RICHMOND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Tuesday, April 30
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Kiwanis Lodge
27285 Highland Road

Mayor David H. Roche, City Council and members of the City of Richmond Heights administration will host Community Conversations again this spring, providing an opportunity for residents to meet members of the administration representing the City Departments. Event’s guests represent DealPoint Merrill, the Cuyahoga County Airport, Lyndhurst Municipal Court, and the Richmond Heights schools. Please join us to participate in small group resident-driven roundtable discussions about our City. The goal is to build and strengthen relations, as well as help residents better understand our challenges, bridge gaps, generate innovative solutions and inspire collaborative action.

Welcome Spring! 2019 is off to a great start here in the City as we are busy finalizing the budget to be submitted at the end of March. I am happy to report the State of the City is strong. The Kiwanis Lodge Phase 2 renovation is complete and we look forward to utilizing the space to its fullest potential. CubeSmart is tentatively scheduled to celebrate their grand opening on April 17. DealPoint Merrill has created a website for their proposed mixed use project on the former Sears Department store site. Visit http://richmondheightstownsq.com for up-to-date information as well as a chance to participate in their contest to name the project. The $2 million Richmond Road resurfacing project, which is 90% funded by the federal government, was awarded to Burton Scot Contractors. It is slated to begin mid to late April and will span from the Euclid border to the Lyndhurst border. As part of the 2019 County Road Preventative Maintenance Program, the City was awarded $35,000 for improvements on Curtis-Wright Parkway, Harris Road, and Wilson Mills Road. The City continues to apply for, receive, and utilize grants, while collaborating with other government resources, to maximize the funding of City improvements and update equipment and facilities.

Residents are strongly encouraged to register and re-register for Cuyahoga County’s newly upgraded platform of ReadyNotify which now includes the enhanced feature of CodeRED. You may have already received emails, text messages and phone calls from ReadyNotify requesting to re-register your information. Visit www.readynotify.us or download the CodeRED Mobile Alert App available at the iTunes Store or GooglePlay.

You are invited to attend the next “Community Conversations” event being held on Tuesday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kiwanis Lodge. It is a fantastic opportunity to participate in informal roundtable discussions with some of our City’s department directors and key members of the county, local businesses, and the community. As the agenda for the evening is finalized, we look forward to hosting you and members of DealPoint Merrill, the Cuyahoga County airport, Lyndhurst Municipal Court, and the local schools who will be available to assist residents in better understanding our challenges, bridge gaps, generate innovative solutions and inspire collaborative actions while reviewing plans and progress within the City. We also encourage residents to sign up for all our volunteer opportunities at our various upcoming events, programs and activities year round.

Our volunteers and sponsors are the heart of the City and without them, the success of our recreation activities wouldn’t be possible.

Save the Dates: Monday, June 3 the Community Outdoor Pool and spray ground will be opening; and on Sunday, July 7 we will be hosting a new twist on an old favorite event called “Family Day” starting with a community family picnic, free frozen dairy treats followed by a family friendly movie on three digital screens. Please bookmark our website richmondheightsohio.org on your cell phone to get the latest City information wherever you are. I look forward to seeing you soon at our upcoming activities.
**POOL FEES**

- Resident Individual Pass $30
- Resident Family Pass for 4 $75
- Each additional family member $10
- Richmond Hts Resident ages 60+ Free
- Non-Resident Individual Pass $75
- Non-Resident Family Pass for 4 $175
- Each additional family member $10
- General Daily Admission $5

**POOL OPEN: June 3 through August 11**
Monday through Saturday 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*Please note: Possible pool closing due to inclement weather below 68 degrees, lack of attendance, lightning in the area or other weather related issues.*

**MORNING SWIM LESSON SCHEDULE (Monday - Thursday)**
June 17 - June 28 & July 8 - July 19
30-minute classes $60 for eight classes
Register at HastingsWaterWorks.com

**RICHMOND HEIGHTS FAMILY DAY SUNDAY JULY 7**
RICHMOND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PARK
FREE Pool Day 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
DJ Jammin Joel 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Movie 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
FREE Ice Cream Treats

**R & B LINE DANCE EXERCISE BY TINA**
Are you trying to lose weight or start living a healthy lifestyle? This fun class is a great form of exercise.

**SUMMER CONCERTS AT THE COMMUNITY PARK GAZEBO**
WEDNESDAYS
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
July 10 The Pop Tarts
July 17 Kyle Primous Quartet
July 24 Motor City Gold
July 31 Swing Time Big Band

**CONCERT SERIES SPONSOR**
Highland Pointe Health & Rehab Center
Saber Health Care Group

**STAGE SPONSOR**
University Hospitals
Richmond Medical Center
A Campus of UH Regional Hospitals

**FREE POOL DAYS**
Come Swim for FREE
Thursday, June 20
Friday, June 21
Saturday June 22

**WATER FITNESS CLASSES**
Mondays & Thursdays
12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Session 1: June 3 - June 26
Session 2: July 8 - July 31
$39 for 8 classes/drop-in $7

**SPRING SOCCER SIGNUPS**
All Richmond Heights
Children ages 3 - 13 are Welcome
Recreational Soccer Leagues
Games start on April 27
Some games at DeSan Park
Register at www.selsc.org

**MORNING FITNESS WITH CINDY**
WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
KIWANIS LODGE 27285 HIGHLAND ROAD
For MORE INFORMATION, CALL CINDY (216) 346-8909
POLICE DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK PAGE

On December 26, 2018 the official Richmond Heights Police Department Facebook Page was created and launched. The page was created with the intention of being a community policing tool that the department can use for investigative purposes such as posting photos and/or videos of crime suspects, as a way to display how officers interact with the community, a way to get useful information out to the community quickly, and it will also serve as a recruitment tool to aid in attracting qualified applicants to the department during periods of hiring. Additionally, it is a way to show officer-friendly stories as well as offer glimpses into the history of the city and Police Department.

The page was created with the approval of Mayor David Roche and is run by five page administrators within the Police Department. The page administrators are Chief Tom Wetzel, Sgt. Denise DeBiase, Sgt. Rick Olexa, Detective Greg Patterson and Administrative Assistant Jennifer Schultz. The number of administrators and the variance of their schedules allows the page to be monitored around the clock so that necessary information can be posted to the page quickly, if needed. To this date, the page has received close to 1300 “Likes,” our posted videos have been viewed over 40,000 times, and all posts combined have been viewed by over 100,000 people. We are excited to have the page up and running and believe that it will be indispensable in bringing a higher level of service, and an improved partnership with the residents of Richmond Heights.

SYSTEM OFFERS EXPANDED EMERGENCY NOTICES

The ReadyNotify emergency notification system is in the process of upgrading to a new platform, called CodeRED. ReadyNotify is Cuyahoga County’s emergency notification system. The system is used by Richmond Heights to send messages concerning emergencies, weather events, and community news. As part of this transition, citizens currently subscribed to ReadyNotify are encouraged to register in the upgraded system by visiting www.readynotify.us or downloading the CodeRED Mobile Alert App, available at the iTunes Store or GooglePlay.

“Technology is ever changing,” said County Executive Budish, “Even in the five years since we launched ReadyNotify, the advantages and features of the new ReadyNotify powered by CodeRED offer so much more. It is so important that our residents stay safe during emergencies and ReadyNotify is a powerful tool for that.”

Re-registering is vital for current users to ensure that the system has accurate contact information and to enable added functionality and features of the upgraded system, including targeted weather alerting for home, work or travel, safety alerts like Boil Alerts or other emergency notifications and community specific updates.

To help citizens re-register, over the next few weeks notifications will be sent via ReadyNotify to all current subscribers. The notifications will contain the following language:

Text: ACTION NEEDED: To continue receiving messages from the ReadyNotify system, please re-register at readynotify.us. For questions call (216) 443-5700.

Email/Phone Call: Cuyahoga County is in the process of upgrading the ReadyNotify System. To ensure you continue receiving notifications from the ReadyNotify system, you must RE-REGISTER at www.readynotify.us. If you have any questions, please email: readynotifysupport@cuyahogacounty.us or call (216) 443-5700.

Re-registering is so important. It allows the information you receive to be customized to where you spend your time, and what you want alerts about. Also, preferences can be updated at any time, so the system is ready to meet your ever-changing needs.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER SPONSORS
FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES RETURNS

Each year, the City of Richmond Heights proudly works in collaboration with the Hillcrest area communities (Lyndhurst, Mayfield Village, Mayfield Heights, Richmond Heights and South Euclid) to host a free, family-friendly Hillcrest Summer Concert Series. Nearly 50 concerts will take place this summer. Please see page two for the Richmond Heights Summer Concert Series. Full details are available at richmondheightsohio.org.

SPECIAL KIND OF OFFICERS

On March 14, Richmond Heights Policeman Dave Jake visited a resident on Douglas to advise her about a complaint involved a tattered American flag. The resident was an elderly female who asked Officer Jake to simply remove the flag and dispose of it. Officer Jake removed the flag, and will properly and respectfully dispose of it. But the story doesn’t stop there! His supervisor, Sergeant Denise DeBiase, then gave Officer Jake her own money to go and purchase a new flag for the resident. Officer Jake then put the flag up for the resident. These actions truly define the culture, mindset and professional class of the Richmond Heights Police Department which continually goes above and beyond for the residents of Richmond Heights.

MEET TARA GRIMM, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO MAYOR ROCHE

Tara Grimm began serving the City as the new Special Assistant to Mayor Roche on January 28, 2019. Tara comes to the City of Richmond Heights with 25+ years of progressive experience and a professional background that has equipped her with diverse, solid practical skills, consistent education and training, and a deep understanding of executive administrative, municipal clerking, I.T., and advanced secretarial and effective communication skills. All of her experience stems from working with municipal governments, county governmental agencies, a hospital, a private doctor’s office, a private attorney, and public school systems.

Tara is a Master Certified Municipal Clerk (MMC) after earning her masters through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). She also holds several other certifications in executive administration and consistently continues to grow professionally and personally with involvement in her state and local associations. In 2016, she was awarded the “Trademark Women of Distinction” and was the first municipal clerk to achieve this award in the history of their publication.

Being an active member of all her associations is important to Tara. She has joined the Cuyahoga County Mayor’s Assistant Association; is an Athenian Fellow with IIMC and is able to facilitate Athenian Dialogues around the country; she is a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) after passing an extensive membership test; has served the Ohio Municipal Clerks Association (OMCA) on their Executive Board, Professional Development Committee, and Legislative Committee, and currently serves on their Communications Committee as the website administrator. She is also an instructor of an “Effective Minutes” class to fellow Clerks around the state who are striving to attain their certification or master certification.

Born in Staten Island, New York, Tara moved to Northeast Ohio in 1996. She is a proud mother of a successful 21 year-old daughter who is a biomedical engineer and a 15 year-old son who keeps her busy attending his soccer games, swim meets, track meets, and preparing him for college for a degree in computer engineering. She is enjoying learning the history of Richmond Heights, participating in events, and looks forward to serving the community as the Mayor’s Assistant.

POLICE LIEUTENANT ROBERT GLAETTLI RETIRES

Richmond Heights Police Department Lieutenant Robert Glaettli was honored at the February 26 City Council meeting. City Council presented Lt. Glaettli with a resolution honoring him for his retirement after over 30 years of service to the City. Lt. Glaettli was hired by the Police Department in 1988. He was promoted to the position of Sergeant in 2000, and then to Lieutenant in 2005. During his career he was a member of the department’s bike patrol unit and also served as the commander of the SPAN SWAT team. He has also been the Liaison Officer to the Richmond Heights Police Department Auxiliary Unit for the past ten years. Thank you for your leadership and thank you for protecting the residents of Richmond Heights! Congratulations on your retirement Bob and ENJOY it!

NEW BUSINESSES

Asian Chang
Richmond Town Square

Posh Collection
5158 Wilson Mills Road

Rise and Shine
26199 Chardon Road

Tasty Rooster
27075 Chardon Road
SPECIAL RECYCLING PROGRAMS
AT THE SERVICE GARAGE       26260 CHARDONVIEW ROAD
HHW – Household Hazardous Waste Disposal
Every Saturday in the months of: July and October, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Recycle Your Computer & Scrap Tire Round Up
Every Saturday in August from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Reminder: No tires will be accepted with rims
Accepted Items: Oil or solvent based paint, sealers, primers or coatings (aerosols or liquid); varnishes, polyurethanes, shellacs; paint thinner, mineral spirits, turpentine; pesticides, herbicides, fungicides; caustic household cleaners; pool chemicals; automotive fluids, motor oil, car batteries, adhesives, roof tar, driveway sealer; kerosene, gasoline, lighter fluid; fluorescent bulbs (6 foot max). Material Not Accepted: Latex paint; explosives, gun powder, ammunition flares; medical waste, medicine, smoke detectors; tires; electronics, appliances, business or commercial waste.

MOW YOUR LAWN SO WE DON’T HAVE TO
It is grass cutting season again! Please make sure to cut your grass weekly to AVOID a Tall Grass Assesment. Any Richmond Heights residence who’s grass is higher than six inches will be cut by the City’s landscaper and all costs will be charged to the homeowner. Unkept property brings down all home values in the neighborhood. Take pride in your home!
**ARBOR DAY CEREMONY**

Friday, April 26, 1:00 p.m.
Richmond Heights Community Park (Near the Tennis Courts)
Tree donated by Garden Club and the Kiwanis Club

**FIRE DEPARTMENT RESIDENTIAL LOCK BOX PROGRAM**

The Residential Lock Box Program is designed to expedite access to a resident's home during medical or other emergencies, when the resident is unable to answer the door. The Lock Box Program also reduces the likelihood of property damage caused by first responders forcing entry into a home during an emergency.

Who installs the lock box? The resident is responsible for the installation of the lock box. The wall mounted box should be securely fastened to the home. The over door model requires no special installation and just mounts over the top of the door.

Where do I have the lock box installed? For the wall mounted model, Richmond Heights Fire Department recommends the lock box be installed on or near the front door, approximately 5 feet high to the bottom of the box. The over the door model should be mounted near the hinge side of the entry door. This model should not be mounted on the screen or storm door. Other locations should be pre-approved by the Richmond Heights Fire Department.

What should you do when the box is installed? Call the Richmond Heights Fire Department at (216) 383-6325 to schedule a date and time. The firefighters will come to your residence and lock a copy of your house key in the lock box.

How do you get a lock box? The Roper Lock Box is available for residential use only. The cost of the Roper Box is $36.58 which includes tax and shipping. To order a lock box call: Roper Lock Box; 7600 Olde Eight Road; Hudson, Ohio 44236; Call (800) 466-9312 Or www.roperlock.com

Wall Mount Model: CGLW-A
Use Key Code: Richmond Heights Fire Department

Over the Door Model: OTDCCL
Use Key Code: Richmond Heights Fire Department

Please feel free to contact the Richmond Heights Fire Department at (216) 383-6325 with any questions.

**RICHMOND HEIGHTS SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB NEWS**

As part of the Richmond Heights Senior Citizens Club, you will reap the benefits of an accepting, friendly atmosphere coupled with the joy that comes with mingling with friends and neighbors. You must simply be a Richmond Heights resident who is 50 years of age or older to enjoy the group.

If you are not a member yet, now is the time to join! The club is currently recruiting new, young-thinking individuals. Currently, the group’s membership consists of a few dozen people, with numerous members actively attending general meetings. They are looking to grow; so come alone—or better yet, bring a friend or neighbor who is also 50 years or older. Dues are merely $10 annually, and general meetings include a snack, in addition to entertainment, holiday luncheons, or a speaker. General meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Kiwanis Lodge, located at 27285 Highland Road. For more information, please contact Club President Mitzi Binder at (216) 531-1585.

**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**

Monday, May 28, 10:00 a.m.
Richmond Heights Community Park Veterans Memorial
27285 Highland Road

**RICHMOND HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB**

The Richmond Heights Garden Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary. This year members enjoyed many informative and interesting gardening and horticultural programs and field trips to garden spots as well as our popular and well attended Spring Luncheon.

In June the Garden Club will have the installation of officers for the coming year. Donations were made to the Flower Basket Program, Greenwood Farm, and a tree was donated during the annual Arbor Day celebration at the Richmond Heights Community Park.

The Garden Club meets on the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Kiwanis Lodge, located at 27285 Highland Road. For more information, please contact Club President Mitzi Binder at (216) 531-1585.

If you are interested in joining the Garden Club or for more information, please contact Dolores Sciaulino at (216) 382-7866.

**KIWANIS BENCH PROGRAM**

The Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club is furnishing individuals and organizations the opportunity to sponsor a Richmond Heights Community Park bench that can feature personalized plaques. Up to two plaques can be featured on each bench. Richmond Heights Kiwanis has already placed six benches with plaques in the park and has two remaining benches to be placed. Sponsorship is $250 per plaque. For more details about this program, contact Kiwanis Club member Aire Roche at (216) 291-2207.
FLOWER BASKET PROGRAM

Individuals and businesses can contribute to Richmond Heights’ beautification through the support of the Flower Basket Program. This summer, the City plans to purchase and install 30 flower baskets at the main intersections in Richmond Heights, and at City buildings and park locations. The Service Department will maintain the flower baskets through the summer months.

Suggested minimum support is $100 for a business and $50 for individuals. Baskets can be purchased “in honor of” or “in memory of” someone special. Please make checks payable to “City of Richmond Heights Flower Basket Program” and mail to: Finance Director; City of Richmond Heights; 26789 Highland Road; Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143. Donations will be accepted throughout the year. Recognition of your donation will be publicized in the “City Edition” by calendar year and on the City website.

GREENWOOD FARM

The Annual Meeting for Greenwood Farm Historical, Cultural & Arts Association, Inc. will be held on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Greenwood Farm.

Greenwood Farm HCA is looking for additional Board Members. If you are interested in helping us make the farm a more vibrant and useful venue for the residents of Richmond Heights and surrounding communities, please contact Aire Roche at (216) 291-2207, or Lee Gase at (216) 210-0526. One of our regular Ghost Hunts will be held on Friday, May 17. To register call Cathi Weber at (440) 710-4140 or email cweber@willoughbyghostwalk.com.

2019 CITY BEAUTIFICATION SPONSORS

* Greenwood Farm Historical Cultural & Arts Association
* Mayor David H. Roche and Aire K. Roche
* Richmond Heights Garden Club
* Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club
* Richmond Heights Senior Citizens Club,
  “In Memory of Departed Members”

HILLCREST MEALS ON WHEELS

Hillcrest Meals on Wheels is available to residents of Lyndhurst, South Euclid, Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, Highland Heights and Richmond Heights who are homebound or unable to shop and/or cook for themselves. There are no age or income restrictions. Clients pay a nominal fee for healthy, delicious meals prepared by University Hospitals Richmond Medical Center. Volunteers are available to deliver the meals Monday-Friday. Interested residents should call Judy Conkling, Program Director at (440) 449-3551 for more information.

RICHMOND HEIGHTS KIWANIS CLUB

The Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club is a place where you can help sustain the local community with a special focus on supporting youths. They are the longest, continuously running service organization in Richmond Heights. They are youth focused with the whole organization designed to support children. For over 56 years Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club has been involved from building its own lodge to crafting the high school's football field stands, constructing the walking bridge that connects the schools and City Hall, building the pool shed at the Community Pool, and volunteering and supporting school and community events. The Annual Golf outing supports scholarships for high school seniors who reside in the city of Richmond Heights no matter which school they attend. The Kiwanis Club is actively involved in the Harvest for Hunger Campaign, volunteering the Cleveland Food Bank, and Annual Pancake Breakfast supports scholarships and service projects.

The Club is open to individuals ages 21 and older and members pay a small annual membership fee of $110. General meetings are held each Thursday at the Lodge at 6:30 p.m. The group starts with a standard opening, and then members enjoy a delicious meal together (cost, $8) before engaging in a general meeting format. At times, meetings include a special guest speaker. On occasion, the group also engages in special entertainment, such as hosting tasty clam bakes, organizing Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day, other holiday festivities, and enjoying a Kiwanis Night at the Captains.

The Kiwanis Club is free to check out, and members of the public are welcome to join a general meeting to explore what the club is about. For more information, please contact Aire Roche at (216) 291-2207.

THE LUNCH BUNCH

Join us for the social gathering of the year! Participants will be sent to various restaurants in the surrounding area to try new and delightful cuisines and get to know each other on their lunch dates together. $12 per person for the YEAR! 1st Thursday of each month; reservations are at 1:00 p.m. The upcoming dates with restaurants and locations are as follows: May 2 - Ho Wah in Beachwood; June 6 - Petti’s in Wickliffe; July 11 - Firehouse in Willoughby Hills; August 1 - Dubrovnik in Eastlake; *Participants are responsible for their own transportation and meal check.
Editor's note: I would like to thank Rick Dula, Tara Grimm and Aire Roche for their assistance during the production of this City Edition. I also want to thank everyone who submitted an article or photo for their contribution.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN RICHMOND HEIGHTS

**Memorial Day Ceremony**
Monday, May 27
10:00 a.m.
Richmond Heights Community
Park Veterans Memorial

**Richmond Heights Family Day**
Sunday, July 7
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Richmond Heights
Community Park

**The Pop Tarts Concert**
Wednesday, July 10
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Richmond Heights
Community Park Gazebo

**Kyle Primous Quartet**
Wednesday, July 17
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Richmond Heights
Community Park Gazebo

**Motor City Gold Concert**
Wednesday, July 24
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Richmond Heights Community
Park Gazebo

**Swing Time Big Band Concert**
Wednesday, July 31
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Richmond Heights Community
Park Gazebo

**National Night Out**
Tuesday, August 6
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Richmond Heights Community
Park

**Fall Fun and Nature Fest**
Saturday, September 21
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Greenwood Farm
264 Richmond Road

Find more events and keep abreast of activity updates by visiting the City of Richmond Heights website at richmondheightsohio.org or, at the Richmond Heights Recreation Facebook Page.