

# THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS

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## *the* CITY EDITION

### NOMINATE CITIZEN & TEEN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR!

Do you know a Richmond Heights resident, whether an adult or teen, who makes a positive difference in the lives of others or in the life of the community? If you know such a friend, school mate, or neighbor, please consider taking the time to



nominate that person for either the "Citizen of the Year" award, or the "Teen Citizen of the Year" award.

The "Citizen of the Year" is chosen bi-annually by a panel of Mayors from neighboring

cities and is announced during Family Day. Nominees for this award must be over 21 years of age and a resident of Richmond Heights. Nomination forms are available at the City Hall. Completed nomination forms should be submitted to Mayor Ursu's office at **457 Richmond Road, Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143 by June 18.**

Nominations for one of the many outstanding teens in Richmond Heights are accepted annually for this award and should be submitted in writing to **Lt. Joe Steffen Richmond Heights Police Department 27201 Highland Road Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143**

All nominees must be residents and a Junior or Senior in High School. In addition, nominees must display community service, achieve academic excellence and be involved in their school's extra-curricular activities. The "Teen Citizen of the Year" is also announced during Family Day.

Don't miss this opportunity to recognize that very special citizen or teen citizen in this distinctive way.

### A Message from Mayor Daniel J. Ursu

Residents will be delighted to know that Richmond Heights has been selected by [Relocate-America.com](http://Relocate-America.com) as one of the top 100 places to live! We know the many advantages of Richmond Heights, and City officials and employees work their hardest to make Richmond Heights a great place to live, but it's especially nice when an independent organization recognizes that as well. If you have internet access, view the site to see the wonderful description of our City that people all over the U.S.A., thinking about relocating to the Cleveland area, will be reading. Also on the top 100 list were towns such as Bloomington, Indiana.; Ithaca, New York; Santa Barbara, California; and Traverse City, Michigan.

As the spring and summer months are upon us, I want to take the opportunity to remind residents of a marvelous, but often overlooked recreational resource right at our doorstep – the Euclid Creek Metropark. The park is right next to Richmond Heights and its entry is a brief 45 second ride from the Highland Woods Business Center, (the G.E. Plant), down Highland Road hill. The Cleveland Metroparks system recently renovated the entire facility. There are two excellent basketball courts, new playgrounds, covered picnic pavilions and miles of biking/hiking/jogging trails. Few communities have easier access to such wonderful facilities...don't forget to enjoy them!

If you know of a person whose accomplishments now or in the past would qualify him or her to be considered for the "Teen Citizen" or "Citizen of the Year" as described in the column to the left, please take a few minutes to pick up and complete the nominating form at City Hall. Those persons deserve recognition and this is the perfect opportunity to do just that!

Have a safe, happy and enjoyable summer!



*The Singing Angels will kick off the Summer Concert Series at Richmond Heights Community Park on Wednesday, June 23. (Sound equipment donated by Lentine's Music)*

## Richmond Heights Family Day *Come and enjoy the day!*

On Sunday, July 18, the 10th Annual "Spirit of Richmond Heights" Parade will step off at noon from the Highland Woods Business Center. The large vehicular traffic will be entering the parade from Donna Drive and the Rushmore development. All parade participants will proceed east on Highland Road to the Richmond Heights Community Park. This promises to be another spectacular procession of entertainers, unique vehicles, familiar faces, and awesome new sights. Celebrate the "Spirit of Richmond Heights." You won't want to miss it!

Family Day activities will be held at the Community Park commencing at 8:30 a.m. with the 4th annual 5K Fun Run. Registration forms for the 5K Fun Run are available at City Hall. The cost for pre-registration is \$10 and \$13 the day of the race. The Family Day Committee is working to provide many fun family-friendly activities for all ages. Some of the activities planned are the ever-popular rock-climbing wall, a giant slide, bocce and horseshoe tournaments, swimming, afternoon music with The In Demand Band, and much more. A variety of great foods and beverages will be available.

## WOW! WHAT A WEEKEND

On Saturday, July 17 everyone is encouraged to listen and dance to the Blue Moons from 7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. at the Richmond Heights Community Park Gazebo. Also that evening, the pool will be open until 10:00 p.m. for fun, games and special surprises. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at (216) 383-6313.



## NEW PERSONNEL/K-9 UNIT

The City has hired Timothy Casto as a part time police officer. Tim brings his canine partner "Kubo" with him. Kubo is trained in police work. Kubo is a 2-year-old German Shepherd born and initially trained in Germany. Officers Casto and Kubo will expand the Department's capability and expertise in serving the residents of Richmond Heights. Kubo is a general duty police dog and has been trained for tracking, searching and drug detection. Ptl. Casto is 38 years old and has been a part time officer for several years in Ashtabula County. He currently resides in Jefferson, Ohio.



## CARRYING CONCEALED FIREARMS LAW

The State passed a law in January of this year, which became effective April 8, that permits qualified citizens to carry a concealed firearm. Permits are obtained from the County Sheriff's Office. Despite having a permit, there are still places where concealed weapons cannot be carried, such as in government buildings. To learn more about this law, contact the Police Department, the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office, or the Ohio Attorney General's website at [www.ag.state.oh.us](http://www.ag.state.oh.us).

Whether a person has a permit or not, no firearms may be carried in any City buildings, such as City Hall, the Police Department, Fire Department, Service Department and the Kiwanis Lodge or on any City property, which includes the City parks and the parking lots of any of the City buildings. In addition, though they are not government buildings, firearms cannot be carried on Richmond Heights City School property or in school buildings.

## D.A.R.E PROGRAM

The Police Department in partnership with the Richmond Heights Schools has conducted the DARE Program since 1989. The first DARE Instructor for the Department was Lt. Joseph Steffen. In 1998 Ptl. Denise DeBiase became a DARE Officer and has taught the course through the 2003-2004 school year. This will be the last year as a DARE Instructor for Officer DeBiase as she will be moving on to new challenges and opportunities with the Department. Officer "Denise", as she is affectionately referred to by her students, has done a great job and will miss the interaction with the students, parents and teachers. Lt. Steffen will "take the reins" from Officer DeBiase and will once again conduct the DARE Program in the 2004-2005 school year.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Monday.....8:00 a.m.-7.00 p.m.
Tues, Thurs, & Friday 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Weds, Saturday, & Sunday..... Closed
The office will be open on Saturday,
June 5 from 8:00 a.m.- Noon
Register for activities at City Hall in the
Recreation Department during office hours
beginning May 24. Cash or checks only.
Please make checks payable to:
City of Richmond Heights. No Refunds!

June 24 - June 25
University Hospitals
Football Camp

Children 6 to 14 years old are
encouraged to join Richmond Heights
Head Football Coach and player
motivator P.J. Insana, the coaching
staff and players. Campers will learn
the fundamentals of the game and will
have a blast doing it. Bring a water jug
and get ready for the fun. The camp
will take place at Richmond Heights
High School Football Field.
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m./Fee: \$20

JUNE 21 - JUNE 25
PRESCHOOL SOCCER CAMP

For children 3 to 5 years old. Start
learning the basics of soccer and have
fun with our youth soccer staff. Bring
a water bottle and get ready for the
fun. The camp will take place at
Richmond Heights Community Park.
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m./Fee: \$25



Fun activities at the park will be
“swinging” into action soon.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

JUNE 14 - JUNE 18 OTTO ORF’S SOCCER CAMP

For children 6 to 14 years old. Learn the fundamentals of the game and have fun
with Otto Orf and the “Hands on Soccer” staff. Bring a water jug and get ready
for the fun. The camp will take place at Richmond Heights Community Park.
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m./Fee: \$50

SKATEBOARD CAMP BEGINNING JUNE 14

For kids 7 to 12 years old. Learn the fundamentals of skateboarding and some
tricks to impress your friends. The camp will take place at Mayfield Heights Skate
Park. Dates: Mondays (beginners) or Wednesdays (intermediate)
six-weeks starting on June 14. Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. /Fee: \$40

JUNE 21 - JUNE 25 VOLLEYBALL CAMP

For girls 9 to 16 years old. Learn the fundamentals of the game and have fun
with University of Delaware’s Colleen Walsh. Bring a water bottle and kneepads.
The camp will take place at the Richmond Heights High School Gymnasium.
Time: 9:00 a.m. - Noon/Fee: \$35

JUNE 21 - JUNE 25 BASEBALL CAMP

For boys 6 to 12 years old. Campers will learn the fundamentals of pitching,
hitting, fielding, throwing, baserunning. Bring a glove, hat and water jug. The
camp will take place at the baseball fields on Marsol Road in Mayfield Heights.
Time: 9:00 a.m. - Noon/Fee: \$40

JUNE 28 - JULY 2 TENNIS CAMP

For kids 8 to 16 years old. Learn the fundamentals of the game of tennis. Bring a
tennis racket & water bottle and get ready for the fun. The camp will take place at
the Richmond Heights Community Park Tennis Courts.
Time: Beginner 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. & Intermediate 10:30 - Noon/Fee: \$25

JULY 12 - JULY 16 GOLF CAMP

For children 9 to 16 years old. Learn the rules of the game and work on your
swing & putting. The camp will take place at Airport Greens. Bring your clubs!
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m./Fee: \$50 Fee includes range balls and 9-hole greens fee.

NEW! Summer Performing Arts Camp
Artistic Director: Ms. Alfred
Ms. Alfred is a theater and dance major with experience in many productions as
stage manager, director and playwright. Ms. Alfred, along with assistance from
professional dance and music instructors, will audition, cast and train area
campers. The camp culminates with a final performance. Campers will each
have an hour of training in acting, choreography (hip-hop and jazz), band (if
applicable) or chorus or tap. Classes will be held Monday through Thursday for
three weeks. The cost for this professional instruction is only \$4.50 per hour!
Times: Ages: 6 - 11 9:00 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. & Ages 12 - 16 1:00 p.m. - 4:10 p.m.
Session I June 14 - July 1
Session II July 5 - July 23
Session III July 26 - August 13
Resident cost: \$165 per session \$150 per additional family members
Non-Resident cost: \$195 per session \$160 per additional family members



Pool Opens June 4, 1:00 -9:00 p.m.  
Pool Closes: September 6, 7:00 p.m.

### POOL HOURS:

**June & July:** Sundays, Noon - 9:00 p.m.

Monday - Saturday: 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**August:** Sundays, Noon - 8:00 p.m.

Monday - Saturday: 1:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

**August 25-Sept 6: Call Recreation Department for pool hours.**

*Please note: Pool may be closed without notice because of weather or staffing shortages.*



### REGISTRATION

Register for pool passes, identification cards & Swim Team in the Recreation Department at City Hall.

### FEES

Identification Card.....\$3

Resident Individual Pass.....\$30

Resident Family Pass..... \$75

Non-Resident Individual Pass.....\$50

Non-Resident Family Pass.....\$120

Swim Team registration fee \$20/  
Swim Team Booster fee \$15  
\*(The Swim Team Booster's fee will be used for Championship Meet entrance fees and party at the end of the season. Please make a separate check payable to the Richmond Heights Swim Team).

### POOL PASS INFORMATION

*No more than two adults 21 or older may be included on a family pass. Only family members are to be included! A family includes the adults and their children who permanently reside at that address. Children under nine years of age MUST be accompanied by a paying adult (gate admission or pool pass). Children age four and under are free. All applicants for pool passes who are five years old and above must have an I.D. card.*

### PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD INFORMATION

Apply for your photo identification card at the Recreation Office. Show current proof of residency, using any two of the following: utility bill, driver's license or tax duplicate. The I.D. card will be valid for three years. Therefore, all I.D. cards purchased in 2002 or later are still valid, but the yearly pool pass fee must be paid for 2004. Children who will not be five years of age as of June 1, 2004 are not required to purchase a photo I.D. card; but they must be accompanied by a paying adult, or an adult with a 2004 pool pass to be allowed entrance to the pool. Residents must present I.D. card or proof of residency for pool registration. A family member may register for the entire family, provided they bring all I.D. cards to the office when registering.

### Water Aerobics

This is a high-energy 55-minute program designed to enhance muscle tone, strength and cardio-fitness. You will move to upbeat rhythms and motivational instruction. Swim belts and water noodles are available to maximize resistance. Join us for this energizing workout every Monday and Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Patty Rodholm at (440) 944-7383. Classes will begin on June 14.



*Assistant Pool Managers Brett Spicer and Erin O'Toole.*

## RICHMOND HEIGHTS SWIM TEAM

The Richmond Heights Swim Team is in full swing. Never mind the pool is not ready; we are making waves now! Parents are invited to the Parent Swim Team meeting at City Hall on Sunday,



May 23 at 6:00 p.m. This will be the last chance to order Swim Team apparel.

Fees for this year will be \$15 for the

Richmond Heights Swim Team, \$20 to the City of Richmond Heights plus the purchase of a Richmond Heights pool pass, which can also be done on Sunday, May 23 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.. All swimmers should be able to swim a minimum of 50 yards (25 yards if under age 9) non-stop to qualify for the swim team.

Our older swimmers will be cooking up a storm at Sam's Club on June 5-6. Stop in for a hamburger, hot dog or just to say hello.

Swimmers hit the water beginning June 14. Questions regarding swim team may be directed to: Marilyn Wagner (216) 383-1860, Rose Montali (216) 261-7784 or Gary Bizjack (216) 289-5010.



### 2004 SWIMMING LESSONS SCHEDULE

**SESSION 1:** 3 weeks, June 14-July 1, Monday-Thursday

Register at pool: (Richmond Heights residents ONLY Friday, June 11)

Open registration at pool: Saturday, June 12 & Sunday, June 13

**SESSION 2:** 3 weeks, July 5-July 22, Monday-Thursday *No Lessons Monday, July 19*

Register at pool: (Richmond Heights residents ONLY Friday, July 2)

Open registration at pool: Saturday, July 3 & Sunday, July 4

**SESSION 3:** 3 weeks, July 26 - August 12, Monday-Thursday

Register at pool: (Richmond Heights residents ONLY Friday, July 23)

Open registration at pool: Saturday, July 24 & Sunday, July 25

**Swimming Lessons Fees:** The cost for each Learn to Swim Session is \$25 with pool pass, \$40 without a pool pass. *To qualify for \$25.00 fee, children under 5 must have a parent with a pool pass.*

### SWIM PROGRAMS INCLUDED WITH ABOVE SESSIONS

**Learners:** Children will be put into groups according to skill & ability to learn the basics of beginning swimming. Ages 4 - 6 **Time:** 10:55 a.m. -11:25 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.- Noon.

**Red Cross Learn to Swim:** Levels 1- 6 **Time:** 9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m., 10:00a.m.-10:45a.m. &

**NEW EVENING TIME:** 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

**Advanced Swimmers:** Level 7, see pool management staff for schedule.

### POOL EXTRAS

\* **Raft Nights:** Every Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Flotation items are permitted. Rafts are to be sized for one or two passengers only.

\* **Private Lessons for Adults and Children:** See pool manager to schedule.

\* **Exer-Swim: Time: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Monday - Thursday.** This is a great way to start off your day! Water exercise is beneficial and easy for everyone to do! Join us for this water workout set to great music. Being able to swim is not necessary to take this class. Patty Rodholm will instruct on Monday and Wednesday. Tuesday and Thursday are casual day. Registration schedule is the same as the Learn to Swim programs.

Exer-Swim Fees are \$15.00 per session or \$2.00 per day.

Exer-Swim Senior Citizens \$10.00 per session or \$1.00 per day.

Exer-Swim...Non-Residents...\$20.00 per session or \$2.50 per day.

(Exer-Swim participants MUST show proof of residency to entitle them to the Richmond Heights resident's fee. Anyone not having proof of residency MUST pay the non-resident fee.)



The extremely talented Nancy Sandor entertained young and old at the Spring Puppet Show, which was held at the Kiwanis Lodge on April 3. There was also a balloon artist creating unique designs.



## SAFETY TOWN

Together, the Richmond Heights Recreation Department and Hillcrest Hospital sponsor "Safety Town" for preschoolers (age 5) from any community. There will be two, 2-week sessions, June 14 - June 25 OR August 2 - August 13. Classes will be held at Richmond Heights Elementary School, 447 Richmond Road.



Each session will have two time slots - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. OR 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. The cost for the two-week program is \$35.00. **Deadline to register for first session is May 31/second session deadline is July 29. Checks must be made payable to: The City of Richmond Heights** and submitted with the application. Applications are available at City Hall, Richmond Heights Elementary School, and Richmond Heights Board of Education. For more information or to receive an application by mail, please call the Richmond Heights Recreation Department (216) 383-6313.

### RICHMOND HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO

#### Giant School Yard Sale

May 22 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

#### Donation drop-off dates & times

May 17, 18 & 19  
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Richmond Heights Elementary  
School Multi-Purpose Room

**If your interested in  
being a volunteer to help with  
the sale or for more information,  
please call Donna Fagerhaug at  
(216) 381-7798**

## RICHMOND HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL SUCCESSFUL AT THE NORTHEAST OHIO SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, February 28, fourteen Richmond Heights Middle School sixth graders represented our community with style as they competed against students from 23 other elementary/middle schools in the Northeast Ohio Science Olympiad, which was held at Cleveland State University. Middle School Principal Betty Mateen entered the Richmond Heights team in November when she heard there was an opening for another school. Eighteen students met with four parent coaches after school two days per week during the months of January and February to study 24 science topics including Aerodynamics, Rocks, Chemistry, Bones, Animal Tracks, Stars, Circuits, Machines, Weather, and MUCH, MUCH MORE! In spite of the very short training time, (students from many other schools train all year long for the Science Olympiad) the Richmond Heights team walked away with Science Olympiad medals for Aerodynamics, Bridge Building, Science Bowl, and Triathlon events. Richmond Heights Middle School was also one of the top five teams recognized for the Good Sportsmanship Award!

The Richmond Heights Middle School team members were Lauren Brown, Dylan Chamberlain, Sha Don Daniels, Jon Gannon, Kevin Gibson, Adam Hanson, Ahmal Haynes, John David Hopkins, Gabrielle Kisner, Chelsea Kluk, Brandon Mansour, Michael Odom, Amira Thomas, Kanisha Tolbert, Brittney Urdzik, Isaac Washington, Delana Whitmore and Jones Whitner. The parent coaches were Joyce Chamberlain, Sandy Hanson, Victor Walker, and Claudette Whitner. Special thanks go to science teachers, Meredith Niedhardt and Julia Sizemore, for serving as science references for the parent coaches.



### "ONE MAGIC MOMENT"

Composed by: MARY DONNELLY, GEORGE L.O. STRID,  
BOB DINGLEY

Presented by the Richmond Heights Middle School Vocal Music Department. This is the Middle School's first musical production. Anita Caswell is orchestrating the play with the Middle School's students. The musical plays May 21 and May 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Auditorium. The Richmond Heights Middle School PTO will be selling refreshments and snacks during the intermission. Additional information is available at the Middle School office (216) 692-7395.

**AT YOUR SERVICE  
DEPARTMENT NEWS**

The Service Department is in the process of purchasing a used dump truck for hauling leaves, topsoil and mulch. The cost of a new vehicle would have been in the area of \$50,000, but by purchasing a used dump truck the City will save over \$30,000.

In the past ten years the City has increased our inventory of Service Department vehicles considerably, with the addition of a used street sweeper, a used bucket truck and soon to be acquired used dump truck. As soon as the weather permits, groundbreaking for a new parking garage will begin. The facility will be 170 feet by 70 feet and will be used to house these vehicles. Not only will it improve the appearance of the Service Department area, but it will protect the vehicles from the elements, which will in turn prolong their life.

The new garage will be located behind the existing Service Department.

**RICHMOND HEIGHTS  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
CALENDAR**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- June 8** Last day of school for students
- August 24** First day of school (2004 - 2005 school year)
- September 2** Open House Grades 4 - 5
- September 9** Open House Grades 1 - 3

**RICHMOND HEIGHTS CIVIC  
LEAGUE OPEN ENROLLMENT**

On Thursday, June 10, there will be an open meeting at Richmond Heights City Hall at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will explain what the organization is all about. Afterwards, those who attend will have an opportunity to join the Civic League.

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

By now many property owners have become aware of the City's Property Maintenance Program. The program has been designed as the City's systematic approach to maintain property values and preserve the residential use of each neighborhood as expressed by the Zoning Code. This is done to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the public as they are affected through the continued occupancy of structures and use of property areas by the enforcement of codes that have been in place for over 25 years. The focus and backbone of this program is **SAFETY**.

The City has conceived a three-year plan by which 1/3 of the City's properties will be systematically inspected each year. Professionally trained, certified and experienced inspection personnel will conduct an assessment upon properties from the public right of way. Property owners will be notified of any code corrections that are warranted for their property. A list of the streets slated for the 2004 program as well as the code enforcement criteria can be found on the City's website or by contacting the Building Department.

It is important to realize that your home and property are most likely your greatest investment. It is your job to protect your investment. Through the enforcement of codes focusing on safety, property values can be maintained and those properties that are deficient can be brought up to an acceptable standard.



**RECYCLING NEWS**

- Curbside recyclables are cans, glass, plastics  
Rinsed, sorted, in 2 mil clear or blue plastic bags  
Place on tree lawn by 7:30 a.m., 4 feet from regular trash
- Drop Off Center, 26256 Chardonview Drive  
Regular recycling hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. weekdays  
Additional hours: Tuesday 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Drop-off recyclables are cans, glass, plastic, newspapers, magazines, used unmixed motor oil
- Old computers round-up, July 24, July 27 and July 31  
Old tires round-up, September 7 and September 11  
Old paint round-up, October 23, October 26 and October 30

Please note: The Service Department does not service the sanitary sewers within the city. The County Sanitary Engineer's office is the proper agency to call for sewer backup problems. The number is (216) 443-8201 and is active 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

## GARDEN CLUB INFORMATION

If you like interesting programs and field trips pertaining to gardening, social luncheons, and delicious homemade refreshments, then the Richmond Heights Garden Club is a must for you. The Club meets on the third Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m., September thru June. Meetings are held at the Kiwanis Lodge in Richmond Heights Community Park. Dues are \$10 per year. For more information, please contact the Membership Chairperson, Karen Murray at (216) 371-1578.

## RICHMOND HEIGHTS SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP

If you're a Richmond Heights Resident and 50 years of age or older there is an activity for you with the seniors club.

Presently, we are bowling (special discount rates) then have lunch on Mondays; golf is starting up as soon as the weather breaks. General meetings with snack and entertainment on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays. Cards on Fridays. Special event dinner parties during the year. We also participate in the first Wednesday music/dancing and entertainment provided by the City of Richmond Heights. Trips to interesting locations and entertainment out of town are also being planned. Presently our membership is in excess of 125 individuals, with 60 to 80 active members attending our general meetings.

Currently, there are a few openings available for Sponsored Non-Resident members; so resident members who have friends that live in neighboring cities can bring them to the club as prospective members.

Come join in on the fun. You meet new people and make new friends. The dues are only \$5.00 per year. General meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Kiwanis Lodge, which is located at the back of the Richmond Heights Community Park. Please come and give us a try. For more information, please contact Senior Club President Alice Petersen at (216) 481-4593.

## Upcoming Casino Bus Trips

**Date:** Thursday, June 3 **NEW Seneca Allegany Casino** in Salamanca, N.Y.

**Cost:** \$25 per person/\$10 food & \$10 coin voucher given at casino

**Departure:** 6:00 a.m. from Richmond Town Square **Return:** 8:30 p.m.

**Date:** Tuesday, July 6 **NEW Niagara Fallsview Casino & Resort** in Canada

**Cost:** \$25 per person/\$10 coin voucher given at casino

**Departure:** 6:00 a.m. from Richmond Town Square **Return:** 8:30 p.m.

To register, please call Recreation Department at (216) 383-6313.



*Fore!... eight, thirteen.. Wow, everyone is joining in on the fun. The Richmond Heights Senior Golf Club will be teeing off soon. For more information, please contact Ken Sohl at (216) 481-4423.*

## UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS HEALTH SYSTEM RICHMOND HEIGHTS HOSPITAL

### JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER GROUP

With growth comes exciting, new challenges and the need for services to our patients that only a volunteer can provide. We ask for 4 hours a week. A meal is provided. We are a small, friendly group. You receive awards and recognition. Call Georgia Tucholka at (440) 585-6431 to make an appointment.

### SENIOR LUNCH AND LEARN PROGRAM

Education is an investment in your physical and mental health. Join us for our program and receive a no fee lunch.

**June 25** Dr. Charles Bailin – Menopause and You

This is a ladies only day. Come and bring your daughter, another female relative, a friend, or come alone.

Reservations begin Friday June 11.

**July 9** Dr. Thomas Jolly – Eyelid Changes with Aging

Reservations begin Friday, June 25.

**July 23** Dr. Catherine Ferguson – Your Feet and Arthritis

Reservations begin Friday, July 9.

The programs are from 12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at UHHS Richmond Heights Hospital. Seating is limited to 80 guests and attendance is by reservation only. Call (440) 585-6162 to make your reservations.



**Save the Date! June 28  
Highlights of the Heights  
HRCC's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Business EXPO**

On Monday, June 28, from 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., the Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce will host a totally revamped trade show to connect the businesses of the Heights to the residents of the Heights on the grounds of John Carroll University.

Plan to attend this unique show that will include all the best that the Heights has to offer, from our wonderful restaurants and retailers to our service businesses, artists and crafts people.

**Admission is free**

If you have a business in the Heights that you would like to promote please call the Chamber office for more information about participating in this event. Eight foot tables are **available starting at \$150 if you register by May 15.** For more information, please call Anne at (216) 397-7322.

**UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS  
HEALTH SYSTEM  
RICHMOND HEIGHTS  
HOSPITAL NEWS**

UHHS Richmond Heights Hospital is delighted to inform the residents of our community, that effective March 15, if you are covered by the Medical Mutual of Ohio SuperMed Plan, you now have the opportunity to access the exceptional quality of UHHS Richmond Heights Hospital and all of it's participating physicians!

UHHS Richmond Heights Hospital is celebrating four years of a new beginning as part of the University Hospitals Health System during which time the services have been enhanced, while also making dramatic facility improvements and renovations for the benefit of patients and their families.

**SPARKY SAYS**

Injury Prevention!!!! What does it mean? Preventing an injury before it happens. Spring and summer are not only a time for nice warm weather. Unfortunately they are also a time when injuries to children increase. Statistics show that 9 out of 10 injuries to children could have been prevented. Please take the time to go through all of your child's summer toys and sports equipment and make sure they are safe to use this year. Check all bicycles and be sure that they are in good repair and are a proper fit before your child rides them this year. Make sure each child has a proper fitting bike helmet. Talk to your children about playing in the street or in parking lots. Remind your children about not playing with matches. Remind them of the dangers of climbing too high in trees. The list can go on and on. Most importantly, remember that as adults we need to keep a close eye on what kids are doing when they are outside playing. Kids do not always see a dangerous situation when it is right in front of them. It is up to the adult to watch for these situations and take the appropriate actions to keep them safe.

The City is very excited to announce and thank University Hospitals Richmond Heights Hospital for their sponsorship of a new Smoke Detector Program with the Fire Department. This program is geared towards senior citizens and those families in Richmond Heights that are in need of or not able to purchase smoke detectors for their home. If you know of a resident who is in need of or needs help with smoke detectors, please contact City Hall at (216) 486-2474 to be put on a list. The resident will be contacted by Firefighter Silvestro to make an appointment to come out to the home and evaluate the smoke detector needs.

As always, the Richmond Heights Fire Department will be out in the schools, businesses, and civic group meetings giving programs on fire safety, injury prevention, workplace safety, disaster planning, and many other subjects. If you are in need of a program, please contact our Public Education Department at (216) 383-6325. Ask for Firefighter Dominic Silvestro when you call. Have a fun and safe spring and summer!



*The 2004 Summer Concert Series will conclude on Wednesday, August 11 with The Swingtime Big Band performing. See page 12 for complete Summer Concert schedule.*

## Richmond Heights High School Athletic News

Our Spartan teams have done very well this year. In the fall, the football team posted a 6-4 record. Coach P.J. Insana was named Coach of the year. Jeffrey Henfling (quarterback) and seniors Eric Cek (lineman) and Mike Russell (kicker) were named to the AP Division VI 1<sup>st</sup> team. The golf team qualified for districts, the first time in several seasons. Two members of our cross-country team distinguished themselves. Ryan Madden was awarded second Team All-Conference honors. Justin Szucs qualified for regionals for the fourth consecutive time.

This winter the boys and girls basketball teams won the D-VI sectional basketball tournaments. Brandon Davis was named 2<sup>nd</sup> team MAC-8 and Chris Gardner was Honorable Mention. Shatera King was named to the MAC-8 2<sup>nd</sup> team; Amber Robinson and Marie Pruitt received Honorable Mention awards. In wrestling, Bryan Gulich and Neil Kiesela finished first in the MAC-8 Wrestling tournament and Pat Hopkins placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. Neal Kisela posted a 29-9 season and Bryan Gulich was 29-12. Bryan Gulich and Tony Tritto were district qualifiers. John DeCapua qualified for districts and competed in the State Tournament.

The following students were selected as MAC-8 Scholar Athletes: James Haney (Football), Colleen Redmond (Girls Tennis), Ryan Madden (Cross Country), Shane Kline (Golf), Meghann Griffiths (Girls Swimming), Jimmy Redmond (Boys Swimming) and Dominic Fatica (Wrestling).

The following students were selected as Athlete of the Month: Lara Rozboril (September), Justin Szucs (October), Jeffrey Henfling (November), Neal Kisella (December), Shatera King (January), John DeCapua (February) and Eddie Days (March).

## Richmond Heights High School Academic News

Kyle Wall participated in the 2003 field trial of the new SAT. His essay was chosen to be included as a sample in a College Board publication. Lexi Sanford has been selected as The Plain Dealer's Outstanding senior and Ryan Madden received the Phi Beta Kappa Award. Chris Davis placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the category of Quick-Serve Restaurant at the district competition and qualified to compete in the State competition at the Ohio DECA Career Development Conference in Columbus. Chris is the first Richmond Heights student in two years to qualify for the State competition in his vocational program.

Several of our students have been selected for the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony. They are: Brian Gulich, Todd Gulich, Daniel Decker, Colleen Redmond, Jimmy Redmond and Darrell Brown.

Three Richmond Heights High School students will be honored at the Annual Hillcrest Rotary Club Vocational/Industrial Arts Awards Dinner on Monday, May 10. They are: Aloys Griffiths (Design Technology), Shane Kline (Communications Technology) and Neal Kisela (Woodworking Technology).



On Saturday, the Richmond Heights High School Academic Decathlon team traveled to Hiram University to compete. Students competed at their own level (varsity, scholastic or honor) depending upon their GPA. This competition is grueling. These students took seven written academic tests and performed a speech and interview.

Our varsity winners were Pat Hopkins winning a bronze medal in Speech, Jimmy Redmond winning a gold medal in Music, Erik Cek winning a silver medal in Science. Our scholastic winners were Igor Pokalev winning a gold medal in Math, Luke Clampitt winning a bronze medal in Science. Christina Landin was the only student who won two medals: a silver medal in Speech and a silver medal in Language and Literature. Our honors winners were Grace Chamberlain winning a bronze in Interview, Alina Saikhova winning a bronze in Math and Ryan Madden winning a silver medal in Math. Congratulations to all of these students for their outstanding work on Saturday representing our school at this competition.

Forty-one juniors and seniors were awarded academic letters at the Fourth Annual Academic Letter Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, March 31 in the Middle School auditorium. To qualify for this award students must earn a 3.5 GPA at the completion of their 5<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> semester. The following students received their first year award: Candis Bell, Kathryn Berquist, Grace Chamberlin, Melissa Decker, Charles Dela Vega, Dominic Fatica, Tayhanna Fields, Michael Garrard, Jeffrey Henfling, Michael Henfling, Thomas Huffman, Stephanie Kinkopf, Garret Kisner, Natalie LaConte, Sarah Mc Dicken, Andrius Plioddzinkas, Allison Rendlesham, Laura Rozboril, Brittany Steele, Hira Tariq, Rebecca Verner and Krista Zdrilic. The following students received second year awards: Linda Byers, Josh Christie, Luke Clampitt, Clarence DelaVega, Anna Gaidaenko, Aloys Griffiths, Meghann Griffiths, Bryan Gulich, Todd Gulich, James Haney, Shane Kline, Christina Landin, Nancy Mach, Ryan Madden, Elyse Pietravoia, Colleen Redmond, Nicholas Salem, Alyxaundria Sanford and Kyle Wall.

The following students were selected as Student of the Month: Pat Hopkins (September), Lexi Sanford (October), Ryan Madden (November), James Haney (December), Christina Landin (January), Meghann Griffiths (February) and Grace Chamberlin (March).

**RTA INFORMATION**

Residents of Richmond Heights who work or shop at Legacy Village can use the #94 RTA bus route. It provides direct access to a large number of shopping opportunities, including Richmond Town Square, Legacy Village, Beachwood Place, La Place and Pavilion Mall.

A new #94 timetable took effect March 21. It features schedule coordination inside the Shaker Green Road Rapid Station for connections to downtown shopping. For more information, visit [www.rideRTA.com](http://www.rideRTA.com) or call the RTA answerline, (216) 621-9500.

**SAVE THIS DATE FOR "A TASTE OF HILLCREST"**

The Rotary Club of Hillcrest will host its fourth annual "A Taste of Hillcrest" at the Casa/Villa Di Borally Party Center, 27227 Chardon Road, Richmond Heights on Thursday, September 23, 2004 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$30.00 per person. The proceeds from this event will benefit schools and communities of the Hillcrest area by purchasing Automatic External Defibrillators. A small portion of the funds will also be used for health initiatives both locally and internationally. Join us for food sampling, entertainment, raffles and more...

Sudden Cardiac Death kills about 250,000 people in the United States each year. That's nearly 700 deaths every day and currently accounts for more deaths than breast cancer, lung cancer and AIDS combined. Sudden Cardiac Death is not a heart attack - it's more serious and more deadly. Statistics show every minute that passes before defibrillation occurs decreases the chance of survival by 10%. Through the efforts of the Rotary Club and others, AED's can continue to be placed in public areas increasing the chance of survival for thousands of people each year.

Last year's event was a huge success with over 500 community members in attendance! This year over 20 restaurants will participate. Hillcrest Hospital, Cleveland Clinic Health System is the title sponsor of this event; University Hospitals Health System Richmond Heights Hospital is the ticket sponsor; and American Red Cross and Philips Medical Systems are all major sponsors. You too can join this list of distinguished sponsors!

The Rotary has been serving the Hillcrest communities of Gates Mills, Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, Richmond Heights and South Euclid since 1959 with programs such as Special Olympics, Meals on Wheels, Safety Town, Academic Scholarships, Special Education Needs, Vocational Awards Dinner, Senior Citizen Play Night and more. The club's annual fundraiser "A Taste of Hillcrest" has provided funds for the club to purchase and place eleven AED units. For more information on the Rotary Club of Hillcrest or to be involved in "A Taste of Hillcrest", please visit us at [www.hillcrestclevelandrotary.org](http://www.hillcrestclevelandrotary.org) or call (440) 386-8208.

**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:**  
Steve Nagy, Manager  
Cuyahoga County Airport  
26300 Curtiss Wright Parkway  
Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143

**Animal warden:**

Call (216)486-1234

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454 Richmond Road  
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Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**RICHMOND HEIGHTS SENIOR CLUB UPCOMING TRIPS**

**Date:** June 28-29 Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village & Greektown Casino

**Cost:** \$159 per person/based on double occupancy at Hotel Pontchartrain

**Date:** August 5 South Pacific in Wooster, Ohio

**Cost:** \$58.50 per person/includes show, dinner & round trip transportation

For more information, please call Tour Director, Al Neuman (216) 481-3264

**Revised Public Works Timetable**

<i>Location</i>	<i>Type of Project</i>	<i>Estimated Construction Date</i>
Cary Jay Blvd. & Dumbarton Blvd.	Sanitary Sewers	Under Construction
Richmond Road, Swetland to Horizon	Sanitary Sewers	Spring 2004
Richmond Road (Chardon & White)	Sanitary Sewers	Summer 2004
Richmond Road Side Streets	Sanitary Sewers	Winter 2004

The above dates are the latest estimates submitted by City Engineer, Lee Courtney. For further information regarding Public Works, please call (440) 449-4005.



**FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES IN THE PARK***Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**at Richmond Heights City Park Gazebo*

Wednesday, June 23

**The Singing Angels**

Wednesday, June 30

**Dan Zola Orchestra**

Wednesday, July 7

**Wayne Tomsic Combo**

Wednesday, July 14

**The Italian Band**

Wednesday, July 21

**Northcoast Mix**

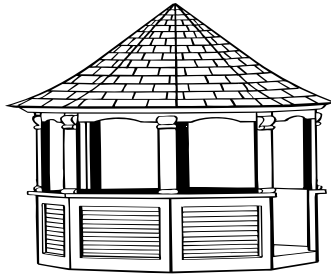
Wednesday, July 28

**Revelation**

Wednesday, August 4

**Tony Fortunato and the Emperors of Swing**

Wednesday, August 11

**The Swingtime Big Band***This schedule is subject to change or substitution.**The Wayne Tomsic Combo will be performing on Wednesday, July 7.*

Editor's note: I would like to thank Nancy Benander for her assistance during the production of this City Edition. I also want to thank everyone who submitted an article or took photographs for their contribution.

IN CASE OF RAIN, MOST CONCERTS WILL BE HELD AT THE KIWANIS LODGE IN THE PARK, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED BY SIGNS AT THE PARK ENTRANCE AND BAND GAZEBO DIRECTING YOU TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM. BRING LAWN CHAIRS! REFRESHMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE POOL CONCESSION STAND. IF THE CITY PARKING LOT IS FULL, EXTRA PARKING IS AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL PARKING LOTS NEXT DOOR TO THE PARK

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