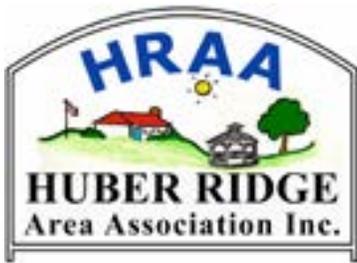


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GET TO KNOW THE NEW HRAA LEADERSHIP

BY BERNADINE PESIKA, EDITOR

At the January meeting of the Huber Ridge Area Association, four of our neighbors were elected to lead the association into the new decade. Our newly elected officers are Jeannie Black, President, Claudia Carney, Vice President, Victoria Griffin, Secretary and Julie Schantz, Treasurer.

These four individuals will work together with the immediate past president, committee chairs and the residents of Huber Ridge to continue the tradition of excellent events and opportunities in the neighborhood.

The Herald talked with our new president, Jeannie Black, to learn about her and what she is looking forward to this year.

H: What are you most looking forward to in your HRAA leadership position?

JB: I'm looking forward to reaching out to the community and assisting with serviceable gaps and meeting new people. I adore servant leadership and feel compelled to help others so this was a logical step for me.

H: How long have you lived in Huber Ridge?

JB: My husband & I bought our first home together here in Huber Ridge almost 3 years ago. Gosh - the time has flown by!

H: What is your favorite HRAA event/activity?

JB: The one that I'm most looking forward to is the new Halloween decorating event that will be held this year. I'm very excited to see everyone's decorations!

H: Do you have any pets? What kind?

JB: We have our fur baby who is a beautiful German Shepherd. She looks forward to her walks around our section of the neighborhood with her dad.

H: What was the best concert you attended?

JB: This is a hard one since my husband and I are both music lovers. We travel to festivals and concerts a lot! We've seen Depeche Mode in Michigan, Avenged Sevenfold in Tennessee, New Order in Cleveland, and I saw Leonard Cohen in Louisville along with KISS. Recently, we saw Blue October and I went to the NKOTB throwback concert here in Columbus.

H: Coffee or Tea? (or something else?)

JB: I'm not much for either since I try to limit my caffeine intake, but I will occasionally partake in a Dr. Pepper (which if I'm being honest is helping me survive my dissertation writing right now). ■

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

26 Narcan Training, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Blendon Senior Center

MARCH

HRAA Membership Drive starts, goes through May

APRIL

6 HRAA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 pm

MAY

2 Spring Community Garage Sale
16 HRAA Annual Plant Swap, Ridgewood Park
25 Memorial Day - *Rumpke Service Delay*

JUNE

1 HRAA General Membership Meeting, 7:00pm
13 Concert in the Park, 6:00-8:00pm, Ridgewood Park
28 Blendon-Huber Blooms Garden Show & Contest, 1:00 - 5:00 pm

JULY

4 Independence Day - *NO Rumpke Service Delay*
18 Concert in the Park, 6:00-8:00pm, Ridgewood Park

AUGUST

3 HRAA General Membership Meeting, 7:00pm
4 National Night Out
15 Blendon Heritage Day
Concert in the Park, 6:00-8:00pm, Ridgewood Park

SEPTEMBER

7 Labor Day - *Rumpke Service Delay*
19 Fall Community Garage Sale

OCTOBER

5 HRAA General Membership Meeting, 7:00pm
17 Halloween Party, Ridgewood Park

NOVEMBER

26 Thanksgiving Day - *Rumpke Service Delay*

DECEMBER

7 HRAA General Membership Meeting & Volunteer Recognition, 7:00pm
25 Christmas Day - *Rumpke Service Delay*

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).

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SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER

BY CLAUDIA CARNEY, HOLIDAY CHEER COORDINATOR

Once again, our Huber Ridge neighbors have generously provided a wonderful Christmas experience for one of our families in the 'Ridge!

Over \$700 was raised to provide gifts, clothing and gift cards for a family of five who is experiencing a rough time this past year, and almost every gift wish on their list was fulfilled. The family sent us a thank you note reading:

"Wishing your family the very best holiday season and New Year! Thank you so much for all the gifts-you have made my Christmas! Jesus is the greatest gift of all!"

Thank you to the many contributors and a special thank you to Nicole Giachetti, Dayna Fox and Julie Schantz for all of their help in coordinating, shopping and donating their time to make this another successful year. We have about \$75 in later contributions that we will use to start off Holiday Cheer next year!! ■

BLOCK WATCH OFFERS COMMUNITY CLASSES

BY CAROLYN CORDRAY, HRAA IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT



As we have done in the past, the Huber Ridge Area Association's Block Watch group is once again partnering with the Blendon Township Police Department and the Sunbury Woods Neighborhood Watch group to bring a full year of programming to our community.

The first offering will be a class to learn to use Narcan. This presentation is open to the public and no pre-registration is necessary to attend. The date of this class is Wednesday, February 26th from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Blendon Senior Center, 6330 S. Hempstead Road. This class has been offered before with some interesting and important information about the opioid crisis in our area. Please save the date and plan to attend this informative presentation.

Two more classes will be offered later in the year and will be scheduled once the speakers have been confirmed. The topics to be discussed are Human Trafficking and crime statistics and trends in Blendon Township and surrounding communities, and Pet Safety. Watch for promotion of these classes on the Huber Ridge Area Association website and Facebook pages as well as in The Herald.

Finally, the Huber Ridge Area Block Watch, Sunbury Woods Neighborhood Watch and Blendon Township Police Department are working toward putting together a new event for our community this year. It will be an event in conjunction with National Night Out (NNO) and is planned for the weekend before NNO in early August. This event is called Family Fun Night and it will feature many activities to promote neighbors getting to know neighbors and a variety of safety issues. This event is still very much in the planning stages so if you are interested in helping out or have a suggestion for this event, please contact either Lynn White or Carolyn Cordray via Facebook messenger or email. Emails for Lynn and Carolyn are nicksmom0206@yahoo.com (Lynn) and cidge1228@hotmail.com (Carolyn). ■

HUBER RIDGE ELEMENTARY



The Huber Ridge Elementary Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is always working to help make sure our kids and teachers have everything they need and has some exciting things going on the last part of the year.

Our annual Father/Daughter dance will take place on Friday, February 21. On Friday, April 17, we will have our Mother/Son event – planning is just starting for that, we'll share details as they become available. Our second Scholastic Book Fair will take place from March 2-6. And for our final fundraiser of the year, we are once again partnering with Foertmeyer & Sons Greenhouse for our ever popular spring flower sale. Huber Ridge students will start taking orders in April and the flowers and plants will be delivered on May 12.

We are always looking for volunteers for our events and it's easy to sign up -we have a sign-up genius form in our Facebook group with the volunteer opportunities and times. You do not have to be a part of the PTA to volunteer. Perhaps you know a high school student out there who needs service hours; this is a great way to get them.

[Click here to view the Father/Daughter Dance volunteer registration](#)

For more information about any of these events, fundraisers, and volunteer opportunities, please contact Kristy Sherwood at ksherwood93@gmail.com or find us on Facebook: [Huber Ridge Elementary PTA](#). ■

HUBER RIDGE HELPING HANDS



In each issue, we 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.

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 for more details or to get signed up.

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



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, Holiday Lights contest, and the brand new Halloween Decorating contest.

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

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

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

BY CAROLYN CORDRAY, HRAA IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

The Huber Ridge Area Association provides many opportunities for members and residents to engage in their community. Here are some of the current ways that you can get involved.

HRAA Membership Coordinator: This position coordinates events and programs for our membership as well as to coordinate membership drives to increase our numbers. The individual who volunteers to take this position must be a member in good standing with the HRAA, meaning their dues must be paid up to date. Contact Jeannie Black, HRAA President via Facebook or at hraapresident@gmail.com.

Historian: This position documents the history of our association and community. There is significant existing documentation and we would like to have it saved to an online archive to house past and future relevant items. Contact Jeannie Black, HRAA President via Facebook or at hraapresident@gmail.com.

Writers: The HRAA publishes the quarterly newsletter, The Herald. We invite any resident who would like to submit an article or offer their skill as a writer to contribute to our publication. Contact Bernadine Besika, Editor, The Herald either via Facebook or at bpsika@gmail.com.

Community Garage Sale Helpers: The HRAA organizes two community garage sales each year. We always need help with setting out the signs throughout the neighborhood to promote the event and then take them down again. Volunteers to help with that are always welcome. Certainly a quick way to help out for this event! Contact Claudia Carney, HRAA Vice-President via Facebook or at Caseysmom0306@gmail.com.

Block Watch Street Representatives: Safety-minded residents willing to report suspicious or criminal activity on behalf of their area to either Block Watch Coordinators, Lynn White or Carolyn Cordray or directly to the Blendon Township Police Department. The list of Block Watch Representatives is NOT shared publicly and the group has its own separate method of communication. Interested residents should contact either Lynn White or Carolyn Cordray via Facebook or email. Lynn White - nicksmom0206@yahoo.com or Carolyn Cordray - cidge1228@hotmail.com.

Event Volunteers: The HRAA is always looking for help at our events throughout the year but most specifically for The Halloween Party in October and the new event Family Fun Night in August. Miscellaneous tasks to keep things running or help to coordinate the event! If interested contact Carolyn Cordray via Facebook or email at cidge1228@hotmail.com.

The Huber Ridge Area Association coordinates and sponsors various events, activities and programs throughout the year for the benefit of our members and residents. Getting involved in our various offerings is a great way to meet your neighbors and to give back to your community as well as to have some fun! Please consider volunteering your time in one or more of these opportunities. ■

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The southeast corner of Westerville & Dempsey has gotten a major face lift. In addition to the improvements in the Glengary Center, this new addition has cleaned up the corner that has stood looking abandoned for years. Tim Hortons is now open next to Carsonie's, featuring an exclusive menu and a new, modern design.

This new location features a double drive thru that is designed to serve guests as quickly as possible, so you can get the coffee you love, faster than ever. You can place your order by seamlessly entering the drive thru from either direction, or by simply going up to the walk-up window.

The menu includes classic Tim Hortons menu staples, such as Timbits and Iced Capps, along with new innovations, like Nitro Cold Brew, Tea Lattes, and handcrafted sodas. And, you heard it here first, our new Tim Hortons will soon be adding some of the favorite breakfast sandwiches!

Their new menu is highly customizable with over 400 drink combinations. Choose from additional espresso shots, alternative milk options, ten flavor additions, and four sugar options.

Make sure to stop by 6010 Westerville Road to see what's brewing! ■



GLENGARY SHOPPING CENTER UPDATE

BY BRYAN RHOADS, TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

The Glengary Shopping Center is undergoing significant change. A portion of the plaza was sold to Aldi which in return has given the owner of the plaza available money to renovate. The plaza is undergoing a façade upgrade and the plaza is also being repaved. We recently welcomed Tim Hortons who purchased the corner of the plaza near Dempsey/Westerville Road. I will pass along more updates when they become available. ■

PLANNING FOR SPRING BLOOMS

BY PAM CLEGG, BLENDON HUBER
RIDGE BLOOMS COORDINATOR

It is not too early! But yes, it is too cold. The Blooms Committee has scheduled this year's Garden Show for Sunday, June 28, from 1-5 pm.

Why Sunday? To allow those who work Monday through Friday time to care for last minute details the Saturday prior to the show.

Why not earlier in June? The Sunday prior is Father's Day and much earlier typically does not allow as much time to prepare and or time for annuals to mature. Typically. We used to have the show the second Sunday in July and moved it up at the request of gardeners, so we feel that the last Sunday in June is our best compromise.

So start thinking now about entering or encourage your gardening neighbor to enter. Look for our 2020 Blooms application in the spring edition of The Herald. We need at least 6 gardens to have a show.

Questions? Email Blooms@huberridge.org. ■

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DANGERS OF CARBON MONOXIDE

BY CHIEF BRIAN MILLER, WESTERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

It's been called the silent killer. Carbon monoxide, an odorless, colorless gas toxic to humans and animals, was the cause of 20 emergency calls in Westerville and Blendon Township in 2019.

Carbon monoxide, known by the chemical symbol CO, acts as poison once inhaled. It attaches to the hemoglobin in the red blood cells, which carries oxygen throughout the body. When CO attaches, it blocks the oxygen the body must have, leading to hypoxia. CO is a byproduct of incomplete combustion. Any fuel burning device may produce dangerous levels of CO gas. In the home, heating and cooking equipment are potential sources of CO. Vehicles, generators and lawn equipment can also produce dangerous levels of CO.

The most common symptoms of CO poisoning are headache, dizziness, fatigue, nausea, vomiting and confusion. High levels of CO ingestion can cause loss of consciousness and death. The health effects of CO exposure can vary from person to person depending upon the level and length of exposure, as well as each individual's health condition.

Carbon monoxide can only be detected with a CO detector/alarm. These detectors are available in plug-in, battery-powered or hardwired models. Before buying a CO detector, check to make sure

it is listed with Underwriter's Laboratories (UL), standard 2034, or there is information on the package that states it is UL approved. Install a CO detector in the hallway near every sleeping area of the home. CO detectors should be replaced every five years. If the CO detector alarms, call 9-1-1. If you have any symptoms or feel ill, leave the home or building and await the Fire Division's arrival.

The Fire Division recommends the following safety tips to avoid a CO related emergency:

- Have your heating system, including chimneys and vents, inspected and serviced annually.
- Ensure chimney flues are completely opened when fireplaces are in use.
- Never use a gas appliance to heat your home.
- Do not use unvented, fuel-burning space heaters indoors. All fuel-burning appliances should be fully vented to the outdoors.
- Never use a gas or charcoal grill inside your home or in a garage.
- Never use a generator inside homes, garages or crawlspaces, even when using fans or opening doors and windows for ventilation.
- Never leave a vehicle, snow blower or lawnmower running in an attached garage, even when the garage door is open.

By knowing the symptoms of CO poisoning and following these safety tips, you can protect yourself and your family from the dangers of CO exposure. ■

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READY TO GET SPOOKY?

We are happy to share the news of our inaugural Halloween decorations contest taking place this Fall. The judging will be conducted on Trick or Treat night (Thurs, Oct 29) with prizes being presented on November 4th. We look forward to seeing what the residents of Huber Ridge come up with! Reminders will be distributed and posted closer to the event. ■

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