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HRAA General Meeting Schedule

The Huber Ridge Area Association voted to modify the general meeting schedule for the 2015 calendar year due to low attendance at monthly meetings. The association agreed to meeting six times this year. Our first meeting for the year was on January 8th and the dates for the remaining meetings are: **April 2, June 4, August 6, October 1 and December 3.**

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.

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

A Garbage/Rubbish Reminder

Our normal trash day is Friday with the exception of a few holidays. Trash should be put at the curb **no earlier than the evening before pickup** as scheduled. After trash has been picked up, residents are to remove empty receptacles from the curb by the next morning. If you know you will be away and/or unable to get your receptacle(s), please make arrangements with a neighbor to put receptacles on the side of your home.



Please remember that trash receptacles are to be kept out of sight. Exterior property and premises and the interior of every structure is to be free of any accumulation of rubbish or garbage.

Also, our code requires that solid waste/garbage must be in containers with secure lids. Please do not put trash bags at the curb with solid waste in them. Doing so encourages animals to tear the bags while searching for food and results in littered streets and yards. If you do put trash bags at the curb, then you may receive a notice on your door from our friendly code enforcement officer telling you to obtain an approved container.

- Bryan Rhoads
Township Administrator

2015 Officers Lead Association

The annual election of officers took place at the January HRAA General Meeting. Let's welcome our new and returning officers!

Officers:

Carolyn Cordray - *President* (President@huberridge.org)

Doug Murphy - *Vice-President* (VP@huberridge.org)

Claudia Carney - *Secretary* (Secretary@huberridge.org)

Pam Clegg - *Treasurer* (Treasurer@huberridge.org)

Mary Gould & Angie Merrin - *Newsletter Editors* (huberridgeeditor@gmail.com)

HRAA Committee Coordinators:

Lynn White - *Block Watch Coordinator* (Blockwatch@huberridge.org)

Thom Conley - *Membership Coordinator* (Dues@huberridge.org)

Eric Cordray - *Newsletter Distribution Coordinator* (Newsletterdistribution@huberridge.org)

Chris Stevko - *Communications Coordinator* (Communications@huberridge.org)

Hope Benson - *Hospitality* (Hospitality@huberridge.org)

Lori Mann - *Beautification Coordinator* (Beautification@huberridge.org)

Almina Smock-Weibel - *Historian*

Mark Merrin & Jim Welch - *Kiosk Coordinators*

There are plenty of volunteer opportunities for everyone! If you would like to help out in some way, whether great or small, let us know! We'd love to have you join in the action.

- Carolyn Cordray
President



HRAA Invests in Neighborhood Safety

At the December Huber Ridge Area Association general meeting, the membership voted to donate \$200 to the Blendon Township Police Department. The purpose of the donation was for the purchasing of two motion sensor cameras for their borrowing program.

If you weren't aware, the BTPD has had available one motion detecting camera that is available to be loaned out to

residents in Blendon Township as needed.

Chief Belford first introduced us to this program last year at a HRAA General Meeting. With the donation from the Huber Ridge Area Association, the BTPD was able to add two more cameras to their lending program.

If residents feel they have a need to borrow one of the cameras, please contact Blendon Township Police Department at **882-8500**. An officer will be in contact to

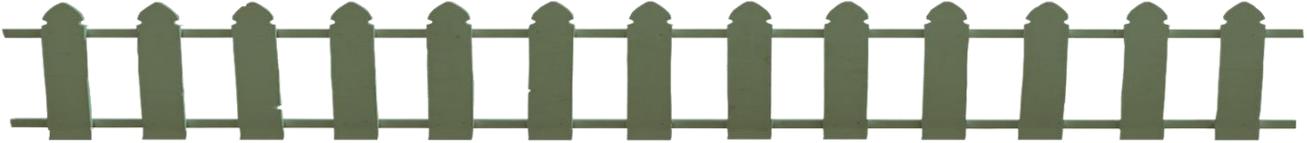
discuss your security needs.

The safety and security of our neighborhood is high priority for the HRAA. Combined with the Block Watch program, we are actively invested in keeping The Ridge a safe place to live.

Interested in joining our Block Watch program, contact Lynn White at Blockwatch@huberridge.org.

- Carolyn Cordray
President

Fence Maintenance and Installation



Blendon Township zoning requires that all fences be maintained properly. Maintaining a fence includes basic upkeep that controls rust, peeling or chipping paint, and broken fencing.

If you plan to install a replacement fence or a new fence, you will need to obtain a permit. Information about fence permits, and the actual permit itself, can be found on our website www.blendontwp.org.

In general, no fence shall exceed 6 feet in height unless the fence is between a street and a principal structure; then the fence shall not exceed 42 inches in height. Only approved fencing material may be used. New or replacement fences must be installed with posts inside or the finished side out.

Remember, some vital purposes of zoning and code enforcement are to preserve the value of property, guard our environment, and secure safety. Thank you, for doing your part.

-Bryan Rhoads
Township Administrator

Ideas for news articles?

If you have any ideas for a new article for *The Herald*, we would love to hear from you!

Feel free to contact us at editor@huberridge.org with your idea! We welcome anything and everything related to Huber Ridge.

So throw your ideas at us! The more neighbors we can feature, the better!



Join the Discussion!

Join the neighborhood discussion on the Huber Ridge Area Association Facebook page! Stay updated on all the things neighborhood related!

www.facebook.com/pages/Huber-Ridge-Area-Association

Please read the rules and regulations before posting.

This is a closed group. Send the Admins, Carolyn Cordray, Chris Stevko, and Lori Mann, a note confirming your address. We regulate who we accept into the group. If you continue to be rejected after multiple attempts, please contact Carolyn.

Safety in the Snow

Winter is in full swing here in The Ridge. Here are a few reminders and tips on the best way to do your part around the area to keep it as safe as possible!

- **Remove your cars from the street.** During a Snow Emergency, motorists may not park alongside streets or along roadways with signage prohibiting parking during a Snow Emergency.

The Township Service Director, John Giamarco, explains why it is important for us to remove our cars from the streets.

"One, it is difficult to navigate a 10 foot plow between parked cars at 3am, especially if they are parked across the street from one another. Two, if we were to get into an accident with a vehicle the process from our C.D.L. is the driver must be removed from the Township vehicle, get alcohol and drug tested, and cannot return to driving for 24 hours. This makes the time frame for cleaning the roads an extra day or pulls our other drivers into a longer shift. Three, when we are out plowing and salting the roads the State Law is the Townships insurance and the Township is exempt from paying for accidents. This means your own insurance must cover any damage to your vehicle caused by an accident with our snow plow. If you only have liability on your vehicle then it is your responsibility to pay for any damages to your vehicle. We strive to be as safe as possible when cleaning your streets, but accidents can happen that are out of our control. In conclusion, I hope this clears up why cars need to be removed from roadways during any snowfall."

- **Shoveling your sidewalks.** Property owners are responsible for clearing the snow and ice off their properties' sidewalks and driveway. Please apply salt, sand, or cat litter to icy steps and paths. Many children use our sidewalks to get to and from the elementary school as well the bus stops. Please help keep our neighborhood safe. If you are in need of help or do not have the time to shovel, feel free to request help on our Facebook page (Huber Ridge Area Association). There are many neighbors willing to lend a hand to someone in need, as well as those that offer a snow removal service.

-Mary Gould & Angie Merrin
Newsletter Editors

In Memory of Jane Juergens

On October 20, 2013, Blendon Township resident Jane Juergens lost her life as a victim of a violent crime. The entire community was stunned and heartbroken by this senseless act. A memorial garden is planned for Jane along the water's edge in Ridgewood Park. This beautiful area was selected by the Juergens' family, friends, and Blendon officials. Jane loved this park and often jogged on the trails, enjoying the peaceful atmosphere and beauty of nature.

Donations can be made by visiting www.blendontwp.org, and click on the "**Jane E. Juergens Memorial Fund**" link located on the front page. Checks, made payable to the Blendon Township Trustees with "Memorial" written on the memo line, can be mailed or delivered to 6350 Hempstead Road, Westerville, Ohio 43081. You will also find a conceptual drawing of her memorial garden. Please help support the healing for the loss of this beautiful lady. Also, be on the lookout for more information about a run/walk fundraiser later on in the year.

- Jan Heichel
Blendon Township Trustee

Holiday Cheer 2014

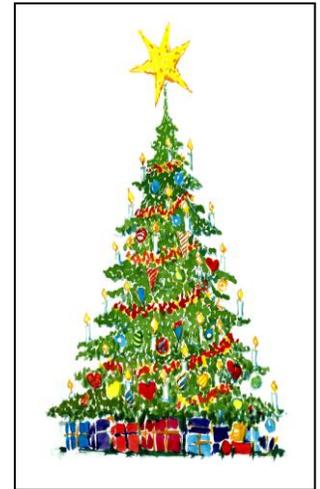
Thank you to all of the wonderful neighbors in Huber Ridge who dug deeply into their pockets and helped the Holiday Cheer Program meet its goal this year! The final amount collected was \$695! We didn't use any HRAA funds. It all came from our generous neighbors! We were able to provide not only gifts, but grocery and gas gift cards, in hopes to help the family make their dollars stretch over the holiday season.

The elves had a blast shopping, and the family was able to have a wonderful holiday, thanks to your generosity!

Special thanks to Chris Stevko for fundraising, Pam Clegg for keeping track of donations, and to Stephanie Tucker and Nicola Giachetti for joining the Elf Team!

We look forward to another even more successful year next year!

- Claudia Carney
Secretary



HRAA Holiday Lights Contest

All of the streets in the Huber Ridge Area were canvassed, and those homes that were decorated for the holidays were automatically considered. Winners were selected based on light display, wow factor, uniqueness, general appeal, and judges' discretion. Thanks to everyone who participated and congratulations to our winners!



1st place - The Moore Family



2nd place - The Gibson Family



3rd Place – The Bates Family



Event Coordinator - Sharon Ricker

Prize Presenter - Sgt. Erick Moynihan

A graphic with the word "Upcoming" in a cursive font above the word "EVENTS" in large, bold, red block letters. The letters are slightly shadowed and set against a light background with a thin horizontal line.

Mark your calendars for this year's events. Another great year of community activities which will include some new events and family fun!

April

2nd - **HRAA General Meeting**
7pm at Blendon Township Senior Center

Annual Blockwatch Training (Date and details pending)

Whether you're a Blockwatch street rep or not, everyone is welcome. We engage interesting and informative speakers on the topics of community safety issues.

May

9th - **Plant Swap**
10am - 12pm at Ridgewood Park

Bring some plants to swap or if you don't have any to swap, come anyway! There is always enough to go around. Take home a new addition for your flower beds or landscaping.



23rd - **Entrance Signs Clean Up**
9am - 11am

Sprucing up the neighborhood signs at 161/Buenos Aires Blvd. and Westerville Road/Paris Blvd. Weeding, planting and mulching. Yes, we need volunteers to make this happen! This is a great opportunity for Westerville School students or scouts to earn community service time. Plants and mulch are paid for by the HRAA. The labor is contributed by residents interested in creating a more beautiful gateway to our community. This activity typically takes just an hour-and-a-half to complete both entrances. Will you donate that amount of time for beautification that will last spring through fall? Contact President@huberridge.org

June

4th - **HRAA General Meeting**
7pm at Blendon Township Senior Center

6th - **Summer Community Garage Sale**
8am - 4pm

This event is co-sponsored by HRAA and local real estate agent Kimberly Sherrod. The HRAA continues to coordinate this popular event so that residents can advertise their sale for free. Pre-registered garage sales are listed on printed maps that are distributed to buyers on that day. Registered garage sales are promoted on the association website (www.huberridge.org), the Facebook page (Huber Ridge Area Association), and the *Columbus Dispatch* (online and paper versions), as well as various other spots on the internet. To register your garage sale email: VP@huberridge.org

13th - **Summer Concert in the Park Series**
6pm - 8pm at Ridgewood Park

It is the third year for the Blendon Township Summer Concert Series in the Park. The Huber Ridge Area Association is a sponsor of this event. It is always a great family fun event! Details are currently being worked out and will be shared soon.

*** You can find the complete list of events for the 2015 year at <http://www.huberridge.org> ***