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Glengary Gets a Makeover

by Bryan Rhoads, Blendon Township Administrator/Lieutenant

Since 2002 I have watched Blendon Township rebuild from an economic crisis to a robust community packed with amazing citizens and dedicated workers. As we continue to look at economic development efforts its important to keep an eye on existing infrastructure and determine the best use for the area. The Westerville Road area has been in our targets for the last ten years. In 2017 Blendon Township installed new streetlights and landscaping in the Westerville Road area to encourage redevelopment for existing sites. In 2018 the township will undergo a fiber optic project which will allow businesses in Blendon Township to connect to high speed internet and the Westerville data center.

In 2018 we are glad to announce a major change for the Glengary Shopping Center. Aldi, an international grocery chain and current resident of the center, will build a brand new building where the old movie theatre is located. The existing



Two of Blendon Township's Trustees, Stew Flaherty and Jan Heichel, reviewing plans for the recent updates

theatre, along with the car wash, will be demolished. The existing driveway entrance off Dempsey Road will move further west and the hill will be reduced for safety. An additional entrance off Dempsey will be added at the rear of the new building to allow for deliveries. This project will hopefully jumpstart a major investment movement for the entire area and progressive change for Blendon Township.

Architectural renderings of the new Aldi store.



Holiday Cheer

by Claudia Carney, Resident

Thank you to all of the wonderful neighbors in Huber Ridge who dug deeply into their pockets and helped Holiday Cheer meet its goal this



year! The final amount collected was \$652, and it all came from our generous neighbors! The amount actually spent was \$662 as some of the “elves” donated extra as they shopped. We were able to fill most of the family’s wishes and a private donor from WARM donated a gas card, blankets, candles, and many other items for our family. The elves wove their magic shopping and wrapping so the family was able to have a wonderful holiday, thanks to your generosity!

Special thanks to Julie Schantz for keeping track of donations and to Nicola Giachetti and Veronica Choate for their tireless efforts in shopping and looking for bargains so we got the best bang for our bucks! We look forward to another successful drive next year!

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Free Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt

On March 24th the Blendon Trustees and seniors will again host their **FREE Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt**. The egg hunt will begin at 9:00 a.m. **sharp** and will end at approximately 9:03 a.m. 😊. The egg hunt will be divided into two age groups.

Breakfast: Young children accompanied by their parents and/or grandparents are invited to a pancake breakfast with all the trimmings. Children will get to visit with the Easter Bunny and receive a special gift. Mark your calendars now!

Age Limit: Infant to 4th grade

Location: Blendon Senior Center, 6330 Hempstead Road

Date: Saturday, March 24th, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

RSVP by: March 20th **RESERVATIONS** are required. Please call the Blendon Senior Center at (614) 882-1260

Admission: FREE, donations appreciated. This event will be held rain or shine.

9 Overlooked Spring Cleaning Jobs

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With winter finally leaving and warmer weather on the way, it’s time to tackle all that spring cleaning! It can be a lengthy process but it’s important that you don’t miss these often overlooked steps.

Exterior Jobs

Winter can be rough on the exterior of your home. So you should start on the exterior before the spring rains cause more problems.

1. Clean out the gutters of any debris leftover from the winter storms and check to make sure your gutters are still securely fastened.
2. Clear away all the debris from your exterior drains. This will allow the heavy spring rains to properly flow and prevent back ups.
3. Check your windows for any cracking or splitting from the caulk. If so, clean off the mildew and replace the caulk.
4. The warming weather will inevitably lead to outdoor entertaining, so don’t

forget to clean off your patio furniture using a mild soap and warm water. Gently scrub away any dirt that has collected over the winter. If you have wrought iron and rust has started forming, gently sand it off.

Now, wipe off your shoes and head inside.

Interior Jobs

5. Unplug your refrigerator, slide it away from the wall and vacuum the dust that has accumulated on the condenser coils. This task may seem small, but can greatly extend the life of your refrigerator
6. Vacuum out the dust that is sticking to your air vents. After the vents are clear of dust, apply a thin layer of car wax on all surfaces of the vent to prevent dust from sticking and to allow for easier airflow.

Call in the Pros

There are still a few things left that should be done by professionals.

7. If you built a lot of fires over the winter, have a CSIA-Certified chimney sweep inspect your chimney and fireplace. This should be done annually to prevent housefires. As a bonus tip, throw a handful of salt into a fire to prevent soot and add some color to the flame!

8. Have a contractor certified by National Roofing Contractors Association inspect your roof for any missing, warped or loose shingles and check for loose seals on your skylights.

9. Before the weather warms up too much, have your HVAC system inspected by a qualified technician and, if needed, replace your filters.

Now that you’ve checked these jobs off your list, you can start enjoying the spring!

To view this and other home related articles online, visit the Consumers section at www.nahb.org.



Don't Forget Valentine's Day

By Catherine Ho, Resident

What is it about cold weather that makes love heat up? Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and while loving your special someone is something that happens throughout the year, there's nothing quite like the pomp of having an entire day dedicated to love. Since not everybody celebrates the same way, this year's suggestions run the gamut from 'quiet night at home' to 'weekend getaway in a castle'. Yes. You read that right - you can stay in a castle less than an hour from Westerville.

Valentine's Day falls on a Wednesday this year, which can cut the classic fancy dinner a bit short considering the weather and work the next day. So, why not set up a relaxing romantic date at home? Indoor picnics by candlelight and trading massages are wonderful ways to totally focus on each other in the moment. Hide sticky notes around the house that describe all the ways you love your sweetie.

If going out to celebrate is more your style, both Milestone 229 and The Boat House offer unbeatable river views. Cooper's Hawk of Easton has

a great wine selection and a large, tasty gluten-free menu for those with dietary restrictions. M at Miranova serves up gourmet fare in movie-worthy surroundings (with a corresponding price). You can always stay closer to home and enjoy the scenic speakeasy setting of Asterisk in Uptown Westerville, which not only offers a wonderful dinner and cocktail menu, but also a classic and delightful Afternoon Tea service. More casual eats can be found at The Table (organic fare) and Wolf's Ridge Brewing (craft beers) in the Arena District, while an even sweeter option would be wine and chocolate tasting among the flowers of the Franklin Park Conservatory. These last three also offer Valentine's Day specials and reservations are recommended.

Want to make more concrete memories? Glass Axis is offering Valentine's Day specials for you and your loved one to make each other hearts, flowers, and beautiful fused glass platters depending on which of the very popular classes you sign up for. Sur La Table of Easton is showcasing couples' cooking classes

where you can feed your appetite and your love! Dance Tonight Columbus even has an evening of waltz and rumba instruction with champagne and desserts included.

Getting away the weekend before or after Valentine's Day is a great option, too, and Ohio abounds with wonderful locations. Getaway Cabins in Hocking Hills offers fully furnished 2-person cabins, many of which come with hot tubs. Old Man's Cave Chalets has larger and more modern cabins that can sleep up to 4. At the highest end of weekend getaways is Landoll's Mohican Castle, an honest-to-goodness castle in Loudonville with unique suites, standalone cottages, an in-house restaurant, and a large pool that can be rented for private events.

In the end, Valentine's Day is just a reminder to let the one you love know how much you care about and appreciate them, and love comes in many forms that don't require extravagant or expensive overtures. It's the care you give to your special someone on a daily basis that makes every day just as wonderful as Valentine's Day.

Cooper's Hawk (614) 428-6999
<https://chwinery.com/locations/ohio/columbus>

Glass Axis (614) 291-4250 \$39-\$69 per person
<https://glassaxis.org/>

Sur La Table (614) 473-1211 \$75-\$85 per person
<https://www.surlatable.com/>

Dance Tonight Columbus (614) 929-5551 \$40 per person
<https://www.dancetonightohio.com/>

Milestone 229 (614) 427-0276
<http://milestone229.com/>

The Boat House (614) 469-0000
<https://www.boathouserestaurantoh.com/>

M at Miranova (614) 629-0000
<https://www.matmiranova.com/>

Asterisk (614) 776-4633
<https://www.asterisksupperclub.com/>

The Table (614) 291-4555 Specials Available
<https://www.thetablecolumbus.com/menus>

Wolf's Ridge Brewing (614) 429-3936 Specials Available
<https://www.wolfsridgebrewing.com/>

Franklin Park Conservatory (614) 715-8000 Specials Available
<https://www.fpconservatory.org/>

Getaway Cabins (740) 385-3734
<http://www.getawaycabins.com/>

Old Man's Cave Chalets (740) 385-6517
<http://www.oldmanscavechalets.com/>

Landoll's Mohican Castle (419) 994-3427
<https://landollsmohicancastle.com/>

Pets and Cold Weather

by April Zobel, Assistant Editor

Winter isn't officially over for almost two months so it is important that we stay diligent to ensure the safety of our companion animals when they are outside.

Follow these tips to keep winter fun and safe for you and your pet:

- Towel dry your dog as soon you bring them inside and pay special attention to the feet and space between the toes, removing any snow balls that may have formed.
- Keep your dog's hair longer in the winter to provide more warmth. Minor trims to minimize ice balls, salt crystals, and de-icing chemicals are all they need right now.
- Keep a towel with you on longer walks so you can wipe down their paws and after each walk wash and dry your pet's feet and stomach to remove ice, salt and chemicals.
- Reduce the number of baths during cold weather to combat dry, flaky skin.
- Consider massaging petroleum jelly or other paw protectants into paw pads before going on walks to protect against ice and salt on the sidewalks.
- Antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats so be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol.
- Make sure your fur kid has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is almost as good as sleeping in bed with you!

A good rule of thumb is that if it's too cold for you, it's probably too cold for your pet, so on days the temperature dips find other ways to keep your dog entertained inside the home or consider taking them to a pet-friendly store such as Home Depot for their daily stimulation.

Remember, cold weather can be deadly for pets so if you see a pet left out in the cold, speak out. Pets left outside in extreme temperatures, especially



without food, fresh and unfrozen water, and adequate shelter, are at risk of hypothermia, frostbite, and even death.

Ohio Code states that no person shall:

(1) Torture an animal, deprive one of necessary sustenance, unnecessarily or cruelly beat, needlessly mutilate or kill, or impound or confine an animal ***without supplying it during such confinement with a sufficient quantity of good wholesome food and water;***

(2) ***Impound or confine an animal without affording it, during such confinement, access to shelter from wind, rain, snow, or excessive direct sunlight if it can reasonably be expected that the animals would otherwise become sick or in some other way suffer.*** Division (A)(2) of this section does not apply to animals impounded or confined prior to slaughter. For the purpose of this section, shelter means a man-made enclosure, windbreak, sunshade, or natural windbreak or sunshade that is developed from the earth's contour, tree development, or vegetation.

If you suspect abuse, talk to the owner immediately and politely inform them of the problem and how they can rectify it. Oftentimes, neglect can be attributed to lack of knowledge so don't assume the person is being cruel. Take the time to educate others but, if necessary, be prepared to contact law enforcement.

Blendon Township Police Department will respond to reports of abuse or neglect. You can reach them at (614) 889-9494.

Gardening Groundwork

By: Angela Hutson, Resident



Although winter is still upon us, there are many gardening preparations that can make the growing season easier.

Take advantage of any unseasonably warm days and check your gardening beds for any damage and make or plan for repairs as needed.

Next, take inventory of your gardening tools and supplies. Clean and sharpen them so they are ready for use. You may be able to get a good discount at gardening and home improvement stores during this time of year as the demand for them hasn't kicked in, yet!

Bring in your pots and thoroughly clean them with soap and water, inspecting for any cracks and replacing them as needed.

If you get sunlight indoors think about starting seeds for early spring fruits and vegetables such as tomatoes and peppers. Seed are best sown about 6 weeks before the last frost. For our area this year, the last frost date is April 24 so you should have your seeds started around mid-March.

Do your research now on new ideas you may want to incorporate in your flower or vegetable gardens. YouTube is a great resource to learn new things and get you excited for the planting season!

Those warmer days are also great to prune bushes and shrubs while they are still dormant.

All this preparation will produce blooming results and help with spring fever!

Holiday Lights

by Sharon Ricker, Resident

The tradition of the Holiday Lights decorating contest started in 2007 with one winner collecting the top honor. Since then, the Huber Ridge Area Association has expanded the contest and now awards a first, second, and third prize.

Each award winner receives a holiday gift basket, delivered by one of our fine Blendon Township police officers. The only rule of the contest is that the winners can not have won in the past five years.

Congratulation to the following winners of the 2017 Holiday Lights:

First Place:

Lannom family on Reno Rd

Second Place:

May family on Carthage Ct.

Third Place:

May family on Karikal Ct.

With so many decorated homes this year, judging was difficult. But it made for a wonderful drive through the area seeing the creativity of our neighbors.

Many stores still have decorations available at a substantial discount so now is the time to start planning your light display for the 2018 holiday season!



First Place



Second Place



Third Place

Join the Conversation

Are you on Facebook? We are. Stay informed about what is happening in the area.

Huber Ridge Area Association
(Moderated Closed Group)

Huber Ridge Area Association News
(Community Page)

Your Ad Here

This 3.5" w x 2" h business card ad is only \$25 per issue. Contact Carolyn Cordray at president@huberridge.org to reserve your ad by March 16 for the Spring Issue.

New Editorial Team at The Herald

Answering the call to volunteer can be a daunting proposition. Most people will go through a period of time questioning if it is the right thing to do. Will the volunteer position be a long term arrangement? Will it lead to other volunteer positions? Can I take the time away from my family/friends/pets/life? Am I going to be stuck in a position I don't like? There is always an assessment of risk versus gain.

The new editorial team at The Herald responded to the call for volunteers almost immediately. They saw an opportunity to share their time and talents doing something they enjoy; and hopefully you enjoy the Herald and some of the new features that are in store.

Bernadine Pesika and her family of five (plus two cats) moved into Huber Ridge in November of 2016. She and her husband have three children, ages almost 5, almost 3 and 15 months. She brings with her 5+ years experience of designing the Building Insider magazine and 3 years as the Managing Editor as well. She is looking forward to this new opportunity as the Editor to coordinate a newsletter that will both inform and entertain and hopes it is a valuable resource for your family.

April & Steve Zobel have lived in the Ridge for about 10 years and they each bring a unique set of talents to The Herald. April is a small business owner as well as fitness instructor and animal advocate. In addition to her duties as an Assistant Editor she will be writing an ongoing column on animal-related issues. Steve's background is in recreational management and he currently works as a Bicycle Mechanic. One of his first duties as Assistant Editor will be planning and implementing a Free Bike Clinic at Ridgewood Park early this summer. Together they live with 5 rescue dogs and 1 (almost 20 year old!) cat and can often be found running or walking their crew through the neighborhood.

Together with the Huber Ridge Area Association Executive Committee, they are ready to bring you the news of the area. And they'll be looking to you to help out. Watch the Huber Ridge Facebook pages for requests for writers and story ideas.

Advertise in The Herald

Reach over 1600 households in the area with an ad in The Herald.

Rates per issue

Business Card	3.5" w x 2" h	\$25
Quarter Page	3.5" w x 4.75" h	\$65
Half Page	7.5" w x 4.75" h	\$125
Full Page	7.5" w x 10" h	\$225

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SPOOKY GOOD TIMES AT THE HALLOWEEN PARTY

by Carolyn Cordray, HRAA President



This year's annual Halloween Party had the largest attendance ever! If you were there, you know this and you probably had a great deal of fun as well. In all there were over 700 who participated in the Blendon Township / Huber Ridge Area Association Halloween Party. Party goers were treated to many fun activities, games, food and it was all free.

Party organizers this year added a few new processes that really helped make the party more fun. In particular we had a DJ who helped keep games moving along. Our DJ was John Giamarco of the Blendon Township Service Department. We also instituted a pre-registration process which helped to get party goers into the fun much quicker. Another new process that also worked really well was a ticketing system and line roping was put into place at our Binky and Bozo's Fun House attraction. The ticketing helped to count the number of people (291 total) going through the woods and the roping lines helped things to stay organized. Neighbor Brian Davis constructed two new games for the party: a large sling shot game and hula hoop game.

Of course an event such as the Halloween Party doesn't come together without many people pulling together.

Sixty volunteers stepped forward to help before, during and after the party, donations totaling over \$800 were collected from local merchants and lots of candy donations were made by residents for the Trunk or Treat line.

Many thanks to our generous donors: Stew Flaherty, Kroger's, Jan Heichel, Columbus Marriott NW, Liz Loew, WalMart, Sam's Club, Jet's Pizza, Rooster's New Albany, Domino's, Jersey Mike's, Hothead Burritos, Romeo's Pizza, Carsonie's, Delaney's Diner, Claudia Carney, Eric and Carolyn Cordray.

Also many thanks to residents donating candy and other items for the party: Lynn White, Claudia Carney, Jennifer Pence, Pam Clegg, Dawn Staley, Marcy Slee Davis, Eric and Carolyn Cordray, Jim and Jean Welch, Brent and Hilary Sheffer, Sharon Ricker, Jack and Janet Brown, Mary Van Lighten, Rebecca Everman, Doreen Lafferty, Steve Johnson and Gelleen Hartsoe.

We look forward to another great party this coming year.



Support the HRAA

The Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. is a group of residents who organize various events, activities and programs for all neighbors living in the Huber Ridge Area. Any resident living in the neighborhood is welcome to join the association and be a part of bringing these value-added things to our community. Annual dues are just \$15 per year and this money goes toward funding the many activities our association sponsors throughout the year.

Here is what you can look forward to this year:

- Annual Plant Swap
- Spring Community Garage Sale
- Spring Bike Tune-up Clinic
- sponsorship of the Concerts in the Park

- quarterly issues of The Herald
- Fall Community Garage Sale
- Holiday Cheer program
- Holiday Lights and Decoration Contest
- Blendon Huber Blooms Garden Show and Contest
- Block Watch and Block Watch trainings
- and regular HRAA meetings.

Join Or Renew by April 30

During our HRAA membership drive, anyone who joins or renews their membership will get a free Huber Ridge Area Association T-shirt and be entered into a drawing for one of five \$10 gift cards.



Won't you join the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. and help to bring these events, activities and programs to our community? We make joining our association easy! You can use PayPal by going to our website and using the link there. Simply go to www.huberridge.org. Or use the form below.

Become a Member of the Huber Ridge Area Association Inc.

Use this form when mailing in your new or renewal membership dues.

First & Last Name(s) of Adults _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Emails Address(es) _____

Annual membership dues are \$15 per household payable at any time. Please make checks payable to the "Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc." and mail to:

Thom Conley
3533 Makassar Dr.
Westerville, OH 43081

Dues may also be paid online with PayPal at
www.huberridge.org

Start going through
your stuff...

... the community
garage sale is coming!

**Saturday,
May 5**

This sale is publicized in the local newspapers as well as online and with directional signs in the neighborhood.

Don't miss out on this excellent opportunity to declutter and make some cash. Watch for more details and how to register your sale - for free!

Coming Events

February

HRAA Membership Drive

March

HRAA Membership Drive

5 HRAA General Membership Meeting

16 Articles due for Spring issue of The Herald

24 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, 9am, Blendon Senior Center

April

HRAA Membership Drive

2 HRAA General Membership Meeting

May

5 Spring Community Garage Sale

19 HRAA Annual Plant Swap

28 Memorial Day - Rumpke Service Delay

June

4 HRAA General Membership Meeting

9 Concert in the Park

15 Articles due for Summer issue of The Herald

24 Blendon Huber Blooms Garden Show and Contest

July

4 Independence Day - Rumpke service delay

14 Concert in the Park

20 Family Fun Night

August

6 HRAA General Membership Meeting

7 National Night Out

25 Blendon Heritage Day/Concert

September

3 Labor Day - Rumpke Service Delay

14 Articles due for Autumn issue of The Herald

15 Fall Community Garage Sale

October

1 HRAA General Membership Meeting

20 Halloween Party

November

5 Holiday Cheer Program Kick-off

22 Thanksgiving - Rumpke Service Delay

December

1 HRAA General Membership Meeting

3 Holiday Lights and Decoration Contest

25 Christmas Day - Rumpke Service Delay

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