

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS

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The CITY EDITION

RICHMOND HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZED AS THE AGENCY OF THE MONTH FOR COMMUNITY POLICING EXCELLENCE

The Ohio Association of Chief of Police recognized the Richmond Heights Police Department as the agency of the month in July for community policing excellence particularly in the area of youth outreach. The Police have some exciting programs which include the police scholastic program called “We tip our badge to you for academic excellence” program and their signature Cop Scouts program. For those unfamiliar with this special program, it is a police youth outreach program designed for boys and girls 9 to 12 years old.



It is a blend of Cub scouts and a Police Explorer program and allows kids to interact and learn life skills. To learn more, contact Sergeant Todd Leisure at (216) 383-6305. The Cop Scouts program has been slowed down due to COVID-19 but the program will be doing some virtual events and outdoor socially distanced events in the Fall and Winter.

COMMUNITY MEDIATION COMMISSION

Looking for members 21 & older

**Mediation training is provided to
all the Commission members**

**If interested, call the Chairperson
Carl Carter at (216) 849-8187**

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DAVID H. ROCHE

2020 has been quite a challenging year for not only our beautiful City but the entire state and nation. Despite this, the City with the Forward Look has much to look forward to. There is a close to \$300 million dollars mixed use project being planned on our south end and a brand-new Secondary School is being built to replace our existing one. By the first quarter of 2021, this new learning institution will be filled with the smiling faces of teachers and students. FlexJet is moving forward with its plans to upgrade its facilities at the airport.

All our City Departments continue to provide a wide array of services to our community. Our Service Department has been working hard to keep Richmond Heights looking beautiful. This includes maintaining our three City parks including DeSan park, a new ADA compliant playground at Community Park, and Greenwood Farm’s historical home with beautiful hiking trails. Painting and minor renovations of City Hall & the Police Station, as well as improvements at the Kiwanis Lodge and a new roof on our Service Department building, helps maintain our buildings looking like new.

The Division of Fire has been doing a tremendous job particularly during this COVID-19 pandemic by providing emergency medical care with compassion and professionalism for ALL, including many who are affected by this health crisis. Our Fire Chief provides direction and coordination with all our City personnel on how to safely serve, secure and properly wear personal protective equipment (PPE).

Recently recognized by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police and the Law Enforcement Foundation, the Police Department was the “July agency of the month” for their community policing youth outreach efforts. They added a new K-9 team of Police Officer Jonathan Ross and Officer Bolt, a German Shepard. A Police Chaplain program was also established consisting of four local chaplains who provide support to our police personnel.

The Building Department continues to ensure all structures within our City borders are safe and in compliance with applicable building codes. They interact regularly with residents, business owners, builders, and contractors with COVID-19 safety measures in place. They continue to assist with the planning of projects via Zoom meetings as City Hall remains closed to the public.

Our Recreation Department has been greatly affected by COVID-19. With the cancellation of almost all our events for the year, they are doing their best to find alternatives and innovative ways to provide fellowship, fun, entertainment, and relaxing outdoor experiences for our residents and visitors.

Both our Finance Department and Economic Development team work diligently to ensure our community has the best resources so we can continue to provide such excellent services. Although this pandemic will have an economic impact on us, as it will for many communities, strategic planning by our Administration and City Council will keep us on sound footing for the future.

I want to wish you all wellness and safety as we continue to maneuver our way through some unusual times. Please do your part in keeping our Richmond Heights community healthy and safe by following all recommended safety protocols. Together we will get through this as we look ahead to a promising future in the City with the Forward Look.



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

November 10 - December 15

**Christian Assembly Church
25595 Chardon Road**

6 sessions - \$18

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and intermediate players**

**For more information,
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Heights information line at
(216) 383-6300 for the latest
news and information**


COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ON AGING

Community Partnership on Aging (CPA) is providing emergency food boxes to residents over the age of 60. Boxes contain 5-7 lunches. Distribution is through contactless curbside pick-up. The most convenient pickup site for Richmond Heights residents is at the Highland Heights Community Center on Fridays at 11:30 a.m. (Other sites are Lyndhurst Community Center on Monday, South Euclid Community Center and Ross DeJohn Community Center in Mayfield Heights on Wednesdays). The lunch program is free (donations accepted). Reservations are due by 3:00 p.m. on the TUESDAY before the week lunches are requested. For example, reservations called in by Tuesday November 10 will provide emergency food boxes the week of November 16. Reservations are made by calling (216) 650-4029.

CPA is working on extensive plans to reopen in a phased, cautious manner to insure the utmost safety for staff, volunteers and our treasured participants. We are looking forward to starting programs in the Kiwanis Lodge when the renovation project is completed. Although the on-site program offerings are limited to physically distance participants, online offerings are growing and can be accessed on Facebook, Zoom, or You Tube. Call (216) 291-3902 to help you get online to participate.

On a final note, COVID-19 presents scammers with new ways to run old scams. For instance, have you heard about the COVID-19 **contact tracer** scam? It's when a con artist calls pretending to be a contact tracer and asking you for your Social Security number or a payment for its tracking services. Authentic contact tracers never inquire about those things. If you get questionable calls, hang up. Or don't answer unknown numbers in the first place. If you are unsure, call the social work team at (440) 442-2626 extension #244 or the Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs at (216) 443-7035.

Community Partnership on Aging is here for you. Please stay in touch. Call (216) 291-3902 or email at contactus@communitypartnershiponaging.org and let us know how we can help and serve you.



DO ANY OF THESE PROJECTS LOOK FAMILIAR?

These are all services that CARE Volunteers assist members with. Call today to learn more about being a CARE Member so you can get some these projects off your list!
Call 216-970-0599 or visit our website at www.careneo.org.

<p>Yard Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raking Weeding Planting Trimming Watering Mulch General Yard Cleanup Spring Cleanup 	<p>Home Exterior Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor Painting Porch Cleanup Window Cleaning House Exterior Cleaning Garage Cleanout Outdoor furniture placement Sweeping Trash Removal 	<p>Interior General Housekeeping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stove Cleaning Refrigerator Cleaning Floor Care Window Care Curtain Replacement Dusting Lightbulb & Battery Replacement Cleaning out cabinets & Expired Items
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RICHMOND HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB

The Richmond Heights Garden Club celebrated its 51st anniversary. Earlier this year, members enjoyed many informative and interesting gardening and horticultural programs and field trips to garden spots.

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.

During normal times, 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. Yearly membership dues are \$10.

Due to COVID-19, all Garden Club in person meetings have been cancelled. Updates on when in person meetings or programs can take place will be communicated at a future date.

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

SIMPLE RECYCLING

Simple Recycling offers weekly curbside pick-up of clothing, shoes and reusable household items (that do not exceed 50 pounds) on your regularly scheduled trash pickup day at no cost. Please place the orange Simple Recycling bags of material or items with the proper Simple Recycling tag near your curb in plain sight before 8:00 a.m. Please Note: Simple Recycling does not accept large items such as mattresses and sofas. For a complete list of accepted items or to request additional bags, visit simplerecycling.com/supplies or call (866) 835-5068. Your Simple Recycling pickup driver should leave replacement bags upon collection of goods, but extra orange bags are also available at Richmond Heights City Hall.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Planning continues for the Belle Oaks at Richmond Road residential and retail mixed use project proposed for the Richmond Town Square mall site. Design review by the city has been completed and approved for Phase I, located at the north end of the mall. Phase I would occupy a 23 acre site that requires demolition of the existing vacant former Sears department store and use of the surrounding Sears parking lot. Design approval of Phase II, encompassing the rest of the mall south of the Sears building, is still pending. Demolition is now scheduled for the first half of 2021. The city and developer, DealPoint Merrill, are in discussion regarding the public and private aspects of financing the \$250 million project, as well as negotiating a Development Agreement to guide the development of the project. In anticipation of selling bonds to finance the project, City Council authorized the creation of the Belle Oaks New Community Authority (BONCA) to act as a third party for the sale of bonds so as not to impact the city's bond rating or debt limitations. The BONCA Board of Trustees, which held their first meeting this past July, is comprised of four members appointed by City Council and three members appointed by the developer.

The Richmond Town Square mall was closed for several months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but is now open having made required health and safety repairs to the mall building. Also, we have been notified that there has been a name change for the indoor storage facility located at the mall – what had been CubeSmart is now Life Storage. The building, the former Macy's department store, continues as an indoor, climate controlled facility with 1,087 storage units.

The city received notification last March that it was awarded two grants from Cuyahoga County for the continued renovation of the Kiwanis Lodge Community Center. The two grants – a \$150,000 Community Development Block Grant and a \$50,000 Community Development Supplemental Grant – will allow for renovations to be made to the first floor of the Kiwanis Lodge to include redesigned handicap accessible bathrooms, improved lighting in the large Senior Hall, new windows along the west side of the building, a new outdoor deck and patio event space, a new handicap accessible entrance, and a new emergency generator. Construction should begin in November and be completed by March 2021. This improvement follows on the construction of a handicap ramp accessing the lower level of the Kiwanis Lodge, significant improvements to the lower level including new bathrooms, showers, kitchenette and storage areas (allowing the lower level to be used as an emergency shelter), and a recently completed enclosure around the handicap ramp to allow for all weather access to the lower level. These improvements have been made possible through Cuyahoga County grants which since 2017 have totaled \$450,000.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources awarded the city a \$120,712 NatureWorks Local Project Grant to provide funds for the replacement of an obsolete playground in the City Community Park with a state-of-the-art playground for children aged infant to 12 years old. Combined with approximately \$40,000 of city funds and \$2000 in matching funds from the Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club and the Ohio District Kiwanis Fund, the new playground was installed in August. The new playground includes climbing apparatus, double swings for toddlers and parents (that includes a holder for cell phones to take selfie pictures!), multiple slides, new benches and trash cans, and a new walkway through the playground. Improvement of community playgrounds had been identified as a goal in the 2018 Richmond Heights Master Plan.

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**2021 RECYCLING EVENTS
AT THE SERVICE GARAGE
26260 CHARDONVIEW ROAD**

**Household Hazardous Waste
Disposal**

Every Saturday in January and May
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Accepted Items:

Oil or solvent based paint **ONLY**, 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).

Materials Not Accepted:

Latex paint; explosives, gun powder, ammunition flares; medical waste, medicine, smoke detectors; tires; electronics, appliances, business or commercial waste.

Recycle Your Computer

Every Saturday in May and August
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Scrap Tire Round-Up

Every Saturday in August
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



**“Richmond Heights
Recreation”**

**“Richmond Heights
Police Department”**

**“City of Richmond
Heights Fire Department”**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS (continued from page 3)

In September City Council approved recommendations by the Planning Commission in support of the site plan for a new Global Operations Center to be constructed by FlexJet at Cuyahoga County Airport in Richmond Heights. The Global Operations Center will be the nerve center for tracking and monitoring all FlexJet operated corporate aircraft worldwide 24 hours a day, seven days a week. FlexJet, the city’s second largest employer, expects the \$15 million Operations Center to bring an additional 200 employees to the FlexJet campus located at the County Airport.

In September City Council also approved zoning recommendations by the Planning Commission to allow Aladdin Baking Company to locate their bakery facility in a vacant warehouse/manufacturing building on Curtiss Wright Parkway. The new bakery is moving from an obsolete facility in Cleveland and will be bringing ten new jobs to Richmond Heights and anticipates adding ten more jobs as the bakery operation expands. This facility provides baked goods to its downtown retail store, as well as other grocery stores in the U.S. and Canada. There will not be a retail store at the Curtiss Wright Parkway location.

The city welcomes Flex High School to Hilltop Plaza on Wilson Mills Road. Flex High provides services and support to high school students at risk of dropping out of school or who have dropped out of school and is funded through the Ohio Department of Education. It is not a voucher school. Flex High is one of 80 schools operated nationally. The Richmond Heights site is the first to open in the Cleveland area.

The city is also very pleased to see that Diamond’s Men’s Store made the decision to remain in Richmond Heights. It recently relocated from the Richmond Town Square mall to Hilltop Plaza across the street and is now open for business.

Please support and shop at our local Richmond Heights businesses. Their success adds to the desirability of our city as a place to live, shop and work. And today it is more important than ever in these challenging COVID-19 pandemic times to support our businesses. They provide needed services, desirable goods and jobs for local residents. As we approach the holiday shopping season, think of patronizing our Richmond Heights businesses. It’s good for Richmond Heights!

THANK YOU TO THE CITY BEAUTIFICATION SPONSORS

Greenwood Farm Historical Cultural & Arts Association

Kevin Mattingly

Mayor David & Aire Roche

Kiwanis Club of Richmond Heights

Richmond Heights Garden Club In Memory of Annmarie “Mitzi” Binder

Richmond Heights Garden Club In Memory of Theresa Simmonds

Richmond Hts. Senior Citizen’s Club In Memory of Departed Members

FLOWER BASKET PROGRAM

Individuals and businesses can contribute to Richmond Heights’ beautification through the support of the Flower Basket Program. Next 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: Richmond Heights Finance Department; 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.

GREAT NEWS! HIGHLAND ROAD BRIDGE TO REOPEN

The much anticipated re-opening of the Highland Road bridge project should be fully completed by Thanksgiving. A total of four bridges have been re-constructed. Early in the construction, traffic was open for two lanes. Unexpected foundation problems were discovered and that led to a full shutdown of the entire roadway.

The \$30 million dollar project was completed with funding from Cuyahoga County along with federal government assistance.

SNOW PLOW ORDINANCES

If you have a snow plow service, it is recommended that you advise them of the following ordinances.

783.01 No person shall remove snow, by means of a snow removal vehicle, from private driveways or parking lots in the City without first having obtained a snow plow permit from the Richmond Heights Police Department.

783.02 Prior to issuance of the permit required in section 783.01, the applicant shall furnish the year, make, model and license plate number of the vehicle to be used, and the name, address and telephone number of the owner. Each applicant shall pay the sum of \$10 for such permit for each vehicle, which covers October 15 to April 15 of each year.

POLICE ONLINE SERVICES

Located on richmondheightsohio.org the Richmond Heights Police webpage provides user friendly options to request permission to park a vehicle in the street overnight, make an online police report, and view public record police reports. Just visit the page and click on one of the prompts to learn more. Also, you can still request permission for overnight parking by calling (216) 486-1234 if unable to access a computer.

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A section of the newly-constructed playground at the Richmond Heights Community Park. For more specific details, see Economic Development News last paragraph on page three of this Edition.

DROP OFF ALUMINUM CANS TO BENEFIT BURNED CHILDREN

The Richmond Heights Division of Fire is proud to participate in the *Aluminum Cans for Burned Children program*. The proceeds are used for fire safety education, a summer & winter camp for burn survivors & to buy non-medical items not covered by health insurance to aid in the healing process. The program is sponsored by MetroHealth Medical Center of Cleveland & fire departments throughout Northeast Ohio. The *ACBC program* also provides two (2) Fire Safety Houses to elementary schools & community home days promoting fire safety in the home. Operated by firefighters, the houses are 28-foot trailers built to resemble two-story homes. Over 3,000 Northeast Ohio school children tour the Fire Safety Houses monthly. The goal of *ACBC* is to educate young children about the dangers of fire, how to call 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency & what to do if there is a fire in their home. The drop off points for *ACBC* in the City of Richmond Heights are the fire station & the police station.

GREENWOOD FARM HISTORICAL CULTURAL & ARTS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

The Greenwood Farm Historical, Cultural, & Arts Association is accepting new memberships and membership renewals for 2021 at this time. If you are interested in becoming a member or helping in any way, please check the Greenwood Farm website at www.greenwoodfarmassn.org, or obtain a membership form at City Hall. For more information, please call (216) 291-2207.

DIVISION OF FIRE RECEIVES GOLD PLUS AS PREMIER MEDICAL PROVIDER

For the second year in a row, the Richmond Heights Division of Fire (RHFD) has received an award from the American Heart Association. The 2020 Mission: Lifeline EMS Gold Plus Award recognizes the RHFD as a premier emergency medical provider.

Every year, more than 250,000 people experience an ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) the deadliest type of heart attack caused by a blockage of blood flow to the heart that requires timely treatment. To prevent death, it's critical to restore blood flow as quickly as possible, either by mechanically opening the blocked vessel or by providing clot-busting medication.

The Mission: Lifeline initiative provides tools, training and other resources to support heart attack care following protocols from the most recent evidence-based treatment guidelines. Mission: Lifeline's EMS recognition program recognizes emergency medical services for their efforts in improving systems of care to rapidly identify suspected heart attack patients, promptly notify the medical center and trigger an early response from the awaiting hospital personnel.

The award recognizes RHFD's first responders who demonstrate "exemplary commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of pre-hospital care by ensuring that every STEMI patient receives treatment according to nationally accepted recommendations and standards." "The Richmond Heights Division of Fire is dedicated to providing optimal care for heart attack patients," said Fire Chief Marc Neumann. "We are pleased to be recognized for our dedication and achievements in emergency medical care efforts through Mission: Lifeline."

FIRE SAFETY AWARENESS IN THE KITCHEN

The holiday season is quickly approaching and one of the most common activities to enjoy during this time of year is cooking. Many of us will find ourselves overwhelmed with chores, shopping, family time and preparing meals or baking special family secret cookies. With all of the other distractions everyone should take a moment to go over some kitchen fire safety tips. * Never leave the kitchen unattended when cooking. * Use a timer when simmering, baking, roasting or boiling food and check the kitchen regularly.

- * Always turn the oven and burners off when finished cooking.
- * Prevent burns and stove top fires by turning pot handles toward the back of the stove and use the rear burners when children are in the kitchen.
- * Keep all cooking appliances clean and free of spills and grease that may catch fire.
- * Keep all combustibles including oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, potholders, and curtains away from open flames, and free of grease build up.
- * Avoid overloading electrical outlets with too many kitchen appliances and ensure electrical cords are not frayed, cracked, or damaged.
- * Be sure to test smoke alarms monthly and replace the batteries at least once a year if required with the smoke alarm model in your home.
- * Keep a class ABC general purpose fire extinguisher in the kitchen or pantry for emergency use and inspect it semiannually, or according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- * Stay alert, most kitchen accidents including fires, burns, cuts, and appliance damage occurs when cooking appliances are left unattended, or the home chef becomes distracted by other responsibilities.

GENERAL ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 3, 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.

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. Non-residents will be accepted into the Richmond Heights Senior Citizens Club if they are sponsored by a current active member.

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 normally held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Kiwanis Lodge. However, because of COVID-19, meetings are cancelled until further notice. For more information, please contact Aire Roche at (216) 291-2207.

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. Richmond Heights Kiwanis sponsored a pancake fundraiser with NACOP for the Richmond Heights Police Department K9 in February. They also sponsored a Richmond Heights Youth Basketball Team earlier in the year.

The Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club has an annual scholarship program for graduating seniors who are Richmond Heights residents no matter which high school they attend. They sponsored a Harvest for Hunger campaign. Their 44th Annual Golf outing was held at Pleasant Hill Golf Course on Sunday, August 16 to support the scholarship fund and other charitable programs for children.

On Saturday, October 10 at Shred Day, the Richmond Heights Kiwanis sponsored a non-perishable food drive. They collected 500 pounds of food donations and received \$387 in monetary donations to benefit the Cleveland Food Bank.

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. They are currently meeting on Zoom. When in person meetings eventually resume after COVID-19, it 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 Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club awarded \$1,000 in scholarships in June. Congratulations 2020 scholarship winners:

**Marieme Aw – Richmond Heights High School
Jenny Tran – Richmond Heights High School**

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 eight benches in the park and has three new benches available to be placed. Sponsorship is \$250 per plaque. For more details about this program, contact Kiwanis Club President Aire Roche at (216) 291-2207.

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Local Food Pantries

Richmond Heights Mobile Pantry

3rd Thursday of the month
Richmond Heights Middle School
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
* Open to everyone

M.A.C.E. Food Pantry

4th Thursday of the month
26901 Chardon Road
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
* Must bring ID. Open to everyone

Community Partnership on Aging Produce Plus

3rd Thursday of the month
South Euclid Community Center
10:00 a.m. - Until the food runs out.
* Must bring an ID for each person
in the vehicle.

Richmond Heights Pet Pantry

1st Saturday of the month
K-9 Kingdom (Side door)
26700 Highland Road
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

DIVISION OF FIRE AWARDED A \$44,000 TRAINING & EQUIPMENT GRANT

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded the Division of Fire a \$44,000 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). The grant monies will be used to fund the purchase of rope rescue equipment, classroom instruction, “hands on” training and staffing expenses for Division of Fire personnel to attend the training. The grant has a total value of \$42,285.71 (95%) with a minimum cost match of \$2,114.29 (5%). Equipment would be purchased in the 1st quarter of FY21 and the training would be conducted during the 3rd quarter of FY21. The “hands on” training will be conducted at the ravine adjacent to Greenwood Farm property

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