A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DAVID H. ROCHE

Happy fall! The City is gearing up for another season packed with special events and projects. After a beautiful summer with Wednesday night gazebo concerts in the park, children splashing and playing at the sprayground and swimming in the community pool, we had a well-attended and successful “Family Day” on July 7 and National Night Out on August 6. We appreciate all the volunteers and sponsors who contributed to our residents enjoying both of these community events.

The City is excited for DealPoint Merrill’s “Belle Oaks at Richmond” mixed use project moving forward on the former Sears Department store site. Their new website boasts “class-A multi-family and mixed-use development with the finest appointments and amenities, easy access and walkability to your favorite dining spots and retail shopping in Richmond Heights.” Visit http://belleoaksrichmond.com/ for a virtual tour and to learn more.

The Highland Road Bridge is predicted to remain closed to safely replace the bridge superstructure through May 2020 as part of the Cuyahoga County Bridge Replacement Project. Please follow all detours safely and we appreciate your patience as the county works to improve the quality of our bridges.

Traffic has been well maintained as Burton Scot Contractors are actively working to complete the $2 million Richmond Road resurfacing project. Construction began in April at the Lyndhurst line and will continue until its anticipated completion in mid-September at the Euclid line. The City is also working on improvements to Curtis-Wright Parkway, Harris Road, and Wilson Mills Road with the $35,000 awarded to the City as part of the 2019 County Road Preventative Maintenance Program. We have applied for a grant for a new playground through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to combine with a grant received of $1000 from the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation and a $1,000 donation from the Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club. We continue 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.

Our Police Department has been fundraising for a new K-9 and all the accompaniments. Please consider donating to the K-9 Fund. Make checks payable to the “City of Richmond Heights”, and write “K-9 Fund” in the Memo line, then mail to or drop off at the police station.

We’ve had great success in utilizing our newly upgraded ReadyNotify system featuring CodeRED to keep our residents informed of local area emergencies. Residents are strongly encouraged to register and re-register for Cuyahoga County’s newly upgraded platform. Visit www.readynotify.us or download the CodeRED Mobile Alert App.

We also encourage residents to sign up for volunteer opportunities at our various upcoming events and activities that take place 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: Saturday, September 21 – Fall Fest; Saturday, October 5 – Shred Day at City Hall; October 19 – Amish Country Bus Trip; Tuesday, October 29 - Community Conversations; Saturday, December 14 – Breakfast with Santa.

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

WEDNESDAYS
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Kiwanis Lodge

For more information, contact Tina (216) 347-4551

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
Depart: Richmond Heights 7:00 a.m.
Arrive: Holmes County 9:00 a.m.
Depart: Holmes County 6:00 p.m.
Arrive: Richmond Heights 8:00 p.m.
$49 per person includes lunch at Der Dutchman Restaurant
Deadline to register is Monday, September 16
For more information, please call (216) 383-6313

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POLICE DEPARTMENT OVERCOMES CHALLENGES TO EXPERIENCE POSITIVE CHANGE

The City of Richmond Heights Police Department continues to experience positive changes to include promotions and the hiring of new personnel. The retirement of Lt. Bob Glaettli in the spring resulted in two promotions and the adding of a new patrolman. We also added another part time officer. The Auxiliary police unit is a team of volunteers who help support our officers in their mission. This unit generally operates at 12 officers but can be staffed up to 15. The Auxiliary unit added four new officers as one member retired, two left and another, Tom Jones, sadly passed away. Please see below and the article on page 4 for the details.

POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRES NEW POLICE AND AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Sean Lawlor is our new full time officer. Prior to working here, he was a part time police officer with Mentor on the Lake Police Department. He is also a certified paramedic. Sean served his country in the U.S. Army and completed a tour of duty in Iraq. Sean graduated number one in his police academy and was the class captain.

Peter Rivera is our new part time police officer. Peter is also a part time officer with the Grand River Police Department. He served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps and has done tours of duty during the Gulf war in 1991, served in Somalia and Bosnia, and served during the Iraqi Freedom campaign in 2006.

William Napier is one of our new auxiliary officers. He had served in our unit prior to this in 2003 to 2005. He also served our country in the U.S. Army and had been stationed in Germany. He is married to his beautiful wife Katherine and as a former resident and auxiliary officer, he is happy to be back home and we’re happy to have him back home.

Victor Rukavina is one of our new auxiliary officers but he really isn’t that new as he had served before with our unit from 2012 to 2015. Vic is retired but is very active within our community as he is not only serving with our auxiliary unit but is also a member of the Richmond Heights CERT (Civilian Emergency Response Team) and the Tri-Community CERT. He was even a member of the Ohio Storm spotters at one time.

Kwan Hunt is one of our new auxiliary officers. Kwan knows us well as he is the security director at Richmond Town Square and has interacted often with our officers. Kwan served our country in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1991 to 1995 and has done tours in Saudi Arabia and Somalia.

Daniel DeMello was sworn in as an auxiliary police officer on February 26. He is currently a senior claims representative for an insurance company. He graduated from John Carroll University and majored in criminology and minored in History. He was the president of Hillel at John Carroll University which promotes diversity and inclusion. He was an emergency medical technician – Basic and served in Israel in 2014.

Greg Patterson was promoted to sergeant. He was a detective and has served with the Police Department since July of 2012. Sgt. Patterson is also a member of the SPAN bomb squad. In 2016, he was awarded the Ohio Attorney General’s Distinguished Law Enforcement Valor Award for helping to save the life of a fellow officer.

On June 28 of this year, Auxiliary Officer Tom Jones passed away. Tom was a long time member of our Auxiliary unit and was our court officer at Lyndhurst Municipal Court. Tom had also served with the Cleveland Heights Police Department. Tom was a very familiar face within our community and will be missed.
DENISE DEBIASE PROMOTED TO POLICE LIEUTENANT

Denise began her career as the first patrolwoman of the Richmond Heights Police Department in August of 1995. Since then, she’s served as: Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Instructor, Bike Patrol Officer, Detective, Crime Prevention Officer, Juvenile Diversion Supervisor (having commenced the program in the city), Teen Citizen of the Year Coordinator, Sergeant and now Lieutenant. She’s been on numerous committees including the Mayor’s Advisory Council and the Community Connections Cultural Commission.

Denise grew up in Perry, Ohio, graduated from Perry High School and earned a bachelor’s degree in Political Science and Pre-Law Slippery Rock University. Upon hire, she graduated from basic peace officer training at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy and has been through many leadership training programs. Most notably, she graduated from the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) in November 2012, then more recently became a Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE) in February 2017.

She is a currently a member of the Ohio Association Chiefs of Police, the PELC Alumni Association, Ohio Crime Prevention Association, Ohio Police Juvenile Officers Association, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Association, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 57, and the Richmond Heights Circle of Believers!

Denise lives in Chardon with her husband, Mike (who is a Euclid Police Department Captain), her ten-year-old son, Matthew and their two German Shepherd dogs.

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### PICKLEBALL

**Richmond Heights**

**Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**October 15 - December 17**

**Christian Assembly Church**

25595 Chardon Road

**10 sessions - $30**

Open to advanced beginner and intermediate players

For more information, please call (216) 383-6313

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### JOB OPENINGS AVAILABLE IN THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT

The Service Department is looking for Seasonal Workers (Fall/Winter) to assist with leaf collection, removal of tree branches, cold patching of roads, snow removal, shoveling and salting of sidewalks by City Buildings. Please stop by City Hall to pick up an Employment Application.
LEAF SEASON: The Service Department starts to pick up leaves about the third or fourth week of October, but it all depends on how fast the leaves start to fall. Sometimes the leaves come down sooner or later than normal, last year they came down very late in the season. Once we start picking up the leaves, chipping branches will be limited until leaf season is over, weather permitting. PLEASE NOTE: The Service Department does not pick-up leaves in the Spring.

Please DO NOT mix sticks, rocks or any other materials in with your leaves that could injure our workers or damage equipment.

Please take your leaves as close to the street as possible, but DO NOT put them in the street or near a fire hydrant. The Service Department DOES NOT make special pickups for leaves due to a specific route of a continuous loop around the city. Visit the City's website for the streets completed the day before at: www.richmondheightsohio.org/service-department

*** During leaf season and throughout the year, please bundle your branches in four foot (4') lengths, tie together and place at the curb with your regular trash. Twigs and small branches should be put in your trash can or with your grass clippings in a brown bag. Please make sure it is manageable for one person to pick up. It should not weigh more than 35lbs. ***

PREPARE YOUR MAILBOX FOR THE WINTER
A LITTLE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE GOES A LONG WAY!

Every fall, our Service Director examines all the city’s rural mailboxes and posts. If a mailbox and/or post looks to be in need of repair, the Director sends an informational letter (with a picture) to the homeowner requesting repair before the first snowfall; otherwise the mailbox and/or post may not withstand the force of the snow being thrown off the plow trucks. The homeowner may even want to consider installing a snow deflector shield.

Even if you do not receive a letter, everyone should inspect their mailbox to ensure it sits back 6-8 inches back from the curb, is secured properly to the post by tightening all the screws and bolts, and the post is in stable and good condition (not loose or rotted). The city is not responsible for repairing or replacing a mailbox and/or post that is damaged or broken due to thrown snow. After inspection, if it has been determined that a mailbox and/or post has been directly struck by our snowplow equipment, it may be repaired or replaced by the city with a conventional mailbox and a no larger than 4”x4” post. For more information on proper mailbox size, construction, installation and maintenance, visit: https://www.usps.com/management/mailboxes.htm

DIVISION OF FIRE HIRES NEW FIREFIGHTER

On April 22, 2019 Matthew O'Donnell began his career as a full-time firefighter with the City of Richmond Heights. Matthew was hired to fill a vacancy which occurred earlier this year.

Matthew grew up in the Hillcrest area where he graduated from Mayfield Heights High School. Matthew continued his education at Cuyahoga Community College having earned certifications as both a firefighter and a paramedic. In addition, Matthew achieved certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support and as a Pediatric Advanced Life Support Instructor. Matthew has also worked as a part-time Firefighter/Paramedic for the City of Richmond Heights, Northfield Village, the City of Broadview Heights, and as a lead paramedic in the Emergency Department of Southwest General Hospital.

Matthew’s experience and knowledge will serve the Citizens of Richmond Heights well.
GENERAL ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 6, is General Election Day. Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Ward 1 will vote at Christian Assembly, located at 25595 Chardon Road in Richmond Heights. Ward 2 and Ward 3 vote at the Kiwanis Lodge, 27285 Highland Road, in the back of Richmond Heights Community Park. Lastly, Ward 4 votes at Richmond Heights Church of the Nazarene at 499 Trebisky Road.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT NEWS

Cuyahoga County has awarded the city of Richmond Heights a $50,000 Community Development Supplemental grant. Richmond Heights was one of 16 cities and organizations to receive grants out of a total 52 applications. The grant will be used to fund an all-weather enclosure over the stairs and disabilities ramp which lead to the lower level of the Kiwanis Lodge Community Center. This follows grants received from the County since 2017 for the Kiwanis Lodge totaling $200,000 that has funded the construction of the disabilities ramp and the renovation of the lower level to include new bathrooms and showers, a new kitchenette, wheelchair friendly entrance doors and additional storage space. In addition to the Kiwanis Lodge lower level's use as a multi-purpose event room, the renovations allow the lower level to be used as an emergency shelter if needed. Created in 2016 to support improvements to parks, community centers and streetscapes in Cuyahoga County, funding for the Community Development Supplemental grant comes from casino taxes. The ramp and stairway enclosure is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year.

BURNING YARD WASTE

Fall is almost here, and many people will be tempted to dispose of yard waste like tree branches, leaves and pinecones by burning them in a bonfire. This is not only dangerous, but it is also illegal. Open burning, BBQ's, bonfires and outdoor fireplaces are permitted to be used in the city if they adhere to several safety regulations.

1. Open burning shall be no larger than 3-foot high x 3-foot wide, at its widest dimension. The fire must be surrounded by a nonflammable border such as brick or stone.

2. Open burning is not permitted on the street side of the home (front yard).

3. It may only contain Charcoal or seasoned firewood as fuel. Small debris that may produce quantities of floating embers such as leaves may not be added to the fire. It may not contain any accelerants such as gasoline.

4. An approved fire extinguishing unit must be located within 15 feet of the fire such as a charged garden hose or a fire extinguisher rated for class a fires.

5. All open burning is not permitted on days were the State Fire Marshal has issued a Burn Ban Day. These are due to high winds, ozone warning days or other weather-related issues.

6. Open burning may not be left unattended and may not be abandoned until completely extinguished.

7. All open burning must be kept 25-feet away from all structures and any flammable or combustible items.

8. Open burning must not produce large quantities of smoke that is a nuisance or health risk to other people.

Due to the many variances of recreational fires it is up to the interpretation of the code official as to weather or not an open burning fire is permitted or not. If ordered by a Police Officer, Firefighter or Fire Prevention Officer all persons with an open burning fire not meeting the regulations listed above must extinguish the fire immediately and shall not reignite the same fire without meeting the above regulations.

2019 ROAD PROGRAM

Partial Concrete replacement
(Continuation of prior years)
* Hillary Lane
* Donna Drive
* Richmond Park East and West
* Curtis Wright Parkway
* Foxlair
* Foxwynde Trail

Resurfacing:
* Chardonview Road East and West

Additional asphalt work:
* Chardon Road (East of Richmond Road)
* Kiwanis Lodge

City wide:
* Crack scaling
* Road striping

SHRED DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
RICHMOND HEIGHTS CITY HALL
26789 HIGHLAND ROAD
**RICHMOND HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB**

The Richmond Heights Garden Club celebrated 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.

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 the month at the Kiwanis Lodge, 27285 Highland Road, located at the back of the Richmond Heights Community Park resuming in September. Yearly membership dues are $10.

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

**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. *Participants are responsible for their own transportation and meal check.

**UPCOMING LUNCH BUNCH DATES**

- **October 3**: Hibachi Japanese Steakhouse in Highland Heights
- **November 7**: Mario Fazio’s in Willoughby Hills
- **December 5**: Austin’s Wood Fire Restaurant in Mayfield Village

**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.

*The Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club awarded $2,250 in scholarships in July. Congratulations 2019 scholarship winners:*

- Alexus Whitfield - Richmond Heights High School
- Jannat Ali – Richmond Heights High School
- Luca Argentieri – Richmond Heights High School
- Isaiah Johnson – Brush High School

Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club received a $1,000 Grant from the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation for the City of Richmond Heights Community Park Playground, and also supplemented the grant with another $1,000 for the new playground project.

The Club is open to individuals ages 21 and older and members pay a small annual membership fee of $120. 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.

**RICHMOND HEIGHTS SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB**

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 a mere $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.

**NEW BUSINESSES IN RICHMOND HEIGHTS**

- **Hibachi Fast (Opening Soon)**
  27043 Chardon Road

- **Selman & Co**
  1 Integrity Parkway

- **Tasty Rooster (Opening Soon)**
  27075 Chardon Road
Anthony Gimellia, Editor  
26789 Highland Road  
Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143-2707

David H. Roche, Mayor/Safety Director (216) 291-2207

Eloise Henry, President of Council (440) 465-3310

Barry Hurst, Council-Ward 1 (216) 509-7142

Frank Lentine, Council-Ward 2 (440) 461-7991

Jeremy Kumin, Council-Ward 3 (440) 520-4138

Mark Alexander, Council-Ward 4 (216) 481-9015

Daniel J. Ursu, Council at Large (216) 481-2534

Juanita Lewis, Council at Large (216) 289-1003

Emergency 9-1-1

Richmond Heights City Hall (216) 486-2474

Richmond Heights Information Number (216) 383-6300

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SELF DEFENSE CLASS

On June 22, the Police Department provided a free self-defense and awareness program at the Kiwanis Lodge. The class was well attended and it was fun and informative. The Police are looking into providing another class in the Fall. Stay tuned for more details.

RICHMOND HEIGHTS YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Registration for the Richmond Heights Youth Basketball League has begun. The deadline to register to play in the league will be on Thursday, October 3. Team practices will begin in October. All teams will practice once a week. Team practices are held at the Richmond Heights Elementary School. The first game will be played on Saturday, January 11. The season will conclude on February 29. Regular season games for the Kindergarten - 6th grade leagues are played at the Richmond Heights Elementary School Gym. Register for the league at the Recreation Department inside City Hall. For more information, call (216) 383-6313. Coaches needed. Three Leagues: Grade 1 - Grade 2, Grade 3 - Grade 4, Grade 5 - Grade 6 Fee: $70/per person

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RECEIVING THE RICHMOND HEIGHTS E-NEWSLETTER?


SET THE 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 3, at 2:00 a.m. This is also the time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.