

City of Richmond Heights, Ohio

QUARTER IN REVIEW

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In the Department of Economic Development, it is our ongoing mission to enhance economic growth and stability in our City. We do this by leveraging our City's assets to attract and maintain businesses and residents of all types.

What does Richmond Heights have to leverage? A lot! From our strong safety and community services, to our retail conveniences, and from our large stretches of buildable land to our national airport with its accessibility to interstate road and rail transport, we are an ideal location in the heart of Greater Cleveland. Add to that our diverse population of residents and a variety of home styles and price points for every budget, and it is easy to see that Richmond Heights has something for everyone.

This past summer, the Department of Economic Development committed time and energy to the important areas of supporting childhood education and promoting residential real estate.

With regard to childhood education, on June 7, 2016, the Department of Economic Development partnered with the Heights Hillcrest Regional Chamber of Commerce and six area school superintendents, including our own Dr. Renee Willis to explore, "Public Perception of Public Schools." This exercise involved a small group of stakeholders analyzing how the business community and the schools can work together to correct false perceptions of our public schools. At the same time, we studied ways we can support the school district to improve certain areas where growth is needed. Stay tuned for a social media campaign slated to begin this autumn, in which we will celebrate the Richmond Heights students who are working at local businesses in a mutually beneficial environment that encourages our work-school-community network.

As to our real estate, on June 25, we hosted our Residential Real Estate Showcase. This was a networking opportunity for residents, bankers, realtors, insurance brokers and members of the community to come out and enjoy a delicious breakfast at our own La Fiesta Restaurant. Thanks to everyone's efforts at this collaborative breakfast, we were able to highlight our quality housing stock and our efforts with the Cuyahoga County Land Bank to help us demolish blighted houses that diminish the value of the homes in our community.