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## Spring Cleaning - Friend or Foe?

by Bernadine Pesika, Editor

Well, it's that time again. . . the birds are singing, the bees are buzzing, and people are ready to throw open their windows for fresh air and.... cleaning. We have been working on this around my house for about a month now, and we are seeing the effort pay off. If you are also in "clean mode," here are some tips and upcoming events that will help rid your home of the items you don't want anymore.

One of the biggest problems in our house is paperwork. And our friendly postal worker brings more every day. You can find numerous articles about how to deal with the influx of papers, but not everyone tells you what you should keep. Here is a handy list for what papers should find a place in your home and for how long.

- **Day-to-day receipts (gas, food, ATM receipts, etc.)** Verify with bank for accuracy, then discard.
- **Receipts for purchases that may be returned (clothing, small housewares, etc.)** Until you know you'll keep the item
- **Receipts for purchases with a warranty** Until warranty expires
- **Statements (bank, investment, etc.)** Until next statement arrives
- **Bills** Until payment clears
- **Insurance documents** Until policy renews
- **Health Insurance explanation of benefits** 1 year or use online access
- **Paycheck stubs** After reconciling with W-2
- **Loan and mortgage documents** Until loan is paid off and then keep title or other proof of payment
- **Tax returns and supporting documents** 7 years

Items that you should keep forever: Health records; official documents (birth, death, and marriage certificates; car titles, etc.); Wills; powers of attorney, anything from a lawyer; proof of payment for major home improvements for possible tax benefits.



Don't forget to shred or destroy anything with your personal information on it (name, account numbers, Social Security number, address, etc). Bring these papers to the Blendon Township Complex, 6350 Hempstead Road, on Saturday April 28 for the Free Community Shredding between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm.

Along with the paperwork, most homes have a clutter problem. I say all too frequently that we have too many toys. Or clothes. But we have a goal: get rid of what we don't need!

Each year, the Huber Ridge Area Association coordinates two community garage sales; one in the Spring and one in the Fall. These sales are advertised in the Columbus Dispatch and various This Week newspapers. It is completely free to participate, you only need to register your sale. Everyone who registers is included on the sale map. The Spring sale is schedule for Saturday, May 5. Register online through the Huber Ridge website and Facebook pages.

For everything that can't (or shouldn't) be sold, Blendon Township will have dumpsters set up for residents to dispose of their unwanted items for free April 27, 28 and 29, 2018. Visit [www.blendontwp.org](http://www.blendontwp.org) for acceptable and unacceptable materials/items.

- Friday, 4/27, 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 4/28 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, 4/29 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

In addition to the dumpsters and the shredding, you can safely dispose of your old tires and medication on Saturday, April 28th between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Hopefully all of these resources will help you with your spring to-do list.

# Coming Events

## April

- HRAA Membership Drive - Join for only \$15 and get a free T-shirt! See details on page 7.
- 2 HRAA General Membership Meeting, 7pm
- 27 Blendon Clean-Up, 7am - 3pm
- 28 Blendon Clean-Up, 8am - 5pm
- 28 Blendon Safe Medication Disposal, 11am - 1pm
- 29 Blendon Clean-Up, 8am - 5pm

## May

- 5 Spring Community Garage Sale
- 19 HRAA Annual Plant Swap
- 28 Memorial Day - Rumpke Service Delay

## June

- 3 Bike Clinic, 10am - 4pm
- 4 HRAA General Membership Meeting, 7pm
- 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, 7pm
- 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, 7pm
- 20 Halloween Party

## November

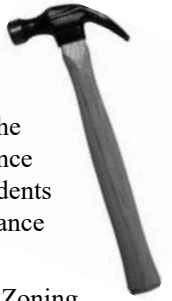
- 5 Holiday Cheer Program Kick-off
- 22 Thanksgiving - Rumpke Service Delay

## December

- 1 HRAA General Membership Meeting
- 3 Holiday Lights and Decoration Contest
- 25 Christmas Day - Rumpke Service Delay

# Building Legal

By: Angela Hutson, Resident



Building Permits are required by law in Blendon Township for many home improvement projects such as room additions, driveways, patios/decks, sheds, pools, and fencing. Obtaining permits is to ensure the homeowners safety and structure of building, as well as stay in compliance with the law. Franklin County handles the permits and requires that residents receive zoning approval by applying for a Certificate of Zoning Compliance which can be found here:

[http://blendontwp-prod.civica.granicusops.com/documents/Residential\\_Zoning\\_Compliance\\_Application.pdf](http://blendontwp-prod.civica.granicusops.com/documents/Residential_Zoning_Compliance_Application.pdf)

There is a separate form required for fencing, called a Residential Fence Permit and it can be found here:

[http://blendontwp-prod.civica.granicusops.com/documents/Fence\\_Permit.pdf](http://blendontwp-prod.civica.granicusops.com/documents/Fence_Permit.pdf)

Keep in mind that for minor fence repair, as long as the materials, height, and location of the fence remain the same, no permit is required.

Different forms require different actions from the homeowner and may even require a diagram to illustrate your modification and location. All forms and detailed information can be obtained on the Blendon Township website under Permits and Forms.

The fee schedule for permits can be found under Zoning on the township website. The fee for Residential Zoning is \$75 and a Fence Permit is \$25. If the homeowner fails to comply and needs a certificate after the fact they will be charged \$150 penalty in addition to the permit fee. Permits will be issued in a timely manner depending on the size and complexity of the request.

Some residential modifications that do not require a permit are installation/replacement of windows, doors, garage doors, roofs, and siding.

If your project requires digging, you must call at least 48 hours prior but no more than 10 days before the first dig date: O.U.P.S/Ohio Utilities Protection Services: 811 or 1-800- 362-2764.

## LAWN MOWING? Your Neighbor is Here to Help!

Lawn mowing available \$20-\$30 per cut - includes mowing, trimming and blowing. Can do weekly or one-time.

**Email BJLAWNLTD@GMAIL.COM to set appt or get a quote today!**



## Advertise in The Herald

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

Contact Carolyn Cordray at [president@huberridge.org](mailto:president@huberridge.org) to reserve your ad by June 15 for the Summer Issue.

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| Half Page     | 7.5"w x 4.75"h | \$125 |
| Full Page     | 7.5"w x 10"h   | \$225 |

# Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms Garden Show and Contest

by Pam Clegg, Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms Coordinator

Hello, Neighbors! “Blooms” is our annual garden show and contest for Huber Ridge and Sunbury Woods residents 18 and over. All residents are wanted to make the show a success, either as a participant or as one who tours the gardens! So please mark your calendars now for June 24 between 1 and 5 p.m.

This will be our only opportunity to communicate with you via print. If you are on Facebook, we do have a page you may like or friend, Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms. You will receive updates there or on the HRAA website (discussion section).

The purpose of the show and contest is to promote, reward, and encourage hard work and beautification. This show will be open to the public. Touring

the gardens is FREE. There are place prizes and gift bags for all entrants. If you are already doing the work or just starting out, the prizes should make entering the show worth your time. The real reward though is the beauty and appreciation of your work.

## Awesome Prizes for Top Gardens

First place prize is a \$100 gift card to a home improvement store, donated by Stew Flaherty, our Chairman, Blendon Township Trustee, and the initiator of the contest.

Second place prize is a \$50 gift card to Oakland Nursery, donated by Sharon Ricker, an avid gardener herself, and one who has been involved with Blooms since its inception.

Third place prize is a \$35 check from the Huber Ridge Area Association.

Remaining participants receive gift bags with GREAT perks (courtesy of sponsors HRAA, Inc.; Barbara Crawford, Realtor, Coldwell Banker King Thompson and Blooms judge; anonymous, and Hoover Gardens)

The application below should answer your questions, but if not, our email contact is Blooms@huberridge.org

Looking forward to a great garden year with you!

## Sign Up Early

Stew Flaherty is offering a \$15 gift card to Hoover Gardens to the first 10 gardeners who sign up and are accepted.



## Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms 2018 Application

Celebrating our 11th Annual Garden Tour and Contest

Sunday, June 24, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Name(s) of gardener(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

By completing and submitting this form, you will be considered for competitive entry in the Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms FREE garden tour and contest held Sunday, June 24, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. The tour is publicized via various venues such as Facebook, the HRAA, Inc. website, and Dispatch media. Your photograph and photos of your garden may appear on our Facebook pages (Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms) and in the HRAA, Inc. newsletter, the Herald. Your address will be listed in Dispatch media as this tour is open to the public.

Applications will be accepted starting May 1 through the June 12 deadline. Completed entry forms must be delivered, mailed, or emailed to: Pam Clegg, 3614 Makassar Drive, 43081 blooms@huberridge.org and received no later than June 12, 2018, 5 p.m.

Eligibility: You must reside in the Huber Ridge or Sunbury Woods areas, be 18 or over, and have a tour-ready garden. Criterion for selection of a “tour-ready garden” include

safety for visitors (no tripping hazards, etc.) and maintenance (weeding, trimming, deadheading etc.) in addition to a multitude of other factors such as landscape design, use of plants, curb appeal, environmental friendliness and overall aesthetics. A Blooms committee member(s) will predetermine and confirm your eligibility for the tour within three days of receiving your application. (You will be notified.) Entries may be limited.

### Agreement:

\*Upon notification of eligibility, participants will receive a Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms participant yard sign that will be placed in your front yard. You agree to keep your participant sign visible in your front yard until 5 p.m. the day of the tour. (Participants will receive this yard sign not more than 30 days prior to the tour and/or within 3 days of selection.) Please return signs to Pam Clegg the day of the tour – at 6 p.m., when you attend the Gardener’s Reception.

\*Participants agree to maintain a smoke-free, alcohol-free, safe yard (no clutter/hazards) and manage pets and/or children (safety) while guests are present and while judges are judging.

\*Participants agree to provide a “tour-ready garden” especially on tour day and be host/hostess on the day of the tour for the entire four hours; 1-5 p.m. This is for your safety as well as for the safety of those touring. If you cannot be home June 24, then please enter another year. Details about what to expect and do on tour day will be emailed or delivered to you.

\*You agree to attend our annual Gardener’s Reception held in Ridgewood Park, June 24, (tour day) from 6-7 p.m. After all, you worked hard and deserve refreshment and reward! Winners of the garden show will be announced at our Gardener’s Reception and all prizes/gift bags will be distributed at this event as well. Remember to bring your Blooms yard sign with you to this event.

\*Only judges/photographers should enter your yard prior to the tour. Judges and photographers will wear name tags and you will know who they are via email. Gardens will be judged between June 13 and June 20; hours and days yet to be determined. You will be notified in advance. You do not need to be home or outside during judging.

# Living With Our Wild Neighbors

April Zobel, Assistant Editor

As spring arrives, so does the awakening and increased activity of wildlife.

Sightings and encounters become more frequent and many residents are left wondering how to live harmoniously with our wild friends while still keeping our homes protected. Three of the most common wild animals that are reported as causing problems in residential neighborhoods are opossums, raccoons, and skunks.

Rather than calling for the trapping and killing of these so-called nuisances, we should recognize the value and importance of wildlife in urban areas, prioritize effective and humane solutions for conflicts with wildlife, and help foster an appreciation of wildlife among residents.

## Opossums



A gentle wild neighbor, the opossum is our only backyard marsupial and is seldom guilty of anything more than “playing possum”. Often seen as a pest and wrongly accused of everything from knocking over garbage cans to killing chickens, these quiet animals are rarely a threat and easily sent on their way. Most people complain about opossums just being there, rather than for any actual problem.

Opossums can be extremely beneficial for your garden, eating snails, slugs, and insects. They also keep ticks out of your yard – eating up to 5,000 per season! They’ll even help with the clean-up of spilled garbage and fruit that has fallen off trees. They are not aggressive and their open-mouth, defensive hissing is merely a bluff to look vicious. It does not mean they have rabies and, in fact, rabies in opossums is extremely rare.

## Raccoons



From a raccoon’s point of view, humans make excellent neighbors. They don’t know that our luscious vegetable gardens, uncapped chimneys, and full birdfeeders aren’t there just for them. When these clever critters take advantage of the food and shelter we unintentionally provide, they often get into trouble.

However, because raccoons are scavengers they play an important part in keeping our neighborhoods clean by eating carrion. They also have an important role in the balance of the ecosystem by eating many other species such as snakes, frogs, lizards, and rats. In addition to their carnivorous snacks, they also enjoy berries and nuts, helping those plants spread their seeds.

## Skunks



Known for their beautiful black and white stripes, skunks are infamous for the foul odor they produce when frightened. Their spray can also cause discomfort if it gets into a person or animal’s eyes. Fortunately, these mild-mannered creatures rarely use this potent defense, and provide quite a few benefits to the areas they inhabit.

For those times that they do have to employ their trademark defense, they give plenty of warning: stamping front feet, a raised tail, hissing, short forward charges and twisting their hind end around in your direction. Move away

slowly and quietly and they will do the same.

Much like raccoons, skunks enjoy fruits and berries, assisting with the spread of seeds. They also do an incredible job at helping keep the insect population in check, particularly with grasshoppers, beetles, crickets, and wasps.

## Prevention

If you’re still not convinced to simply let these helpful creatures stick around on your property, there are effective, inexpensive, and humane solutions to deter them. Rather than calling an expensive animal control or removal company simply start with tolerance, learn how the problems begin, and practice prevention.

Start by keeping tight-fitting lids on garbage cans, do not leave any pet food outside overnight, and pick up any fruit that has fallen from trees.

To make sure wildlife does not move in under your deck or patio, keep holes filled and loose boards repaired. If you suspect an animal has already moved in, wait until they leave the den, ensure that there are no babies left behind, then loosely close the opening with netting, straw, or other fibrous material. This will ensure that an adult animal trapped inside can clear the path to escape, but one outside will not disturb the blockage to get back in. For permanent exclusion, directions on installing an “L” footer can be found online at:

[http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/digging\\_animals\\_fence.html](http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/digging_animals_fence.html)

Repellants such as kitty litter, capsaicin, or castor oil can also be effective in some cases. However, you should always avoid buying deterrents based on predator urine as these products are sourced inhumanely.

There are many proven effective and humane ways to deal with wildlife problems and lethal means are not the solution. These animals, just like us, are simply trying to survive and take care of their families. If you still need help, call SCRAM Wildlife Control at (614) 763-0693 for a humane solution.

# Naloxone “Narcan” Training

by Sgt. Erick Moynihan, Blendon Township Police Department

The Blendon Township Police Department has been, and will always be, a forward thinking agency. We did community policing before it had a name. We actively patrol and do our best to prevent crime before it happens. We take great pride in our profession and in the community that we serve. When crime does happen, we take it personally. We actively follow up on leads and stay with it as long as it takes to solve Township crimes and bring the offenders to justice. Throughout the process we always strive to maintain a positive relationship with the community. As a police officer, this has always been a very challenging and very rewarding way to provide law enforcement services to the community. But things have become even more challenging. The current opiate epidemic has presented a different kind of challenge like nothing I've ever seen in my career.

The Blendon Township Police Department was the FIRST agency in Franklin

County to obtain, train and outfit EVERY officer with Narcan. We were one of the first partnering agencies with the HOPE (Heroin Overdose Prevention and Education) Task Force through the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. As law enforcement continues to pursue the seller/giver of the drugs that cause an overdose for criminal prosecution, we now also go above and beyond to connect drug users with services to correct the root cause of the issue: addiction. As law enforcement has changed tactics in response to this issue, so must the community.

After meeting with our community representatives from Huber Ridge Area Association and Blockwatch and Sunbury Woods Neighborhood Watch, we decided to pursue a civilian-oriented class through Franklin County Public Health. At this class we will discuss some local trends and statistics related to overdoses in Blendon Township. Additionally, you will learn about the storage and care of

Narcan, signs and symptoms of an opiate-related overdose, and preparation and administration of Narcan. Attendees will receive their own Narcan kit, as well as a safe medication disposal bag (quantities may be limited). HOPE packets, full of information on opiate addiction counseling, treatment centers, and options within Franklin County, will also be available.

Regardless of your views on Narcan, it's hard to turn down an opportunity to save a life, period.

The training will be held;

**Thursday, April 26, 2018, 6pm-8pm**

**Blendon Township Senior Center**

**6330 Hempstead Road**

**Westerville, Ohio 43081**

*(Next to the police station.)*

No payment or RSVP is required to attend. We hope to see you there!

## The Community Sale

by Marc Humker, HRAA Vice President

The HRAA Spring Community Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 5th, 8am to 4pm and is sponsored by Liz Loew with Coldwell Banker King Thompson. Would you like to participate by having a sale? Maps are produced and handed out to shoppers in the neighborhood on that day to direct them to the registered sales. Registering your garage sale is completely free whether you are a member of the Huber Ridge Area Association or not.

Our Community Garage Sales are advertised in The Dispatch and five This Week neighborhood papers. It is promoted online on the Dispatch Garage Sale Finder, our own website, our own Facebook page and as many other Facebook selling pages as possible. Signs are posted throughout the neighborhood to promote this event as well.

Registration involves you providing your name, address, email, phone and one or two items that you feel are featured items that would draw shoppers to your sale. We only print your address and items on the map, we collect the other information as we need to communicate the rules and additional tips for promoting your garage sale a little closer to the date. Registration will begin early in April, and will be posted in the Huber Ridge Area Association Facebook Page, you can also email Marc Humker the Vice President at [vp@huberridge.org](mailto:vp@huberridge.org).

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# Flower and Gardening in Westerville

by Catherine Ho, Resident

Spring is coming and that means flowers! And vegetables, trees, and all sorts of other wonderful growing green things after the long gray ick of winter. Here is a list of Westerville establishments to make your gardening dreams come true!

## Check THIS Out!

For people who want an early start with seedlings indoors: did you know that in addition to checking out books and movies, you can also get seeds from the Westerville Library? This community-supported venture offers seeds for flowers and vegetables, annuals and perennials, and even heirloom varieties of all of the above. People wishing to add their seeds to the collection (beginning in June 2018) are provided with envelopes and blank labels, though donation is not required to participate. To avail yourself of the collection and to take home up to 5 packets per person, please visit the apothecary cabinet in the Adult Services Department on the second floor of the Library.

## Rooted in the Neighborhood

If getting grown plants is more your style, Hoover Gardens & Gift Center on Sunbury Road supplies gardeners with plants, tools, fertilizers and feeding, and the hard-won knowledge of the enthusiastic staff. Of particular interest is the water gardening department, which not only includes plants but also pond filters and pumps in order to give every garden the soothing sound of a babbling brook. Smokey, a handsome tuxedo shop cat, can be found wandering throughout the grounds to greet visitors with a lazy blink and a purr. Hoover Gardens & Gift Center also offers workshops, the dates of which are are posted regularly on their Facebook page.

www.hoovergardenswestervilleoh.com  
(614) 568-0603

If you live in the Huber Ridge neighborhood, you've surely seen Kurtz Bros. Mulch and Soils when driving towards 270. The Westerville branch has acres of annual and perennial flowers,

vegetables, shrubs, and trees, and does bulk delivery of mulch, topsoil, and gravel for even the biggest of home gardening projects. They also accept and recycle yard waste like clippings, leaves, and old plants from previous years.

www.kbcolumbus.com  
(614) 882-0200

Ciminello's Landscape Design was founded in 1986 and is located in the northern part of Westerville around the Polaris area. In addition to specializing in hardscaping for show-stopping backyards, patios, and other outdoor spaces, Ciminello's also offers a great selection of colorful flowers and robust vegetables to brighten up even the smallest or most oddly-shaped garden.

www.ciminellos.com  
(614) 885-3779

## All Dressed Up and Nowhere to Grow?

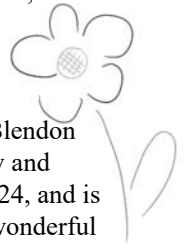
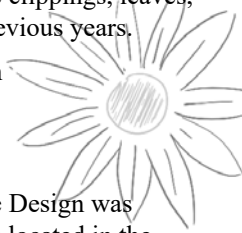
Let's say you have two green thumbs and all green fingers but no space to dig them in the dirt. Fear not, for Blendon Township has a community garden! Located at 6350 Hempstead Road, it's a quick drive or bike ride away from

the neighborhood and has beautiful, sun-drenched plots available for the 2018 season. Gardeners can rent a plot for the season and water and tools are provided. Those who grow more than they can consume are invited to donate their overages to WARM to provide fresh fruits and veggies for food-insecure families in Westerville. Signups are available now via Linda Harter, reachable at [lharter@blendontwp.org](mailto:lharter@blendontwp.org)

## Bloom and Show

This year in the Ridge, the Blendon Huber Blooms Garden Show and Contest takes place on June 24, and is a neighborhood tour of the wonderful diverse plantings that our residents come up with and want to share. For more information on the Show and Contest, see the article by Pam Clegg in this issue.

Whether your goals are gardening for yourself, your neighbors, flowers or veggies or everything in between, everyone deserves and can have a lovely outdoor space that they're proud to call their own. Let your Westerville neighbors and businesses help you along the way to make 2018 your greenest growing year ever!



## FREE Bike Clinic

by Steve Zobel, Assistant Editor

On Sunday, June 3, Huber Ridge will hold its First Annual Bike Clinic and Safety Day, brought to you by Steve Zobel, a Huber Ridge resident and bicycle mechanic for Roll Bicycle.

The clinic will be from 10am-4pm with topics such as safe riding habits, proper biking etiquette and basic bicycle maintenance to ensure that you and your bicycle are safe and ready for a great summer.

Steve will perform and instruct you on how to do minor repairs that can be taken care of on the spot (pumping tires, adjusting brakes and gears, and chain tension). If your bike needs more extensive work than can be handled at the clinic, he will discuss with you your best options moving forward.



## Kids Lunch Club Starts May 29

by Claudia Carney,  
Resident



It's time to start planning for your summer activities! Want one easy, daily way to keep your kids occupied? How about the Westerville Area Kids Lunch Club? This is a FREE program that provides children ages 1-18 and students enrolled in school with an IEP up to age 21 with nutritious meals and coordinated enrichment activities throughout the summer when school is not in session. We have our own site right here at Ridgewood Park; it runs Monday through Friday, rain or shine. You do not have to register to attend, just show up! This year's programs will run from May 29th through August 10th.

In 2017 WARM supplied 18,126 lunch meals and 25,245 weekend meals to eligible children, totaling 43,371 meals. Additionally, KLC distributed 63,532 pounds of fresh produce at the 10 sites. For a listing of the other sites, please visit the WARM website at <http://www.warmwesterville.org/> and click on "Services" at the top of the webpage and select "Kids Lunch Club." All of the locations are listed and the times for each will be updated as soon as they are solidified.

Do you enjoy the great outdoors, face painting, crafts, exercise fitness, gardening, nutrition and other extra-curricular activities? If so, we invite you to become a mentor and share your passion with children in our local community. For more information on how you can get involved contact Chad Maxeiner at [chad@warmwesterville.org](mailto:chad@warmwesterville.org) or call 614-899-0196.

## Got Plants? Annual Plant Swap May 19

by Lori Mann, HRAA Beautification Coordinator

This weather has been a real rollercoaster, hasn't it? I tried to get out and get my yard ready for spring, but haven't gotten my calendar in sync with the sunny days! There are plants and bulbs that have overgrown their relegated plots in my yard. When I dig them up, I could put them in my yard waste bag...but NO! I have a better plan for my propagating leftovers: the annual HRAA Plant Swap!

For those of you who haven't participated in the past, we welcome you to our great group of gardeners! The swapping gets under way at 10 a.m. in the shelter at Ridgewood Park. You never know what will show up! The usuals are there: hosta, day lilies, assorted herbs, and assorted ground cover. Sometimes, we have hens and chicks, tomato seedlings, strawberries, and even trees and shrubs. There are even plants that are unidentified when they are brought in. A couple of our friends will help with their cell phones and find out just what they are, as well as their care and feeding.

The best part of our plant swap is that you don't have to bring anything to take something home! There's more than enough for everyone who comes. This is also a great way to get to know your neighbors, get gardening tips, and go

home with new additions that will help beautify your yard.

If you have been so fortunate that you have an abundance of plants, thin them out and put them in containers for sharing. Here are the simple guidelines to follow:

- Put your plants in containers you can part with, so the recipients won't have to return them to you. Some of the best are disposable plastic cups or storage containers. Larger plants can be put in garbage bags with damp newspapers so they won't be too heavy.
- Be sure to identify your plants, as well as you can, with all the information you have. Helpful facts about sun/shade, height, spreading, and water/drought tolerance would certainly be appreciated. If you don't have that information, bring them anyhow! Some of the local green thumbs might know, or will look them up for you.
- Try to keep roots in dirt, as bare roots are less likely to survive transplanting.

We look forward to seeing what is offered this year! I've been anticipating this year's swap, and identifying plants I need to take. I hope to see you there.



## Family Fun Night

by Lynn White, Huber Ridge Block Watch Coordinator

Huber Ridge Block Watch, Sunbury Woods Neighborhood Watch and Blendon Township Police Department are putting together a Family Fun Night on Friday July 20, 2018. There will be fun things for kids and adults to do. Times and events have not been determined yet. More details will follow.

This event is to coincide with National Night Out which is always on the first Tuesday in August. This year NNO will be on August 7, 2018. It is a great time to get out and meet your neighbors.



Join the HRAA (or renew your membership) by April 30 and get a free Huber Ridge Area Association T-shirt and be entered into a drawing for one of five \$10 gift cards. 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](http://www.huberridge.org)



Get ready for some good times and great music. Make plans to head on down to Ridgewood Park for these popular summer events.

**June 9th**  
**John Schwab**

**July 14th**  
**These Guys Live**

**August 25th**  
**Ohio State Alumni Band**

## Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc.

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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)

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If you or someone you know is thinking about selling, contact me today! I offer the following FREE services:

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- \* Quality Listing Photos and Virtual Tour
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