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The Community Sale

Saturday, May 4 • 8am - 4pm

Are you ready to sell? The HRAA Spring Community Garage Sale attracts A LOT of traffic, so you're sure to make a sale. The best part is that the HRAA and our generous sponsor take care of all the advertising.

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.

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.

Registration is easy; use the online form to provide 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 in order to communicate the rules and additional tips for promoting your garage sale a little closer to the date.

Registration is now open. You can find the form in the Huber Ridge Area Association Facebook Page, or you can contact Carolyn Cordray at President@huberridge.org. ■

Saturday, May 4

8am to 4pm

**Sponsored by
Liz Loew with
Coldwell Banker
King Thompson**

**Register your sale
to be included on
the map**

*The fall sale is scheduled for
September 14.*

Coming Events

May

- 4 Spring Community Garage Sale
- 18 HRAA Annual Plant Swap
- 27 Memorial Day - **Rumpke Service Delay**

June

- 3 HRAA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 8 Concert in the Park, John Tony Schwab, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- 30 Blendon Huber Blooms Garden Show & Contest, 1:00 - 5:00 pm

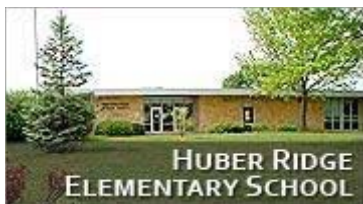
July

- 13 Concert in the Park, The Usual Suspects Band, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

August

- 24 Concert in the Park, These Guys Live, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

All Huber Ridge residents are invited to attend the HRAA General Meetings at the Blendon Township Senior Center, 6330 Hempstead Rd (next to the police station).



Principal Notes

BY TYSON HILKERT, PRINCIPAL

Spring time is an awesome time to be a part of the Huber Ridge Community and be a student at Huber Ridge Elementary. Over the course of this spring our students in multiple grade levels have or will participate in many different activities within our neighborhood. This past fall and this spring many students across Huber Ridge have participated in walking field trips to Ridgewood Park. These field trips both included project-based learning activities as well as health/recreation. Students will also walk to the Aqua water treatment facility and learn first-hand about the water cycle.

On May 22 from 6-7:30pm all students, families, and area residents are welcome at to attend our annual spring picnic. This picnic is a great way to celebrate our students' accomplishments through the school year and enjoy each other's company and conversations. The following week I encourage all our students in the Huber Ridge Community to participate in the free lunch program at Ridgewood Park.

The events listed above a just a handful of the fun activities/ events that take place with our students in the Huber Ridge Neighborhood. I hope you encourage our students to take part in these fun activities. If you have any questions about these events or other upcoming activities, please feel to reach out to the front office. ■

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Spring Gardening

BY APRIL ZOBEL, ASSISTANT EDITOR

Spring is here and for those who enjoy gardening and playing in the dirt, it couldn't have come soon enough. If your fingers are tingling just thinking about pushing those seedlings into the ground, you're not alone.

While many common vegetables are frost sensitive; tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, and beans for example, and cannot be planted until mid-May, there are plenty that can be planted now. Once the ground can be worked in late March and early April, crops such as carrots, onions, peas, potatoes, beets, cabbage, and leafy greens are safe to be planted.

Because spring also brings lots of rain, be sure your garden bed has good drainage so plants do not become waterlogged and rot. Raised beds are perfect for this and can also provide a jump start on warmer soil.

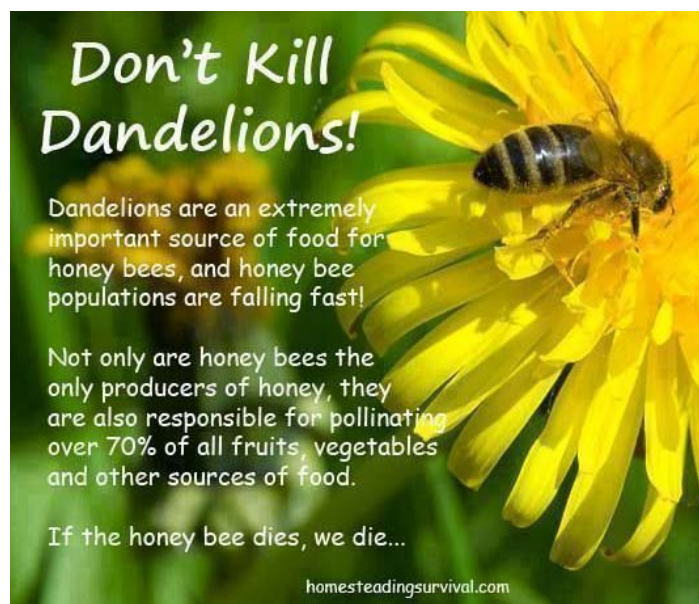
There are also a wide variety of flowers you can plant for early color. Pansies, snapdragons, cannas, gladiolas, dahlias, and caladium will all brighten your yard before the heat of summer arrives.

Also please consider letting the dandelions in your yard continue to grow. Not only do they give a free burst of color but they are the first food source for the bees. Embracing the natural beauty of these flowers will not only free up more time to spend on your garden, but also help the bees, and us, survive!

If you don't have room in your yard for everything you want to grow consider cultivating a plot at the Blendon Township Community Garden. The plots are conveniently located behind the Blendon Township Administrative Office and just \$25 for township residents.

www.blendontwp.org/howdoi/apply/community_garden.htm

Happy Gardening! ■



Volunteer with the HRAA

The HRAA is seeking members who are willing to fill the following positions:

- **Historian** we are in need of someone to continue to document our neighborhood history. If this is something that interests you, please let us know!
- **Hospitality** this position sends out greeting cards on behalf of the HRAA. Cards, stamps, notecards are all supplied as are the addresses as needed.

We have also had suggestions for additional events but we are seeking someone to take the lead on these to make them come to life. Could that be you?

- **Family Fun Night in conjunction with National Night Out** family-oriented event in Ridgewood Park focused on safety and blockwatch with police, fire, etc.
- **Halloween Decoration Contest** Coordinator to promote contest and solicit selection committee for winners of cash prizes.

For more information on these positions, please contact Carolyn Cordray at President@huberridge.org or call at 614-882-1310. ■

HRAA Meetings

Join us at an HRAA meeting, all residents are welcome. Meetings are at 7pm on Monday nights at the Blendon Senior Center, 6330 S Hempstead Rd.

June 3

Special guest: David Dunn, Area Manager with Aqua Ohio

August 5

October 7

December 2

Got Plants?

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. ■



Saturday, May 18

Ridgewood Park
Bring Plants • Get Plants



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For every \$50+ order I will send you a free gift

Advertise in The Herald

Reach over 1620 households in the area with an ad in The Herald.

Contact Carolyn Cordray at president@huberridge.org to reserve your ad by June 15 for the Summer Issue.

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

Terms: First ad payment due with reservation.

Need an Ad?

We offer free design service for our advertisers. Let us know when you sign up.



In each issue, we will list neighbors who can help you with your To-Do list. We hope that you'll keep this list handy for quick reference when you need help.

Note that there may be fees associated with some of these services. Please contact the person directly for details.

Electrician

- Edward Claus (614) 446-0862, Edwardclaus4@gmail.com

Notary

- Ron Pesika pesika@outlook.com

How to participate

The Herald is offering a low (or no) cost option for residents to promote their services to the neighborhood. Listings are only \$10 each per issue. If you are a current member of the Huber Ridge Area Association, you can list your service for free!

Contact Bernadine Pesika at bpsika@gmail.com by June 15 for more details or to get signed up.

Terms: these listings are for individuals offering services to their neighbors; companies and direct sales persons are asked to purchase a regular advertisement. All persons must be at least 18 years old to participate; parents will be asked to provide their own contact information for their minor children. The Herald will not publish any rates for services. Listing fee will be due upon agreement.

Are You a Member?

The Huber Ridge Area Association supports the many activities of the neighborhood including The Herald, Blockwatch program, regular meetings, sponsorship of summer concerts in the park, annual plant swap, two Community Garage Sales, Halloween Party, Blendon-Huber Ridge Blooms Garden Show & Contest, Holiday Cheer program, and Holiday Lights contest.

Annual membership dues are only \$15 per household payable at any time during the year.

Join 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) _____

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

Things to Do

By APRIL ZOBEL, ASSISTANT EDITOR

The moment the calendar announces the first day of Spring many of us start dreaming of the warm days ahead. While Ohio is notorious for teasing us with the weather before finally leveling out there are many activities for us to enjoy right away.

Columbus Park of Roses

As one of the largest public rose gardens in America, this is a must-see for all of us lucky enough to live so close. Created in 1953 it has over 12,000 roses of more than 400 varieties. Just last year many of the roses started blooming in mid-April (two weeks earlier than normal!) so be sure to pick a date to visit and enjoy the unique splendor of the park. Located in nearby Clintonville, the park is free to all visitors and is accessible to strollers and wheelchairs. parkofroses.org

Short North Gallery Hop

If you prefer people-watching over flower-viewing and are looking for something a bit more lively this monthly event may be right up your alley. Happening the first Saturday of the month February – November from 4pm – 10pm with restaurants and bars staying open much later, this celebration of art happens in the Short North district of High St. and features musicians, performance art, vendors, and even stilt walkers! shortnorth.org

Farmer's Markets

Be sure to allocate some of your grocery budget to visiting the many Farmer's Markets that will be popping up in late spring. Westerville's Market Wednesday runs May – October from 3p – 6p and if you can't make it during those times, you have another chance on Saturdays from 9a – 12p on Otterbein campus. Worthington even keeps theirs going all year by moving inside The Shops at Worthington Place until May when they bust back outside in Old Worthington.

Tanger Outlets

When you're in the mood for some retail therapy the newly opened Tanger Outlets just north of us in Sunbury are a great place to spend a few hours. Featuring many name-brand stores offering discounted items, you can also grab a bite to eat or just enjoy window shopping and maybe taking a break near the outdoor fireplace if it's still a bit chilly. Be sure to check their website for coupons! tangeroutlet.com

Columbus Clippers

For baseball fans nothing represents the beginning of spring more than that first baseball game! Offering various theme nights and tickets as cheap as \$7 our local team gives you a chance to see a home game every week. Enjoy the modern Huntington Park with it's multiple options for food or even some memorabilia as you enjoy the roar of the crowd and take in an exciting game. milb.com/Columbus ■

Summer Concert Series

The HRAA sponsors the summer concert series at Ridgewood Park. The bands have been announced for the 2019 series. Join us at 6pm for these family friendly events

Saturday June 8

John Tony Schwab

Saturday July 13

The Usual Suspects Band

Saturday August 24

These Guys Live
(part of Blendon Heritage Day)

HRAA Membership Drive

Join or renew your \$15 membership by May 31

It's a great time to renew your HRAA membership! We are currently promoting our 2019 HRAA Membership Drive. Not only will you receive an HRAA T-shirt but you will be put into a drawing to win a \$10 gift card. Considering our membership is only \$15 that's a pretty good deal.

There are a few ways to renew:

PayPal - access our website at www.huberridge.org to pay your dues through PayPal.

Send or drop off check or cash to Thom Conley at 3533 Makassar Dr. Checks can be made out to HRAA or Huber Ridge Area Association.

Community Coyotes

BY APRIL ZOBEL, ASSISTANT EDITOR

Coyotes can be found in all areas of Ohio and while they prefer hilly farmland mixed with wooded areas, they have adapted to both suburban and urban areas. Nocturnal by nature, hunting from dusk to dawn, it is not as common to see them during the day but if they don't feel threatened, they are more likely to venture out in the daylight. These omnivores prefer a diet of small mammals, fresh fruits and vegetables, and insects, but won't pass up a dumpster meal.

Sightings have occurred in the Ridge but these dog cousins pose no danger to humans unless you choose to approach or try to feed one. However, if you have pets, it is important to keep your garbage secured and check your yard before allowing small animals outside, especially at night. Don't leave pet food out overnight and if you do happen to spot one in your yard, clap your hands or otherwise make noise to scare it off.

Unfortunately there is a lot of misinformation about these animals and many people use these fears as permission to harm or even kill them. For instance, coyotes typically do not travel or hunt in packs, and groups that are seen together are usually made up of a family with pups still too young to be left alone. So, if you see a coyote when you are out, there is no reason to fear that there are more around that will attack you. If you are walking a dog, keep them on leash and employ the same hazing you would do in your yard – making noise or even throwing small objects to drive it away. Although it may seem mean to run them off when they are just searching for food, it is best for everyone if they do not become acclimated to humans.

Unbelievably, coyote killing contests exist across the country and even here in Ohio with these events offering cash and other prizes for killing the most or biggest coyotes. These contests are brutal, inhumane, and promote cruelty to animals. Educate yourself and others on these beautiful animals that we are lucky to still live with and if you want to take it to the next level of advocacy, contact the Ohio Division of Wildlife and ask them to ban these horrifying contests.

1-800-WILDLIFE (945-3543) or wildinfo@dnr.state.oh.us ■

Announcing our 2019 "Blooms" Garden Show & Contest

BY PAM CLEGG, BLENDON HUBER RIDGE BLOOMS COORDINATOR

"Blooms" is our annual garden show and contest for Huber Ridge and Sunbury Woods residents 18 and over. The show is open to the public and is free to attend. Here are dates to note: May 1 registration is open. June 16 at 5 pm registration is closed. Sunday, June 30, is the free tour from 1-5 pm rain or shine - and we hope to shine with at least 6 gardens to show off!

This is our only opportunity to communicate with you via the Herald prior to the event. If you are on Facebook, like or friend "Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms," where you may view photos of past entries, read garden information and history, and keep up with contest and tour details. You may also view contest and tour details on the HRAA website (discussion section) as we approach June 30.

Prizes for All Gardens

The purpose of "Blooms" is to promote, reward, and encourage hard work and beautification. There are three place prizes and additional gifts for all entrants. If you are already doing the work or just starting out, the prizes and gifts should make entering the show worth your time.

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.

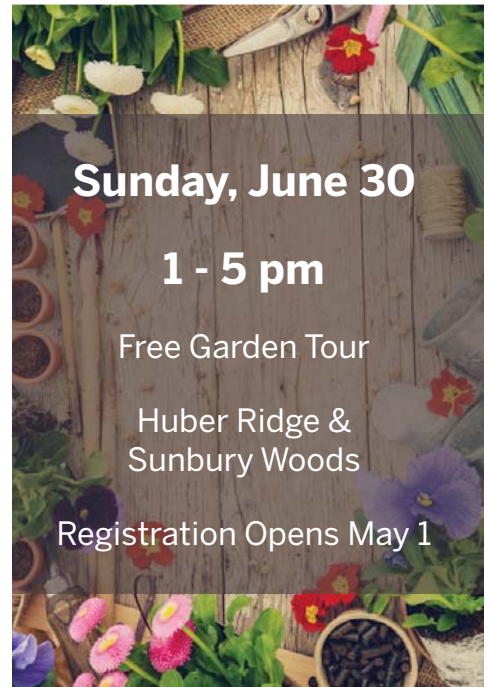
Second place prize is a \$50 gift card to Oakland Nursery, donated by Sharon Ricker, an avid gardener herself, and one who has been involved with Blooms since its inception.

Third place prize is a \$35 check from the Huber Ridge Area Association. Your association also generously contributes to the gift bags that each gardener receives for being in the show.

Registration opens May 1!

The application on page 7 should answer your questions, but if not, email us at Blooms@huberridge.org.

Happy Gardening! ■



"BLOOMS" GARDEN SHOW 2019 APPLICATION

Celebrating our 11th Annual Garden Tour and Contest

Name(s) of gardener(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

By completing and submitting this form, you will be considered for competitive entry in the "Blooms" FREE garden tour and contest held Sunday, June 30, 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, address, 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 only might be listed in Dispatch media as this tour is open to the public.

Applications will be accepted starting May 1 through the June 16 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 16, at 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. Front yard only entries are permitted.

Agreement:

*Upon notification of eligibility, participants will receive a "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 30, 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 30 (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 17 and June 24; hours and days yet to be determined. You will be notified in advance. You do not need to be home or outside during judging.

Prizes:

See article on page 6 for prize details.

Applications will be accepted May 1 through June 16.

Completed entry forms must be received no later than June 16, at 5 p.m.

Pam Clegg • 3614 Makassar Drive, 43081 • blooms@huberridge.org

Trash Issues?

One of the hot topics in the HRAA facebook group is missed trash pick-up. If you find that your trash doesn't get picked up on trash day, typically Friday except on holiday weeks, here is what you can do. You can also find this information at www.huberridge.org under the FAQ section.

1. Call Rumpke to report ASAP at 1-800-828-8171. Document the date and time of the call. Also document the outcome of the call (ex. left message on voicemail, spoke to a representative who indicated someone would be out to pick up my trash in the afternoon, etc.)

2. Email the township to report the missed pickup with the details of your contact with Rumpke. Send email to refuse@blendontwp.org. This email goes to the Blendon Township Administrative office where the staff reaches out to the route supervisor every time a service complaint is emailed to this address. ■

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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)

Important Numbers

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(614) 889-9494

Blendon Township Office:
(614) 882-1270

Local Experience

If you or someone you know is thinking about selling, contact me today!

I have lived in Huber Ridge for over 18 years. I shop where you shop, my children attended Westerville Schools; I know our area!

Every seller I work with gets the following services:

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Whether you are looking to buy or sell, I have the time and experience to devote to you.



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