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Heritage Day Schedule of Events

August 29th

-8am Blendon Township More Joy Run at Ridgewood Park

-12pm Car Show at Senior Center

-3pm Baseball Game at Ridgewood Park

-6pm Concert in Ridgewood Park

Heritage Day – August 29th

August 29th this year will be a very exciting day for Blendon Township residents. August 29th will serve as Blendon Township's Heritage Day to celebrate our bicentennial.

The day will begin with a 5K run through Huber Ridge which will benefit the Ridgewood Park memorial garden. Shortly after the race the Senior Center will host the annual car show. Around 3pm we will have an old-fashioned baseball game at Ridgewood Park followed up with our final concert of the year at the park.

We still need volunteers so please email me if you are interested at: bryan.rhoads@blendontwp.org

-Bryan Rhoads
Township Administrator

Blendon Township More Joy 5k Run/Walk

This 5K race and fundraiser is in memory of Jane Juergens, former Huber Ridge and Blendon Township resident who tragically was attacked and lost her life while in the Ridgewood Park woods on October 20, 2013. Jane spent her life diligently working to make it better for all, spreading her words - and actions - of joy, positivity and light to all. Not only in her personal life, but her work life as well – on a local, statewide and national level. She helped people shine their brightest and be confident. The proceeds from this 5K will be applied toward a serene and aesthetic memorial garden in the park that will capture the beauty and joy so appreciated by Jane. The memorial garden will help honor Jane's memory and legacy, and will go a long way to restore Ridgewood Park for those that love and use it. Won't you consider joining us in celebrating this amazing and meaningful person? Visit, like, and share the *Blendon Township More Joy Run* on Facebook to learn more.



See page 8 for more information about the 5k.

HRAA General Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held at 7pm on the first Thursday of the month. We meet in the Blendon Township Senior Center located at 6330 Hempstead Road. All are welcome!

Meeting dates for this year:

August 6, October 1, & December 3

We hope that the modified meeting schedule will bring more HRAA members and residents to the meetings. HRAA members in good standing (\$15 annual dues paid to date) will continue to receive monthly HRAA emails of news items relevant to the association, neighborhood and township.

- Carolyn Cordray, President

Ridge-A-Palooza co-sponsored by Huber Ridge Area Association
and Faith Covenant Church
Held first Saturday in August at Faith Covenant Church 3607 Dempsey Road



Save the date!

August 1

5 pm to 8 pm

Movie follows in sanctuary

- Marketplace
- Art Show
- Food
- Prizes
- Inflatable Activity Centers
- Giant slip n slide
- Games
- Fun for whole family!

Watch our facebook page for our expanding list of vendors and activities!

[fb.com/ridgeapalooza](https://www.facebook.com/ridgeapalooza)

HRAA General Meeting

On August 6th

August 6th HRAA General Meeting Speaker is Chris Williams from the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Who would you turn to when the police and fire departments are overwhelmed by a disaster? There are a group of trained members of the Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T) right here in the Huber Ridge neighborhood who can assist in most areas until the first responders can get here.

Who are they and how did they get their free training? If you would like to find out how you can be a part of Emergency Services, including CERT, please come to the meeting at 7pm and find out.

-Doug Murphy
Vice President

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I want to take a moment and thank the Huber Ridge Community for all of your kind words of encouragement when Angie and I took over The Herald! I feel like we have been a great team tackling the newsletter!

It is with a heavy heart that I inform everyone that this will be my last edit to The Herald as life is moving on! Angie is beyond capable of continuing to produce a great newsletter and let's be honest; she's the one that makes it look good!!

Thank you for welcoming my family and me into your community!

-Mary Gould, Newsletter Editor

Huber Ridge Halloween Party



Mark your calendar for the annual Huber Ridge Halloween Party! Dress up in your best costume and join us from **6pm - 8pm** at **Ridgewood Park** on **October 24th!**

Want to get involved? Email Carolyn at President@huberridge.org or Angie at huberridgeeditor@gmail.com to volunteer your time! If time is something you don't have, we will also accept candy and Halloween/Fall décor donations!

-Mary Gould
Editor

Final Concert in the Park to bring Country Tunes

The final concert in the park, August 29th, 6pm to 8pm rounds out the Blendon Township summer concert series with 23 Southbound, Columbus, Ohio's premier top 100 country cover band. They have shared the bill with McGuffy Lane and can be seen at Blazing Saddles Saloon and Tequila Cowboy.

Plan to come out and hear some of today's top country tunes. Mikey's Late Night Slice and Crumbz Cakery will be the food trucks on hand to offer an alternative to the free hot dogs, chips, drinks, cotton candy and sno-cones.

At the time this story went to press we were expecting the Scioto Valley Brass Band and Percussion Company for the July 18th concert in the park. The June concert was with The Gas Pump Jockeys. This final concert with 23 Southbound will wrap up our summer concert season. We hope everyone enjoyed the bands!



-Carolyn Cordray
President

Summer Garage Sale Brings Shoppers

After a slow start of people signing up for the Spring Community Garage Sale, the last week to register saw almost nonstop interest in participating, including several at the 11th hour of the last day to sign-up. Thirty-six addresses in all were on the 200 maps printed by Kimberly Sherrod of Keller Williams Realty, co-sponsor of the event with the HRAA. After the maps were printed, more folks requested their names to be added so they were placed on the Huber Ridge website and added to the Facebook page. We recovered 21 of the 25 green and white HRAA Community Garage Sale signs that were placed around the area to promote the event. If you still have one, please let me know so I can pick it up (vp@huberridge.org), the HRAA members purchased the signs with the intent to use them with each garage sale so we'd appreciate not having to replace them if they are still out there. In addition to the promotion within the neighborhood, advertisements were placed in 5 *This Week* neighborhood papers and *The Columbus Dispatch* which also included an online advertisement in the Dispatch Classifieds Garage Sale Locator. WOW that's a lot of work!

Are you ready for another one in the fall on the September 19th?

If so, email your name, address, phone number and one or two items you'd like to have listed on the map to Doug Murphy at vp@huberridge.org by Tuesday, September 15th. Kimberly Sherrod with Keller-Williams Realty will once again be co-sponsoring the Fall HRAA Community Garage Sale along with the Huber Ridge Area Association.

-Doug Murphy
Vice President

“Blooms” 2015 – a new name, new winners, same purpose

Eleven beautiful Blendon Township gardens were open to the community Sunday, July 12th, from 1pm- 5pm in a tour sponsored by the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. This year, our annual garden show and contest, Huber Ridge Blooms, or "Blooms," has a new name – Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms. The new name was created to include more of Blendon Township, specifically Sunbury Woods. Ten residents opened up their gardens; seven from the Huber Ridge Area and three from Sunbury Woods. The park we chose to highlight on this year's tour was our historical, beautifully redesigned and landscaped, Phelps Acre Park.

Sincere thanks to our benefactors of this annual event: Blendon Township Trustee and Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms Chairman, **Stewart Flaherty**; former Blooms judge, participant, and co-coordinator, **Sharon Ricker**; Blooms judge and Real Estate agent, **Barbara Crawford**; and **Hoover Gardens**. Our benefactors and the HRAA, Inc. provide the prizes and perks for Blooms participants. First place, \$100 gift card; second place \$50 gift card; third place \$35 cash. All participants receive award certificates designed and produced by **Marje Obrist**, gift bags courtesy of **HRAA, Inc.**, a 40% off coupon from Hoover Gardens; and a reception, courtesy of the Blooms committee and the HRAA, Inc.

Our thanks to the judges for their time and expertise; Elisabeth Clegg, Pam Clegg (coordinator), Barbara Crawford, Jeff and Linda Laine (WesterFlora), and Diane Lobdell (co-coordinator and Inniswood volunteer). Thanks to Hannah Clegg for photographing the gardens and events. Pictures will be posted on Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms Facebook page. Thanks also to the reception committee; Clegg family, Diane Lobdell, Joy Neff, Marje Obrist, Sharon Ricker and Barbara Crawford for their contributions.

Congratulations to this year's winners!

First Place: Barbara B. Collins, 3988 Magnolia Place

Second Place: Sharon and Carl Jackson, 6080 Dakar Road East

Third Place: Aron Swendal, 4151 Carnation Drive

Honorable Mention: Nicholas Staup and Rolando Ramon, 6485 Cherokee Rose Drive

We also thank YOU – the community for showing your support of these gardeners by touring their yards. Without the gardeners there would be no tour and the same is true if there were no visitors touring the gardens. The purpose of the Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms show and contest is to reward and promote beautification in Blendon Township. Consider joining us next year!

The Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms Committee sincerely thanks the following gardeners for being on the tour: These gardeners worked hard to make their yard look great and then spent a major portion of their Sunday greeting the community. Please thank them!

Huber Ridge 2015 Participants

Karl and Kathy Austin, 6037 Paris N

Mark, Annie, and Emily Felts, 3536 Panama Dr.

William Hall, Sr. 3555 Rangoon Drive

Miner Family, 5676 Montevideo Drive

Mike Pangborn, 3655 Manila Drive

April and Steve Zobel, 3429 Brazzaville Rd

Sharon and Carl Jackson, 6080 Dakar Road East

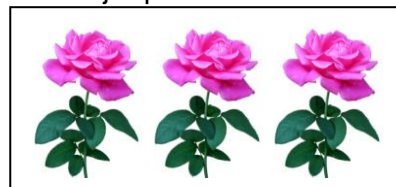
Sunbury Woods 2015 Participants

Nicholas Staup/Rolando Ramon, 6485 Cherokee Rose Drive

Barbara B. Collins, 3988 Magnolia Place

Aron Swendal, 4151 Carnation Drive

-Pam Clegg, Blooms Coordinator



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Blendon Township Community Market



Please visit the Blendon Township Community Market.

We are open every Thursday from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. From June until October 22, 2015. We have many vendors but we are always looking for more so come and join us!

We currently have a great farmer, baked goods, hand crafted items, candy and jelly, homemade BBQ sauce, coffee, products for the home, Tupperware, Pampered Chef and other commercial vendors. As the season permits we will have Dorans sweet corn and Malabar Farms peaches and apples.

Stop by and see us! For more information please call Ruth Brown, [614-859-2405](tel:614-859-2405)

-Ruth Brown

Blendon Township Community Garden

Blendon Township Community Gardens has been hard at work this spring and summer getting ready for growing season that is finally upon us. Master Gardener, Sue Simons, has put a tremendous amount of work into this year's grounds with returning help from Rob Braun, Tina Glade, Rob Bourdette, and newcomer Dani Bigham. Getting the seeds and plants in the ground started off a little rocky with the cold weather and constant rain storms but the plants are in the grounds and steadily growing.

All produce collected is given back to the community free of cost and any extra produce is donated to local food banks and WARM. This garden was developed to increase the availability of fresh produce for the residents of Blendon Township as well as increase education and empowerment throughout the community.

Blendon Township Community Gardens would like to invite everyone to come out to our Harvest Days, starting on Tuesday evenings in mid-July. On these days there will also be educational classes offered to the children allowing them to learn more about vegetables and why it is important to eat healthy. All games and learning activities will be hands on and interactive. There will also be small sessions teaching the children how to make different foods out of the vegetables they can pick and allow them to taste what they pick themselves.

Please check out Blendon Townships Community Gardens Facebook page for more information and upcoming dates.

Location: 6350 S. Hempstead Road
For more information:

Facebook: BTCG 2013
Email: btcg2013@gmail.com

-Dani Bigham





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Mark your calendars for Ridge-a-Palooza

It's August. It's close to the end of the summer break. The kids are "bored." School starts soon. How about some excitement? *Try Ridge-A-Palooza!*

Ridge-A-Palooza is a neighborhood block party sponsored by HRAA, Inc., Faith Covenant Church & a host of other neighborhood vendors. The fun starts at 5pm on Saturday, August 1st on the Faith Covenant Church grounds at 3607 Dempsey Road. The event is free with opportunities to buy products from local vendors as well. We provide hot dogs, chips, sno-cones, cotton candy and other finger foods starting at 5:30pm. There are many activities both for adults and children including inflatable activity centers, a giant slip n slide, a market place of local vendors, and visits from the local fire & police departments.

Every year is bigger and better! This year we are expanding to include an art exhibit and more. Come join the fun!

Watch our facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/ridgeapalooza> for updated information about all the fun vendors coming to our market place and expanding list of activities. Ridge-A-Palooza happens rain or shine!

-Emily Van, Faith Covenant Church

Free Health Screenings and Safety Information

Hope Christian Ministries, located in the Huber Ridge Church, located at 5411 Buenos Aires Blvd will be hosting a community event on August 8, 2015 from 11:00am – 3:00pm.

They will be providing free health screenings and safety information. They will also be providing free food, a bounce house and fun activities.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Cathy Johnson at johnson1297@msn.com.

-Cathy Johnson

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Children's Corner

We love hearing from our young readers! The Herald would like to continue publishing young writers in our future editions! If interested, please contact us huberridgeeditor@gmail.com

Summer fun in the Ridge

I like to play baseball, hang out with my friends and ride my bike.

I had my birthday party at Ridgewood and we played baseball. It was fun.

I ride my bike around the block with my mom, brother, and sister. I like to play with my brother and sister.

Jonah Coffey, 7

Concert in the Park fun

The thing I love the most about Huber Ridge in the summer are the concerts in the park. I like these because there is so much to do and so many people you might not have met yet there. There is cotton candy, snow cones, bounce houses, the playgrounds, the baseball diamonds, the band, the woods, the creek, hot dogs, drinks, and a secret little footpath on the cliff. I like to go wading in the creek, climbing on top of the stone rings, eating cotton candy, and hiking the footpath.

You always see or meet someone new, and see friends that you might not have seen for a while. There are people coming in, eating hot dogs, wading in the creek, swinging, in line for cotton candy and snow cones, playing on the playground, talking, and much more.

The concerts in Ridgewood Park are the best thing of the summer!

Tori Davis, 7th grade

Open Burning in Blendon Township

Section 307 of the Ohio Fire Code

(http://lsfd.org/files/2014/09/OHIO_FIRE.pdf)

provides the regulations for open burning in Blendon Township. The most common regulations you should know and adhere to are:

Open burning that is offensive because of smoke emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited.

Note: Often what one burns contributes to offensive complaints. Burning seasoned firewood is best. Typically it takes one year for cut wood to become seasoned.

The location for open burning depends on the pile size. Where the pile size is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height, the minimum required distance from (any) structure shall be 25 feet.

Pile sizes higher than the above dimensions require a permit from the fire department, please call 901-6600.

Fires in approved containers, portable outdoor fireplaces, shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material. These shall be used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

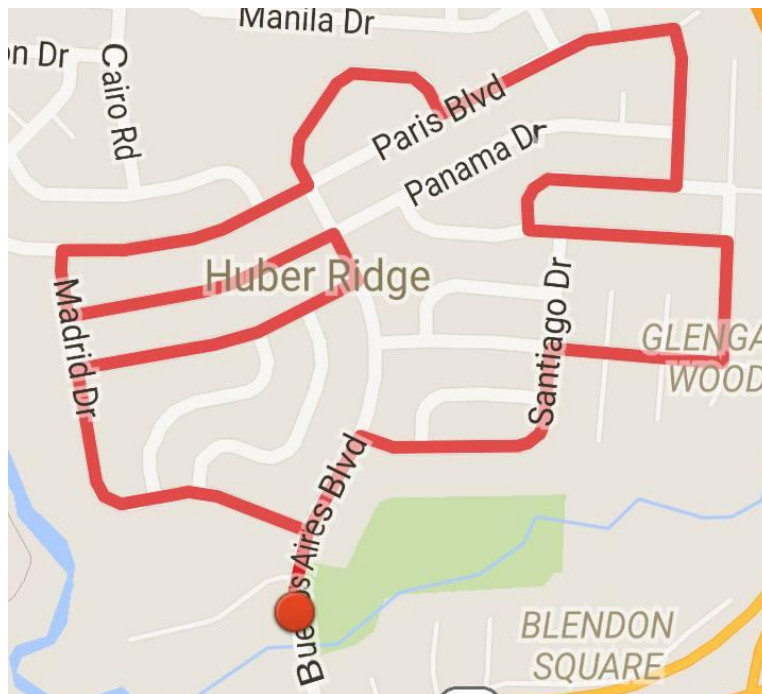
All open burning and use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization.

Common sense and consideration go a long way in fire safety and neighborliness. If you have questions after reading the pdf or concerns about a specific fire, please call the non-emergency number [\(614\) 882-2213](tel:6148822213).

-Brian C. Miller
Fire Chief

Blendon Township More Joy Run 5k Run/Walk

On Saturday, August 29th at 8am there will be a family friendly 5k Run/Walk through part of Huber Ridge. The 3.1 mile course is mapped out below. We are asking those that live along the course to avoid parking on the street that morning. Please use caution when driving that morning as there will be runners and walkers on the streets. Also know that traffic will be slowed and a few roads will temporarily be closed. If you live along the course we would LOVE for you to decorate your yard with encouraging and/or funny signs for the runners to read as they pass! If you are unable to participate in the run/walk please cheer on the runners as they run the Ridge.



We are looking for runners and walkers (strollers welcome) to join us on August 29th. This is a great way to support our community and Ridgewood Park. Participants will receive swag bags full of goodies, t-shirt, finisher photo, electronic chip timing, and awards for the winners!

Register today at <http://morejoyrun.itsyourrace.com/>

Children 5 and under are FREE, ages 6-15 are \$10, and ages 16+ are \$25 (price increases Aug. 7th)

How to Help

- Help us spread the word by reaching out to running groups, high school and middle school sport teams, gyms where you workout, church groups, etc. The more the merrier!
- If you are interested in setting up a vendor booth near the start/finish line, contact Carolyn Cordray at President@huberridge.org.
- If you are interested in sponsoring the event or know someone who is, please contact Bryan Rhoads at bryan.rhoads@blendontwp.org
- If you are interested in volunteering for the event please e-mail Angie Merrin and Mary Gould at huberridgeeditor@gmail.com we need volunteers for packing swag bags, race day registration, road marshals, and more!

-Angie Merrin
Newsletter Editor



Join The Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. by paying your \$15 dues through PayPal. Go to huberridge.org and click on the PayPal button. Thanks for joining us!

Celebrating Blendon Township's Bicentennial March 6, 1815 – March 6, 2015

The Blendon Township Bicentennial is an all year celebration!

Over the years, I (Almina Smock-Wiebell) have been asked why and how I came to live in Huber Ridge. Well, my husband at that time, myself, and 5 children lived in a 4-room duplex. It wasn't our imagination that it seemed to be wall-to-wall cribs, highchairs, and playpens!!

In the summer of 1961, we, as many young couples did, learned about "Huber Homes." We came to look at the model homes off of 161 at the top of the hill, which later became Buenos Aires Blvd and Harbin Ct. We chose the model home we liked and the lot. We never dreamed we could own our own home, but Charles Huber made that possible. On December 4, 1961, almost 47 years ago, we were among the very first families to move in at 5519 Oslo Dr.

We had a sturdy brick home with 4 bedroom, 2 baths, living room, dining room, kitchen, utility room, and a garage. The walls and floors required no immediate painting or carpeting. We had an extra lot with the front and half of the back sodded along with bushes and a tree planted. Best of all, the price was right. For our model, it was \$15,995!! Our monthly mortgage payment was \$88.45!! Can you imagine?!?

So where the trees, hills, and farm areas once stood in 1960, by 1961, 200 homes stood. Mr. Alan Robinson, 70 years young when I spoke with him years ago, was an early settler to this area. He told me that in 1952 it was just brush and briars. He cleared the land and raised food staples – corn, wheat, and more and 100 white faced Herefords!!! Two original farm homes still remain in the Ridge and are located at 3695 Santiago Dr and 3710 Harbin Ct. Across from 161 where Strawberry Farms is now located, there used to be a Girl Scout Camp, which burned down in the mid '60's.

When we first came to look at the model homes, there were trees everywhere! It never occurred to us that they would all be cleared away during construction, and we just had a little stick of a tree in the front yard. We were disappointed but would come to find out that was the **least** of our problems! However, we were fortunate to have a lot of "perks" in the early years. Among them was the daily delivery by the "milkman", provided by the Westerville Creamery, which then became the Borden Co. A "bookmobile" was provided by the Westerville Public Library. It started in 1957 and went to the different schools in Westerville. Since the Huber Ridge School was not yet completed, the bookmobile stopped on different streets with a wide variety of books from which to choose. We enjoyed this service until 1963 when, due to lack of sufficient funds, it was discontinued.

The Glengarry Pool, which was spring fed, provided many summers of swimming and swim lessons. It opened on September 14, 1929. Helen Daily was selected to christen the pool. She dove in, swam to the platform located at the center of the pool, then emptied a vial of distilled water from the Otterbein Lab into the pool. It was the only pool for miles around for many years and unfortunately closed in the 70's. The Jaycees then opened a pool in 1970.

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The only business establishments at the time, 1961, were the Blendon Motel, a small store which carried essentials and where you could get coffee and sandwiches, and one gas station called Conkels, right across from the Blendon Motel. If you blinked your eyes as you drove across Schrock Road, you'd miss Roush Hardware, a barbershop, Rhodes Meat Market, and the Westerville Bowling Alley. As time went on, some stores opened up in what is known today as the Glengary Shopping Center: Gateway, a grocery store, Dane Drugs, Glengary Cleaners, and the Jerry Lewis Cinema!

At one time a barricade was put up at the corner of 3C and Brazzaville preventing the residents from getting onto 3C Highway and also having access to the stores. This occurred after 1974 and was quickly corrected.

Families

Families from almost every state – not to mention countries such as Germany, England, Austria, Iran, Korea, France and Cuba - came to reside in Huber Ridge. They brought with them numerous customs, traditions, vocations, professions, talents, and ideas. Most importantly they brought interest, enthusiasm, and spirit! Through their combined efforts and energy, necessary groups and organizations were formed. They not only benefit our area but the Westerville community as well!!!

Noteworthy Individuals

- Dr Joseph R, Amico opened his office at the corner of Paris Blvd and 3C Highway in the early 1960's. He became a beloved family doctor to many of our residents and practiced medicine at that location for 30 years. Presently his daughter practices medicine at the same location.
- Jerry Walkins, a resident of Saigon Dr from 1964 – 1970, was branch manager for Acme Records. He organized the Pee Wee Football Program among many other voluntary endeavors. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Jaycee's in 1967.
- Barbara Boylan still resides on Paris Blvd. She was instrumental in forming the Curtain Players, serving as President and Director. She was regarded as one of the finest in-club directors of any little theatre group in Columbus. She started working with Curtain Players in 1962 and continued for many years. Curtain Players still exists today on Harlem Rd.
- Dick Near was a resident on Panama Dr. and one of Wendy's Executives. Wendy's main headquarters used to be located in uptown Westerville. He was a charter member of the Curtain Players and served as the group's first president.
- Mike Collins was a resident on Carthage Dr. and was employed by the Franklin County Engineering Department. He was instrumental in the organization of the Junior Boys Baseball League and served as Commissioner of same. He devoted many man hours making sure of safety conditions for the 800 boys involved.
- Lee Delehanty was a resident on Panama Dr. and President of Stokely Van Camp. He learned of a doctor and a trainer living in Florida who created a sports drink. He contracted them and arranged for the rights to the same – thus Gatorade was born!
- Charlie Triacheff was active for many years with Cub Scout Pack 65 and Boy Scout Troop 700. He spent many hours working with these boys to help them build character, citizenship, friendship, and courtesy to one another. He was affectionately called "BEAR"!

Many individuals gave their time and efforts for the children of our community. For example, Tom Carlson of Oslo Dr. devoted 30 years with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Ann Laub, formerly of Stockholm Dr., provided her time and talent to the Girls Scouts.

Water Quality and Cost

Things seemed to be going great, and then suddenly we had a serious water problem! The water was black, not fit to drink or use. Homeowner's were aware that we'd have "well" water, we just didn't realize the hardness of the water would begin to discolor all of our white clothes to gray, baby bottles were cloudy with deposits, and pipes were beginning to get calcium deposits.

Thus, the Huber Ridge Civic Association came into being. The residents came together to get to the bottom of the problem. Trying to get in touch with Huber Utilities was quite a challenge. After learning the owner's name and phone number, contact was made. Numerous meetings followed. People came home to check the tap water, etc. Whatever they did at the plant seemed to take care of the drinking water problems. We residents, however, had to purchase water softeners to solve the "hard water" problem.

By 1970, we were faced with more problems. Now Huber Utilities was Ohio Utilities. The first turn off to the left off Buenos Aires Blvd, there still is a building where at one time you went to pay your water bill. Beyond that building there were approximately 3 large round black plastic containers like cesspools located outdoors. These containers accommodated the waste from all the surrounding areas. This resulted in the following letter to the editor of *The Public Opinion* published on August 6, 1970:

Huber Ridge Stench is Questioned

Editor, Public Opinion:

Gone with the wind ---- or at least temporarily is the awful stench from Alum Creek which permeated our area last week. Fresh air fiends have not been inhaling deeply; windows shut and guests have been discouraged. For the past three years we have been subject to this unpleasant and unnecessary situation. Numerous residents complain each year; a chemical substance is added to the water and, I believe, a wind dance is performed by the responsible party or parties; we seem to be satisfied and forget all too quickly that we have a serious water pollution problem right at our own back door!

With foresight and responsible planning by all concerned; the excess effluent, and etc., poured into the creek causing the visible bloated dead fish, awful stench, not to mention the germs and disease which accompany this condition; this situation could have been prevented!

The Franklin County Board of Health, the Ohio State Board of Health, the Ohio Utilities company, as well as the Wildlife Division of the Natural Resources Department have and are continuing to investigate this situation. The facts, findings and steps we can take to remedy same will be forthcoming through the Civic Association Ridgerunner Newsletter

-Almina Smock-Wiebell

Meetings continued, promises continued, and in May 1972, Al Harness of Ohio Utilities Company came to the Civic Association meeting. He discussed water quality, sewerage, and construction of a water plant to enlarge facilities at that time.

At some point a water treatment plant was built and then a larger one in recent years which took care of the hard water problem. We were able to remove our water softeners. In 1997 – 1998, reverse osmosis was introduced. In 2007, a phosphate addition was approved.

Prior to moving into their new homes, home owners received a letter from the Huber Utilities, Inc in July 1961. Here is a blurb from the letter:

Yes, suburban living will be yours in Huber Ridge for only pennies a day. Our average customer billing is \$8.00 per month by Huber Utilities. Minimum Monthly charge is \$7.00 per month total for both sewer and water service in Dayton, and it is anticipated that Huber Ridge will be the same. Thus two of the most essential items for healthful living cost only slightly more than a pack of cigarettes per pay.

After all these years, we still have water problems and outlandish rates! Over the years many people have put a lot of time and effort in trying to correct these problems. More recently, Jim Welch, former President of HRAA and presently Blendon Township Trustee, had donated many hours to this problem. He has developed a good working relationship with Aqua Ohio.

-Almina Smock-Wiebell, Historian

Editor's Note: The author of this article, Almina Smock-Wiebell is one of the earliest residents of Huber Ridge and is the historian of HRAA, Inc. She spoke about Huber Ridge history at the January 2008 meeting of the Westerville Historical Society and has generously allowed us to publish the information she has written about our community.

2015 Officers Lead Association

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*** Due to privacy reasons, some officers declined adding their phone numbers. Please feel free to contact any of the listed numbers to get ahold of unlisted officers. Thanks ***

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Carolyn Cordray. We would love to help serve our community with you! Won't you please join us?

Calendar

July 2015

- 12th – Blendon Blooms
- 18th – Concert in the Park
Ridgewood Park
6pm - 8pm

August 2015

- 1st – Ridge-A-Palooza
Faith Covenant Church
5pm - 9pm
- 6th – HRAA General Meeting
Senior Center
7pm
- 29th – Heritage Day
(see front page)

September 2015

- 19th – Community Garage Sale
8am – 4pm

October 2015

- 24th – Halloween Party
Ridgewood Park

Why Become an HRAA Member?

Your \$15 annual dues go a LONG way to bring to our neighborhood programs, activities and events that promote a sense of community. We are an all-volunteer organization comprised of your neighbors and we put together so many events on so little. This year's events include: The Plant Swap, Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms, two Community Garage Sales, coordinate active Block Watch program, Sponsorship of three Concerts in the Park, three Block Watch Training sessions, Ridge-A-Palooza, Blendon Township More Joy Run 5k, a Halloween Party, entrance sign clean up, quarterly newsletter, Holiday Cheer program, Holiday Lights and Decoration Contest. Join our neighborhood association to support these efforts! Joining is easy, you can pay your dues either by using the PayPal button on our website at www.huberridge.org or complete the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. Membership Form and send a check to Thom Conley, 3533 Makassar Drive, Westerville, OH 43081.

HUBER RIDGE AREA ASSOCIATION, 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