ATTENTION: HOMEOWNERS NOTICE ABOUT REPUBLIC WASTE BILLS

Residents, this notice is to inform you that according to the Republic Waste contract and the Resolution passed in 2010, the refuse collection cost will increase by 42 cents per month, starting in September, 2011 through August 2012.

HALLOWEEN PARTY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge
27285 Highland Road
Hayride, Fall crafts, fun games and delicious snacks! Feel free to come in costume. Tickets must be purchased in advance starting on October 3 at City Hall in the Recreation Department.
Fee: $3 for children and adults
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

13TH ANNUAL
RECREATION DEPT.
FALL CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, November 5
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Kiwani's Lodge
Handmade Crafts & Great Food

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DANIEL J. URSU

You have read on these pages and seen and heard in the media the severe impact the national and local economies have had, along with cuts in revenue to cities from the State of Ohio, on municipal government budgets and Richmond Heights in particular. At the end of 2008, we began our own cuts to cope with these unfortunate financial realities.
Since that time, actions we have taken include:

1. Reduction in Force – Ten (10) Total in Law Enforcement: 5 Police Officers, 1 Full-Time & 2 Part-Time Correction Officers, 1 Full-Time Dispatcher, and 1 Part-Time Police Secretary
2. Reduction in Force: 1 Full-Time Building Department Secretary
3. Reduction in Force: 1 Full-Time and 2 Part-Time Service Employees
4. Reduction in Force: Retired Building Commissioner Position Unfilled
5. Reduction in Force: 1 Pool Manager
6. Reduction in Force: Economic Development Director
7. Reduction in Force: 1 Full-Time Recreation Staff to Part-Time
8. Vacancy due to retirement of full-time Fire Chief covered by existing Lieutenant serving as Acting Fire Chief
9. 0% Wage Increases 2010, 2011 and 2012
10. Five (5) Furlough Hours per Week in Administration, Service, Building, Recreation and Finance Departments
11. Reduction in Salary of Police Chief, Service Director and Finance Director Salaries to 2006 levels
12. Reduce Pool Hours with Resultant Reduction of Physical Plant and Personnel Costs

Council and I have debated over the past months additional ways to address and stabilize our City’s financial well-being in anticipation of future cuts at the state level which will continue to put stress on the City’s budget with the potential to result in downgrades from financial rating agencies. Further, the City’s capital improvement fund in recent years to replace aging and worn equipment has been virtually nonexistent.
The outcome was that legislation was passed to put on the November 8th ballot the opportunity for voters to decide whether to raise revenue by decreasing the R.I.T.A. income tax credit from 100% to 75% (Ballot Issue 91) and whether to change restrictive language in our City Charter to allow flexibility for sharing services with other communities to gain economies of scale (Ballot Issue 90). More details on the ballot issues can be found on page 3.

Have a joyous Holiday season!
STROKE CARE EXCELLENCE
IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Patients in the area can have added confidence that they will receive the best stroke care possible at University Hospitals Richmond Medical Center. That’s guaranteed, thanks to recent stroke certification granted by The Joint Commission. The stroke certification signifies a high level of safety and care for patients.

Specifically, certification shows that UH Richmond Medical Center has the training and skill to perform quick blood work and diagnostic CT scans to identify stroke patients more quickly.

What does this mean for patients? “Stroke certification tells you that at every single level of stroke care we are aware of what to do,” says Robert Coleman, MD, Director of the Stroke Initiative at UH Richmond Medical Center. “We know how to run a stroke team in our ER and how to handle patients having a stroke.”

ACT FAST

If you suspect stroke, remember this “FAST” acronym and spring into action.
F ACE. Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?
A RMS. Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
S PEECH. Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Can he or she do it accurately? Are the words slurred?
T IME. If the person shows any of these symptoms, time is critical because brain cells are dying. Call 911 immediately.

To schedule a non-emergency consultation with a neurologist at UH Richmond Medical Center, please call (440) 585-6137.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY COUPLES!

Richmond Heights residents celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2011: Oliver & Jackie Poole, 50 years on June 10; Ed & Carol Crouse, 50 years on June 10; Doug & Marlene Hoageson, 50 years on September 2.

Heartiest congratulations to all the couples from your home town!
RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTION PROGRAM

The City is currently administering a program to track single family rental properties. This program is in place to maintain properties and property values. All owners of rental properties were required to apply for an Occupancy Permit beginning in January of 2008. If you are the owner and have not done so, or are aware of a rental property, contact the Building Department.

HELP KEEP YOUR CITY’S HOUSING STOCK MAINTAINED

Anonymously report rental and vacant properties to the Building Department at (216) 383-6312.

BUSINESS UPDATES

The Richmond Heights McDonald’s is rebuilding and is scheduled to reopen by the end of October.

Mr. Hero is scheduled to open in one of the spaces at the former Lentine’s Music building.

UPCOMING CASINO BUS TRIP

Date: Wednesday, November 2
Presque Isle Casino
Cost: $25 per person includes
$25 in free slot play
Departure: 8:00 a.m. from Richmond Town Square
Return: 4:45 p.m.

TWO BALLOT ISSUES ON NOVEMBER 8 REGARDING CITY’S SHORT AND LONG-TERM FISCAL STATUS* BY R. TODD HUNT, DIRECTOR OF LAW

This November 8 there will be two issues on the Richmond Heights election ballot. These two issues were placed on the ballot by the Mayor and City Council as part of a multi-faceted plan to improve the fiscal condition of the City of Richmond Heights municipal government and its ability to supply services to its citizens, both in the short- and long-term.

First, Ballot Issue 91, if passed by the voters, will amend the City Charter to reduce the current income tax credit from 100% to 75% for persons who live in the City of Richmond Heights but work outside the City and pay municipal income tax to that other municipality where they work. What this means, for example, is that a resident of the City of Richmond Heights, who works in the City of Cleveland, would continue to pay income tax to the City of Cleveland but would now also pay a one-half percent income tax to the City of Richmond Heights. For example, a Richmond Heights resident who makes $50,000 per year would pay an additional $250 per year in income taxes but the $250 would be paid to Richmond Heights. Those persons who reside in Richmond Heights but who also work in Richmond Heights would not pay any additional income taxes as a result of this proposed credit reduction.

Currently, those persons who reside in Richmond Heights but work outside of Richmond Heights in a community that has a 2% income tax (which is very common in municipalities in Northeast Ohio) pay no income tax to the City of Richmond Heights. The City depends upon income tax revenues to support the provision of municipal services to its citizens. Approximately only 20% of property taxes paid by Richmond Heights property owners comes back to the City municipal government. The majority of property taxes support the Richmond Heights Local School District, and to a lesser extent County government, and other political subdivisions in the County, such as the public library system and the Metroparks.

Second, Ballot Issue 90, if passed by the voters, will provide the legal authority for the City to participate in agreements, programs and initiatives to partner with other local governments, as well as the State of Ohio and private entities, to provide municipal services for the purpose of reducing the cost thereof to taxpayers. This amendment to the City Charter is necessary in order to provide the City with the authority to participate in such shared or contracted services and to eliminate certain City positions required by the Charter.

Ballot Issue 90, if passed, would authorize the City Council by a super majority vote to eliminate certain positions such as Police Chief, Fire Chief, Building Commissioner, and Service Director to facilitate the provision of shared and/or contracted services.

If you have any questions regarding these ballot issues, please call City Hall at (216) 486-2474 and you will be put in contact with a City official who can answer your questions. Please vote on November 8!

*This article is not in support of either ballot issue discussed herein but is factual information provided to the public.

JUMP ROPE CLASSES START THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Richmond Heights Elementary School
6 Thursday classes for $30 Sign-up today at City Hall!
For more information, please call Recreation at (216) 383-6313
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM UPDATE

On June 12, 2011, CERT team members completed the CPR First Aid training that was led by the Richmond Heights Fire Department.

CERT Team’s Monthly Advice is in regards to Floods:
- Place important documents in a sealed bag in a waterproof/fireproof box.
- Protect furniture by moving it to higher grounds.
- Get a portable radio/weather radio.
- If you must evacuate, do not drive through flood waters after a flood.
- Stay off bridges over fast moving water.
- Stay out of flood areas.
- Reserve telephones for emergencies.
- Avoid driving.

Remember to call First Energy to report your power outages. It is their way of tracking the outage. Dial: 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877)

To obtain outage information, you can go to the following website:
www.firstenergycorp.com/Get_Help_With/Outage_help/index.html

GREAT NEWS!
RECYCLING BAGS ARE BACK

Want to be friendlier to the environment while helping the city reduce solid waste collection costs? The City of Richmond Heights is providing recycling bag packets to help our residents participate in the citywide curbside recycling program. Best of all, the bag packets are available FREE to city residents, as part of a 2011 Community Recycling Awareness Grant that was awarded to Richmond Heights by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. Packets will be available at City Hall in the Recreation Department. Be sure to stop by to get yours. (Proof of residency required)

GREENWOOD FARM NEWS & NOTES

Have you noticed a lot of activity at the Farm lately? What Farm? Greenwood Farm at 264 Richmond Road! Lots of exciting events going on! Follow what has been happening AND what is going to be happening:
* July 16 – The 2nd Annual “Junk in the Trunk” took in 200 lbs. of food for the Cleveland Food Bank, and made approximately $1,400 for the Farm.
* July 27 – The Rain Barrel Workshop - Thirty rain barrels were made and approximately $812 in proceeds will go toward the Farm.
* Saturday, September 24 – The 3rd Annual “Fun Fest at the Farm.” 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

COMING UP – Check the Greenwood website at www.greenwoodfarmassn.org for more information about the Gingerbread House Workshop on Saturday, November 12 and the Gingerbread House Raffle December 16 - December 18 at the Richmond Town Square and the members only Cookies and Cocoa at the Farm event.

* WATCH FOR a Greenwood Farm display at Richmond Town Square near JCPenney.

CHARTER MEMBERS, please check the spelling of your name for accuracy listed on the Greenwood website, as that is the information that will be used when a permanent plaque is made to be hung in the main house.

The Farm is in need of members, (please renew your membership or become a new member), and hands-on volunteers for work inside the house, volunteers needed for gardening, and help with fundraising/grant writing. If you are interested in becoming a member or helping in any way, check the Greenwood website, www.greenwoodfarmassn.org, and contact any member of the Board!!! We appreciate your support!!

RICHMOND HEIGHTS KIWANIS ANNUAL CLAMBAKE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6  6:30 p.m.  KIWANIS LODGE

Clams, Roast Chicken, Yams, Corn-on-the-Cob, Broth, Dessert

Only $27  Reservations must be received by October 1

Contact Jim Giarelli at (330) 405-1441

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE 2011 CITY BEAUTIFICATION SPONSORS

American Legion Post #775
Betty Barber in memory of Harold Barber, Lena & Tony Fazzan
Christian Assembly
Done-Right Automotive
Frank & Josephine Kandrach/Sam & Bessie Totino
G-N Distributing/Richmond Heights McDonald’s
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Snyder/Ed Endres
Muslim Association of Cleveland East
Richmond Heights Garden Club
Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club/Albert Borally Jr.
Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club/Mary Miceli
Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club/Albertine Hoover
Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club/Teresa Giarelli
Richmond Heights Senior Citizen Club
University Hospitals Richmond Medical Center

Please note: / In Memory of
INFORMATION FROM YOUR SERVICE DEPARTMENT…

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 information board. Please do not put sticks, rocks or any other materials in with your leaves; the workers could be injured & equipment could be damaged.

Snow Season…The following information will help us all get through another winter…
-Residents should be prepared for poor weather conditions at all times. If poor road conditions are forecast, remember to make arrangements to leave earlier.
-If you encounter poor road conditions, it would be wise to reduce your vehicle’s speed & allow ample stopping distance between you & another vehicle. This is also important when traveling behind a City plow truck. These trucks throw blinding snow off their plow & could make sudden stops. Further, plow trucks often back into intersections after dumping snow to plow the return lane.
-If we encounter continuous heavy snowfall, residents should not have “unrealistic expectations” of the Service Department. Plow crews need to take sufficient breaks for rest and sleep.
-Resident (L to R) Gary Todd Jr., Parent; Tabatha Stephens-Todd, Parent; Kenny Yuku, State Representative District 7; Tiffany M. Todd, Scholarship Recipient; Broerlina B. Johnson, Parent; Joseph C. Johnson, Scholarship recipient; David H. Roche, Richmond Heights Kiwanis President; Randy Doubek, Richmond Heights Kiwanis Treasurer and Scholarship Chairman; Pat Schultz, Motivational Speaker.
GENERAL ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, November 8, is General Election Day. Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Ward 1 and Ward 2 vote at the Kiwanis Lodge, 27285 Highland Road, in the back of Richmond Heights Community Park. Ward 3 will vote at Faith United Church of Christ at 575 Richmond Road. Ward 4 votes at Richmond Heights Church of the Nazarene at 499 Trebisky Road.

ATTENTION: SENIORS & DISABLED ADULTS
TRANSPORTATION BUS AVAILABLE MONDAY - FRIDAY
Call 1 (800) 983-4782

SET CLOCKS BACK DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
Don’t forget it’s time to “FALL BACK”. Set your clocks back one (1) hour on Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 a.m. This is also the time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

ATTENTION ALL BOYS & GIRLS IN GRADES 1 THRU 6
BASKETBALL REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN
Registration for the Richmond Heights Recreation Department Basketball League has begun. The deadline to register to play will be on Monday, October 17. 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 7. The season will conclude on February 25. 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. Fee: $60

2011 Teen Citizen of the Year Ceremony. Top row: (L to R): Sergeant Denise DeBiase, Police Chief Gene Rowe, Mayor Dan Ursu; Bottom Row: (L to R) John Maher, Teen Citizen of the Year Runner-up, Michelle Svonavec, Teen Citizen of the Year, Joshua Dingus, Brittany Mattson & Brianna Mattson. (Not Pictured: Olivia Forte and Thomas Venekland)

REVISED PUBLIC WORKS TIMETABLE

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ANNUAL FLU SHOT PROGRAM

WHEN: Wednesday, October 12 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. AND Tuesday, November 1 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge, 27285 Highland Road

This year, the City of Richmond Heights will be working in conjunction with CVS to bring two Flu Vaccination Clinics to our Kiwanis Lodge. Certified CVS Pharmacists will administer Flu Shots to those 18 years of age and older.

NO APPOINTMENT OR PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY AND YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A RESIDENT OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF OUR CLINICS.

If you are on Medicare, you will be able to receive a Flu Shot at no charge. However, you MUST present your Medicare Card and any other supplemental insurance cards at the time you receive the shot in order to qualify.

For those who are not on Medicare, the cost is $22 payable by cash or check to CVS. Although CVS does not bill private insurance carriers, they will provide you with a receipt that you can then submit to your insurance company.

CRIME & NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Although the City does not have a formal “Neighborhood Watch” program at the current time, this does not mean that neighbors don’t watch out for each other. Reducing crime and having safe neighborhoods depends on a partnership between citizens and the Police Department. Regardless of how much the police patrol, nobody knows their street and their neighborhood better than the people who live there. Day to day, it is pretty simple to gain an understanding of other neighbors’ habits and routines, even if you are not really trying to pay attention to them.

This past summer, Richmond Heights, as well as its neighboring communities, experienced an increase in two particular crimes: thefts from parked vehicles and burglaries of vacant houses. The thefts from the vehicles were “crimes of opportunity”, in that vehicles were not being broken into; thieves would simply try the doors of vehicles parked outside or in some cases parked inside of garages to see if they were locked. If they were not locked, they would enter the vehicles and take anything they found of value.

The other crime trend this past summer was house burglaries. Most of these were vacant homes that were for sale. Thieves were entering the homes and stealing the copper piping in the basement. Some nearby communities also experienced thefts from their homes or garages, when they were outside in the back of their homes and they left the garage doors open or their front doors unlocked. Thieves would enter the homes and garages undetected.

Citizens can help prevent these crimes by taking simple precautions to secure their homes and car and deprive thieves of their ability to commit these crimes of opportunity. They can also help by looking out for each other, by being more vigilant in their neighborhoods, and by calling the police anytime they observe any circumstance, person or vehicle that looks suspicious or out of place in their neighborhood. Some people are reluctant to get involved, but a simple call to the Police Department is all that is necessary. Public safety-call takers are trained to ask for your name, but you are not required to give it and the police will respond whether you give your name or not.

Let’s keep Richmond Heights the safe community that it has always been through partnerships and community involvement. The Police Department exists to provide safety and security for the community, but we cannot do it alone, especially during these tough economic times where we have experienced a reduction of resources in staff and equipment. Citizens are the eyes and ears of the community and are an important part of helping our Police stop and prevent crime.

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
The City with the *Forward* Look!

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**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE 2011 FAMILY DAY SPONSORS**

- Agents Choice Insurance
- Benander Games/Sports Data
- Cardinal Community Credit Union
- Central Heating & Air Conditioning Co.
- Charter One Bank Richmond Heights
- Christian Assembly
- Dave's Market
- Done - Right Automotive
- Dunn Hardware
- Eaton Corporation
- Eyewear 20/20 - Dr. Jemiola & Associates
- Faith United Church of Christ
- Hillcrest Sunoco
- K-9 Kingdom
- La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant
- Longstreet Auto Body & Sales Inc.
- Michael’s Bar & Grille
- Monticello Gospel Church
- Mrs. Field’s Cookies/TCBY Yogurt
- Muslim Association of Cleveland East
- Richmond Heights Garden Club
- Richmond Heights Key Club
- Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club
- Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club
- Strassman Insurance Services, Inc.
- U.H. Richmond Medical Center
- 2011 Corporate Sponsor Recreation Dept.

**15TH ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, December 3, for the City’s *15th 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 the Kiwanis Lodge! Breakfast will be served from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Ticket prices are $5 for adults, $4 for children ages 2 to 12 and free to children under 2. The children will be able make a holiday craft and decorate a cookie. There will also be face painting and other characters to meet! Tickets will go on sale in the Recreation Department on Thursday, November 10. **Tickets must be purchased in advance.** This event has sold out every year, so don’t wait to purchase your tickets!

The City of Richmond Heights would like to thank the following area businesses who so generously donated to our Teen Citizen of the Year 2011 winners and nominees:

- Benander Games/Sports Data
- Cardinal Community Credit Union
- Charter One Bank
- Dairy Queen
- Dave’s Markets
- Fatica Hardware
- Georgio’s Pizza
- Giuseppe’s Pizza
- Hillcrest Rotary Club
- Kiwanis Club of Richmond Hts.
- Little Caesar’s Pizza
- McDonald’s
- Mrs. Fields Cookies/TCBY
- Richmond Heights Schools
- Subway (Highland Road)
- Taste of China
- Walgreens