A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DANIEL J. URSU

The City of Richmond Heights was recently successful in obtaining a grant to purchase a modestly sized bus to be used exclusively for Richmond Heights seniors who are at least 60 years old or for Richmond Heights disabled adults! Many of you saw the bus on display at the Family Day Parade and weekend. This new program will be run in coordination with the Senior Transportation Connection of Cuyahoga County, which eventually hopes to link all of the County communities, although our program will begin transporting to points primarily in Richmond Heights. It will be administered through the Recreation Department. If interested, please call (216) 383-6313 for costs and further details. To use this service you must be registered in advance. The bus is wheelchair capable. The program will begin this fall.

We often take for granted the excellent service that we receive daily from our Fire and Police Departments. These men and women assist us around the clock to help in time of need, be it our Fire Department Paramedics stabilizing and transporting a loved one to the hospital due to a cardiac malfunction, or, for instance, our Police officers helping you to maneuver your vehicle through flash-flooded roadways from the heavy rains that our region experienced the past couple of months. Members of our Fire and Police forces are selected through a rigorous and lengthy program administered by our Civil Service Commission-consisting of Jim Redmond, Chairman; Jeff Pohlhammer; and Rick Henfling-that includes testing for professional knowledge, physical skill and mental stability. It is not unusual for Richmond Heights to have dozens of applicants for a single opening; the successful candidate at the end of this process is truly highly qualified to serve you…and these men and women are always there to protect and nurture residents for the betterment of our health, safety and welfare!

Lastly, our community is made up of persons of varied race, cultures and heritages. Many of you have participated in the various community events over the past few years with the goal of making this diversity an asset to Richmond Heights, such as the “Book Review Night” when residents gathered to review the book “The Color of Water” or one of the Heights Community Congress workshops. Also, many of you are aware that I established a Cultural Commission a couple of years ago. The Commission is in the process of organizing neighborhood coffees to help persons living on the same street to deliberately meet one another – our busy suburban lifestyles are often not otherwise conducive for our doing so! Please see page 6 in this issue for further information.

Have a wonderful fall and a safe and happy holiday season!

CONGRATULATIONS
Richmond Heights Teen Citizen of the Year
Brian Benander

Richmond Heights Teen Citizen of the Year Runner-up
Christina Lianopoulos
**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, December 1, for the City’s 10th Annual Breakfast With Santa.

Enjoy fresh hot pancakes and delicious sausage while waiting for the scheduled appearance of that special visitor from the North Pole, right here at our City Lodge!

Breakfast will be served from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 am. Ticket prices are $5 for adults, $4 for children ages 2 to 12 and free to children under 2. The children will make a holiday craft and there will be other fun opportunities available for them. Tickets will go on sale in the Recreation Department on Monday, November 5. **Tickets must be purchased in advance.** This event has sold out every year, so don’t wait to purchase your tickets!

**ATTENTION ALL BOYS & GIRLS IN GRADES 1 THRU 6**

**BASKETBALL REGISTRATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 17**

Registration for the Richmond Heights Recreation Department Basketball League will begin on September 17. The deadline to register to play will be on Friday, October 20. Team practices for the league will begin in November. All teams will practice once a week. The first game will be played on Saturday, January 5. The season will conclude on February 23. All regular season games for grades 1-6 are played at the Richmond Heights Middle School Gym. Register for the league at the Recreation Department inside City Hall. For more information, call (216) 383-6313.

**Resident Fee: $50 Non-Resident Fee: $65**

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**OLD FASHIONED HOME ECONOMICS CLASS**

For boys and girls ages 8 to 14 interested in having fun learning the basics of cooking, sewing, tips on nutrition and etiquette. Learn how to use a sewing machine and make an apron. Cook muffins and cookies. The classes will end with a party buffet style. The classes will take place at the Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge. **Fee:** $40

**Dates:** Tuesdays October 9, 16, 23 & 30 **Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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**RICHMOND HEIGHTS RECREATION FALL CRAFT SHOW**

Mark your calendar now for the Recreation Department’s Ninth Annual Fall Craft Show which will be held on **Saturday, November 3** from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Over 50 crafters will display their homemade creations at the Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge. Great food and refreshments will be available. This is a perfect opportunity to purchase beautiful autumn or winter decorations and get an early jump on that holiday shopping!
CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS
COMMEMORATIVE MUGS ON SALE NOW!

Reserve your authentic Richmond Heights mug today for a cost of $7 per mug. The mugs make a great gift or collector’s item. Submit your request early, the mugs will go fast. Mugs can be picked-up at City Hall in the Recreation Department. The mugs illustrate the entire City, including both the original 1899 City Hall and the upcoming new City Hall, as well as the Post Office, Richmond Heights School, the Richmond Heights Police Department, the Richmond Heights Municipal Pool and brand new sprayground, the Veterans’ Memorial, Richmond Town Square, the Cuyahoga County Airport, and the Richmond Heights Community Park along with many other sites well-known by Richmond Heights citizens. Purchase a mug today and have fun trying to find all of the City’s landmarks!

SAVE THE DATE
ROTARY TASTE OF HILLCREST
Wednesday, September 26

BUILDING DEPARTMENT
In January 2008 the City will begin regulation of single-family homes that are occupied as rental units. These units will be subject to inspection independent of the Housing Program Inspection on regular intervals. The City has implemented this program to continually and systematically maintain its existing housing stock for its residents.

Hilltop Plaza changes: A new Fedex/Kinko’s has opened up in Hilltop Plaza, and Sweet Surprises and the Dollar Tree have relocated making way for further improvements within the Plaza.

Wendy’s Restaurant reopening in the fall: A newly constructed Wendy’s Restaurant will be opening at 820 Richmond Road. It replaces the old Wendy’s which was damaged by fire last year.

Detach and send to Richmond Heights Recreation Department at:
Attention: Recreation Department
City of Richmond Heights
457 Richmond Road
Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143

Name ____________________  Address ____________________
Telephone # ___________  Number of Mugs ____________  Total Enclosed $________

*Please make checks payable to the City of Richmond Heights
ANNUAL FLU SHOT PROGRAM

When: Wednesday, October 31
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Where: Richmond Heights
Kiwanis Lodge
27285 Highland Road

For: Richmond Heights Senior
Adults 65 years of age and older
and Younger Persons with
Diagnosed Chronic Illness

For Registration: Please Note

- No appointments will be
  needed this year.
  However, please R.S.V.P. to
  City Hall (via the attached
  flu shot registration form)
  with the number attending
  by October 24 so that an
  accurate supply of vaccine
  will be available.

FOR BILLING PURPOSES,
PLEASE NOTE:
- If you have Medicare Part B as
  your primary insurance, you
  must bring your Medicare card
  with you.
- Anyone who belongs to a
  Medicare HMO or a Senior
  HMO cannot bill Medicare for
  the flu vaccine through our
  program. These residents should
  go to their HMO to receive the
  flu vaccine or pay upfront.
- If you choose to pay for your
  vaccine, the fee is $25 (cash or
  check only).

For more Information
(216) 486-2474

FLU SHOT REGISTRATION FORM

Please detach and mail to:
Attention: Flu Shot Program
City of Richmond Heights
457 Richmond Road
Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143

___________________________________
NAME

_______________________________________________________
ADDRESS                                                   CITY

___________________________________
TELEPHONE NUMBER

Number attending: ______

*Please R.S.V.P. no later than October 24

POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL NEWS

There have been some changes within the department since January 1st.
In January Sergeant James Nagy retired after 25 years of service, and Ptl.
Christopher Wise was hired to fill the vacancy.

In April Ptl. Robert Polzner retired after 29 years of service, and Patrol
Officer Stephanie Troha was hired to fill the vacancy. Stephanie
completed her Basic Police Training at Cuyahoga Community College and
spent time with the Geauga Lake Police Department and the Cleveland
Municipal Schools, prior to joining the department.

Also in April, two officers were promoted to the rank of Sergeant,
Officers Brian Rinas and Denise DeBiase. Sergeant Rinas has been a
member of the department since 1994 and played a key role during his
time in the Detective Bureau. Sergeant Rinas has been serving as an acting
shift commander prior to his promotion. Sergeant DeBiase has been a
member of the department since 1995. Sergeant DeBiase is well known in
the community for her community involvement, including her service as
the departments D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Instructor
for several years. Sergeant DeBiase was a member of the Detective
Bureau prior to her promotion.

Patrol Officer Darren Porter, a member since 1997, was assigned to the
Detective Bureau in April to fill the position vacated by Sergeant DeBiase.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN
TRICK OR TREAT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
RICHMOND HEIGHTS
SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB NEWS

Come have fun in a friendly atmosphere with friends and neighbors.

If you are a Richmond Heights resident and 50 years of age or older, there is an activity for you with the Senior Citizens’ Club. The group is looking for new seniors that want to be active and participate in the many activities available. Come and bring your ideas for programs and activities that can be enjoyed together.

The Senior Citizens’ Club is the place to be this fall. They are looking forward to bowling on Monday mornings and the highlight of the day- lunch at various nearby restaurants; weekly golf on Saturday mornings at Green Ridge Golf Course in Wickliffe, until the weather changes; and playing cards on Friday afternoon at the Kiwanis Lodge. Several trips and parties are sprinkled in for variety. Don’t forget music in the Kiwanis Lodge Senior Hall on the first Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., starting on October 3. (see page eight of this publication for the upcoming schedule)

Come join in on the fun. You meet new people and make new friends. Come alone, better yet bring a friend or neighbor. The dues are only $5.00 per year. General meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Kiwanis Lodge. Entertainment is planned for every meeting; refreshments and pastry are available for a dollar ($1). Please come and give the group a try. For more information, please contact Senior Club President June Endres at (216) 486-4552.

ATTENTION SENIOR CITIZENS
NEW EXPANDED HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION ON PROPERTY TAX

Beginning July 2, 2007 the Homestead Exemption is now available to all Ohio homeowners, regardless of income, who are either age 65 or older or if you are permanently and totally disabled. All households who qualify for the Homestead Exemption will now receive a flat $25,000.00 property tax exemption on the market value of your home. The exact amount of savings will vary from location to location, but overall, across Ohio, qualified homeowners should save an average of about $400 per year. The new Homestead Exemption starts with tax bills payable in 2008. Additional information and applications are available at City Hall or at the Ohio Department of Taxation website at www.tax.ohio.gov. Applications must be received by the county auditor's office no later than October 1, 2007.

RICHMOND HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB

The Richmond Heights Garden Club has elected new officers for the 2007-2008 year: Aire Roche – President, Beverly Zebold -Vice President, Annie Simmons – Recording Secretary, Eleanor Riznar – Corresponding Secretary, and Dolores Sciaulino – Treasurer.

There are interesting garden-related programs for the coming year and a field trip is planned for October. The Garden Club’s Annual Bake Sale & Chinese Raffle will be on Saturday, November 3 at the Richmond Heights Recreation Craft Show, and their very popular annual Holiday Luncheon will be held at the Villa Di Borally on Thursday, December 6.

The Garden Club meets on the third Thursday of the month from September through June at the Kiwanis Lodge, 27285 Highland Road located at the rear of the Richmond Heights Community Park. Membership dues are $10.

If you are interested in joining the Garden Club or for more information, please contact Karen Murray, Membership Chairperson at (216) 371-1578.

THE FLOWER BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

The City of Richmond Heights would like to thank Dolores Yankauskas and the Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club, who donated in memory of Wayne Montgomery, for donating to the Flower Beautification Program.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Aircraft Complaints: Call the Cuyahoga County Airport Office, (216) 289-4111, to register complaints on aircraft operating between 11:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m. Call the Control Tower, (216) 261-0550 for complaints on aircraft operating between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Preferably, write to: Kevin Delaney, Manager, Cuyahoga County Airport, 26300 Curtiss Wright Parkway, Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143.

Animal warden: Call (216) 486-1234

Richmond Heights Post Office: 454 Richmond Road, (800) 275-8777
Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
INTRO TO SOCIAL SKATING

Social skating is skating in time to music. We believe it is unique to Cleveland. It differs from ice dancing in that there are no complicated moves. If you can skate you can quickly learn to enjoy keeping time to a beat. The Elysium Club offers live music. You can skate singly or with a partner. Join us on four Sundays in October and we will introduce you to this delightful form of exercise. The club is for adults only but it accepts skaters over the age of 16. Membership through April will be offered to new skaters at a reduced rate following the introductory program.

Location: Cleveland Heights Pavilion at Mayfield and Monticello Boulevard
Dates: October 7, 14, 21 & 28
Time: 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Fee: $20

HOLIDAY FUN IN RICHMOND HEIGHTS

Santa will be riding through the streets of our community on Saturday, November 24. He will give a quick wave and a wink of encouragement to any children who would like to see him. He will begin his ride at 4:00 p.m. For route information, please call the Recreation Department at (216) 383-6313 on Tuesday, November 20.

EUCLID CREEK WATERSHED
CUYAHOGA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Water conservation on your property can provide many benefits to our local streams and rivers. Watersheds like Euclid Creek, which were once forests and farms are now covered with parking lots, homes and businesses. Our streams and rivers need room to hold water or re-enter the earth during rainy events. Reducing the amount of water entering our creeks and rivers can help prevent streambank erosion. Here are some outdoor water conservation tips to use this Summer to keep our streams and rivers healthy.

· Sweep rather than hose off sidewalks, patios, decks and driveways.
· When washing cars, use a trigger nozzle that automatically turns off.
· Use water-efficient plants with deep root systems in your garden.
· Use mulch around plantings to hold in moisture.
· Use a timing system on your sprinkler system or consider using drip system for trees and shrubs for an efficient irrigation system.
· Increase landscaped areas which can hold more water than lawn areas.
· Limit paved areas and use porous or paver systems to reduce water runoff to streams.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CULTURAL COMMISSION COFFEES

The Cultural Commission invites neighbors to come together in community, over coffee, to discuss issues of common interest & concern with respect to their neighborhood. A member of the Commission will be present to facilitate the conversation and share information regarding the City and important upcoming events.

To accomplish this, the Commission is seeking volunteers to host an informal evening coffee in their home. The coffees will be generally scheduled for an hour or two from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evenings.

If you are interested in hosting a coffee or would like more information, please call Mayor Ursu’s office at (216) 486-2474.
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

All meetings are held at City Hall in Council Chambers

**Formal City Council Meetings**
Second & Fourth Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.

**Council Committee Meetings**
First & Third Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.

**Architectural Review Board**
First & Third Mondays 1:30 p.m.

**Zoning Board of Appeals**
First Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

**Planning Commission**
Second Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

**Recreation Board**
Third Monday 7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY COUPLES!
The Richmond Heights citizens celebrating 40 years or more of marriage in 2007: Joseph & Judy Funnell, 40 years on February 25; Gene & Ginny Distler, 50 years on May 11; Marty & Eloise Finazzo, 50 years on May 25; Ken & Julia Sohl, 60 years on April 26; Ed & June Endres, 60 years on June 7; Charlie & Nancy Rice, 60 years on June 21. Heartiest congratulations to all couples from your home town!

AT YOUR SERVICE DEPARTMENT NEWS AND NOTES

**Leaf Season**… Just a quick reminder; the Service Department will start picking up leaves the last week in October, any changes will be posted on City Hall’s message board. Please do not put sticks, rocks or any other materials in with your leaves our men could be injured and equipment could be damaged.

**Snow Season**… It is a little early to be talking about snow but this City Edition covers the month’s thru-January, and we had a rough season last year. The following will help us all get thru the winter months…

-Residents should be prepared for poor weather conditions at all times. If poor road conditions are forecast you need to make arrangements to leave earlier.

-If you encounter poor road conditions it would be wise to reduce your vehicles speed and allow ample stopping distance between you and another vehicle. This is also important when traveling behind a City plow truck. These trucks throw blinding snow off their plows and could make sudden stops, and often back into intersections after dumping snow to plow the return lane of a road.

-If we encounter continuous heavy snowfall, residents should not have “unrealistic expectations” of the Service Department.

-The City is **NOT responsible** for the removal of snow thrown into any driveway by City snow plows. Residents or snowplowing contractors should avoid plowing, shoveling, or blowing any snow onto the road surface. Piles of snow in the road can create dangerous obstacles for motorists and the City snowplowing equipment. If a person is reported leaving snow in the roadway, he or she could be subject to a possible citation. Residents should stress to their children to stay out of the path of snow being thrown off the plows there could be rocks or ice which could injure a child in its path. Children should not dig tunnels in the snow or build igloos near the roadway or roadside ditches.

-Residents should not put sticks, rocks or other materials in with your leaves; our men could be injured and equipment could be damaged. Residents should stress to their children to stay out of the path of snow being thrown off the plows there could be rocks or ice which could injure a child in its path.

**Rural Mailboxes**—Mailboxes should be kept in good condition so they can withstand being hit by the full force of the snow being thrown off the plow trucks. If a mailbox is damaged or the post broken because of thrown snow the City will **not** repair or replace it.

The City will only repair or replace a mailbox that has been hit directly by the snowplow equipment. If the City does have to replace a mailbox post it will be done with a post that is no larger than a 4”x 4”. All mailboxes & posts that we do have to replace because of a direct hit from our plows will be replaced with a conventional box and wood post only.

IMPORTANT HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP INFORMATION

Please note: When a holiday falls on a week day, trash pick up will be delayed one day. When the holiday falls on a weekend, there will be **NO** trash delay.

HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP UP Coming SCHEDULE

**Thanksgiving (11/22)**
One day delay
Beginning November 23

**Christmas (12/25)**
One day delay
Beginning December 26

**New Year’s (1/1)**
One day delay
Beginning January 2

CUT-OUT AND SAVE

Heartiest congratulations to all couples from your home town!
Editor's note: I would like to thank Nancy Benander, Katie Kandrach, Joyce Kandrach, Dina Greisl and Laura Bulman for their assistance during the production of this City Edition. I also want to thank everyone who submitted an article or took photographs for their contribution.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE 2007 FAMILY DAY SPONSORS

Asian Acupuncture
Associated Estates Realty Corp.
Barriere/Michelle Cleaners
Benander Games/Sports Data
Borally’s Catering & Banquet
Brittany Residential, Inc.
Budget Dry Cleaners
Cardinal Community Credit Union
Central Heating & Air Conditioning Co.
Chemam at Laughing Creek
Corporate Wings - CGF, LLC
CVS Pharmacy
Distler’s Family Hair Center
Dollar Bank
Eyewear 20/20 - Dr. Jemiola & Assoc.
Faith Medical Associates, Inc.
Faith United Church of Christ
Foot Doctor Vadim Glukh
Georgio’s Oven Fresh Pizza Co.
Grande Point Healthcare Community
Heights Subway
Highland Road Church of Christ
K-9 Kingdom
Key Bank
La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant
Longstreet Auto Body & Sales Inc.
McDonald’s (G-N Distributing)
Michael’s Bar & Grille
Monticello Gospel Church
Mrs. Field’s Cookies/TCBY Yogurt
Muslim Association of Cleveland East
New Perspectives Counseling Services
Richman Animal Clinic
Richmond Heights Academy
Richmond Heights Christian Assembly
Richmond Heights Farmer’s Market
Richmond Heights Garden Club
Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club
Richmond Heights Park Apartments
Richmond Town Square
Stephen Hovancek & Associates, Inc.
Strassman Insurance Services
The Ohio Educational Credit Union
U.H. Richmond Medical Center
Well Being Unlimited
Willoughby Hills Giant Eagle
Zagara’s Marketplace

UPCOMING DANCE SCHEDULE
First Wednesday of the Month
7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge

October 3  Tony Carmen Band
November 7  Frank Cardone Trio
December 5 Ray Polantz Orchestra
January 2  New Beginning Band

This schedule is subject to change or substitutions.
Dances feature a live band and light refreshments are served.
Dances are held on the first Wednesday of the month. Cost is $3 at the door. The Kiwanis Lodge is located at 27285 Highland Road in the back of Richmond Heights Community Park.

PRESORT STANDARD
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CLEVELAND, OHIO
PERMIT NO. 982

Don’t forget it’s time to “FALL BACK”. Set your clocks back one (1) hour on Saturday night, November 3. This is also the time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.