foreclosures.

I turned in a bill for \$159.35, the cost of the Membership Recognition Event. We served 39 members.

Joya Neff, Membership

1 new member

7 renewed

112.50 turned in

-Thom Conley

Beautification: none

Kiosk: none

**Next HRAA, Inc. meeting is December 5th-come join us for a
convivial holiday gathering!**



**Don't forget about the annual Christmas Holiday Lights and
Decoration Contest!! Look on our website at
<http://www.huberridge.org/> or on our Facebook page (Huber
Ridge Area Association) for other upcoming events!!**