A Message from Mayor Daniel J. Ursu

It seems unbelievable, but in an amazing ceremony held last fall in Portsmouth, Ohio, a Richmond Heights resident was crowned Miss Ohio USA 2007!!!

Congratulations go to Miss Anna Melomud, a 2002 graduate of Richmond Heights High School. Anna has since been studying for a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Pre-Medicine at Kent State University. As Miss Ohio, Anna also recently participated in the Miss USA Pageant in California. A serious student, Anna lamented to me that her planned graduation from KSU in May will be delayed until August due to the time consuming nature of being Miss Ohio. From now until the end of her reign in November, Anna will be participating as Miss Ohio in many charitable events across the state. As fellow Richmond Heights residents, we can all be justly proud of her success; hopefully, her schedule will permit her to be a part of our Family Day Parade and festivities this July, and to offer an opportunity for those of you who have never met her in person to do so. You can find out more about Anna and the Miss Ohio Pageant at www.missohiousa.com.

As mentioned in my column from time to time, Richmond Heights is well served by many resident boards and commissions. In particular, Richmond Heights ordinances provide for a “Commission on Aging” whose purpose is to further residents’ enjoyment in the latter part of life. If you are a senior and would like to be considered for appointment to this voluntary commission, please send your resume to my attention at Richmond Heights City Hall.

Have a safe and exciting summer as Richmond Heights celebrates its 90th anniversary!
Basketball Camp
June 18 - June 22
Coach Vince Benander will be teaching the fundamentals of the game of basketball. He will dazzle the campers with some of his drills and games during camp. The camp will take place at the Richmond Heights High School Gym. Each camper will get a t-shirt. Fee: $45
Ages 5 - 9 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Ages 10 - 14 11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Baseball Camp
June 11 - June 15
Coach Vince Benander will instruct campers on the fundamentals of hitting, fielding, throwing and baserunning. Bring a glove, hat and water jug. Get ready to learn about baseball and have a blast doing it!
The camp will take place at Richmond Heights Community Park. Each camper will get a t-shirt. Fee: $40
Ages 5 - 9 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Ages 10 - 14 11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Girls Volleyball Camp
June 11 - June 15
For girls 7 to 16 years old. Campers will learn the fundamentals of the game. Campers should bring knee pads and a water jug. The camp will take place at the Richmond Heights High School Gym.
Fee: $40  Time: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Preschool Soccer Camp
June 25 - June 29
Join our youth soccer staff as they teach the basics of soccer. Campers will learn kicking and dribbling with a soccer ball. A great camp to get some exercise and also learn the rules of the game. The camp will take place at Richmond Heights Community Park. Bring a water bottle. Fee: $30
Ages 3 - 5 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Soccer Camp June 25 - June 29
For kids 6 to 12 years old. The Recreation Department’s Youth soccer staff will teach children the fundamentals of soccer. This extremely fun camp will be outside and the kids will be running around so be sure to bring a water jug. The camp will take place at Richmond Heights Community Park.
Fee: $40  Time: 10:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tennis Camp June 25 - July 13
For children 7 to 16 years old. At this three week camp the Youth Tennis Staff will teach the fundamentals of the game of tennis. Bring a tennis racket & water jug and get ready for mega amounts of fun. The camp will take place at Richmond Heights Community Park. Fee: $40
Time: Ages 7 - 10 9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m./Ages 11 - 16 11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Track/Running August 6 - August 9
For boys and girls ages 6 to 14 interested in cross country or track. The camp offers individual instruction in techniques and training for young athletes to reach their full potential. The camp will take place at Mayfield High School.
Fee: $59  Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Flag Football July 30 - August 2
For boys 6 to 14 years old. Campers will learn catching, passing and blocking, as well as the rules of the game and the strategies of offense and defense. Bring water jug, running shoes and sunscreen. The camp will take place at Mayfield Heights City Park.
Fee: $75  Time: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Cheerleading July 9 - July 13
For girls 5 to 12 years old. Cheerleading offers a week of cheers, chants and fun games. Campers will be taught proper motion and jumping techniques for all aspects of cheering. Campers may also have the opportunity to cheer during Richmond Heights Family Day. Bring T-shirt, shorts, water jug and shoes. The camp will take place at Richmond Heights Community Park.
Fee: $40  Time: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Old Fashioned “Home Ec Camp” July 30 - August 3
For boys and girls ages 10 to 14 interested in having fun learning the basics of cooking, sewing, tips on nutrition and etiquette. Make an apron and simple beach cover-up. Cook muffins, cream puffs, bread and other goodies. Campers will end the week with a fashion show and luncheon. A snack will be prepared each day. The camp will take place at the Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge.
Camp Fee: $90  Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Before care fee: $5  Time: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. After care available.

Richmond Heights Residents....GREAT NEWS!
The City of Richmond Heights is proud to announce the opening of our Sprayground on Friday, June 8! The Sprayground is a 2100 square foot addition to the Richmond Heights Community Park Pool facility and will be located next to the wading pool. Various spray features will entertain, delight and soak its users. Grab your suit and join us!!
Pool Opens June 8, 1:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Pool Closes: September 3, 7:00 p.m.

POOL HOURS:
June & July:
Everyday: 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
August 1-19:
Everyday: 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
August 20-Sept 3: Call Recreation Department for pool hours.

The pool will be closed on Saturday, August 4 due to Swim Team Championships.
Please note: Pool may be closed without notice because of weather or staffing shortages.

Richmond Heights Family Day “Three Cheers for 90 Years”
On Sunday, July 15, the 13th 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 8th 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 bungee jump, a giant shark slide, a new obstacle course, cornhole, bocce and horseshoe tournaments, swimming, music from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. with DJ Jammin Joel, and much more. A wonderful variety of delicious foods and beverages will be available for purchase from local civic organizations. The City of Richmond Heights is celebrating 90 years. A commemorative City of Richmond Heights mug will be available for purchase. Come and enjoy the day!

Flower Basket Program
Individuals and businesses can contribute to Richmond Heights beautification through the support of the Flower Basket Program. The City plans to purchase and install 36 baskets at the main intersections in Richmond Heights, 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. Please make checks payable to City of Richmond Heights – Flower Basket Program. Donations will be accepted throughout the year. Recognition will be made in the “City Edition” and for the calendar year on the website.

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

FEES
Identification Card.......$4
Resident Individual Pass......$40
Resident Family Pass......... $90
Non-Resident Individual Pass.......$60
Non-Resident Family Pass......$135
General Admission.........$6
Swim Team registration fee: $25/
Swim Team Booster fee: $20
*(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 2005 or later are still valid, but the yearly pool pass fee must be paid for 2007. Children who will not be five years of age as of June 1, 2007 are not required to purchase a photo I.D. card; but they must be accompanied by a paying adult, or an adult with a 2007 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.
GOLF CLASSES
For anybody interested in learning the basics of golf. The class will work on swing, stance, driving, chipping and putting. The group will meet for six consecutive Saturday afternoons at the Airport Greens Golf Course. Fee: $95 includes round of nine holes on July 14.
Saturday dates: June 2 - July 14
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

NEW! American Red Cross Lifeguard Training
June 11 - June 23
Monday - Friday 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

July 9 - July 21
Monday - Friday 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

August 6 - August 18
Monday - Friday 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Resident Fee: $185
Non-Resident Fee: $200
Must be 15 years of age by the final date of the class. For more information, please contact the Recreation Department at (216) 383-6313.

NEW! Summer Aquatic Kickboxing Class
Sessions: June 11 - June 28,
    July 2 - July 20
    & July 23 - August 9

Monday’s & Wednesday’s
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Per Session Fee: Six classes for $25

RICHMOND HEIGHTS SWIM TEAM
Parents are invited to the Parent Swim Team meeting at City Hall on Sunday, June 3 at 6:00 p.m. This will be the last chance to order Swim Team apparel.
Fees will be $20 for the Richmond Heights Swim Team, $25 to the City of Richmond Heights plus a mandatory purchase of a Richmond Heights pool pass, which can also be done on Sunday, June 3 from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 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. Swimmers hit the water beginning June 11.
Questions regarding Swim Team may be directed to: Marilyn Wagner (216) 383-1860, Rose Montali (216) 261-7784 or Gary Bizjack (216) 289-5010.

RICHMOND HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB
If you would like to join the Garden Club for a year of interesting programs, several field trips and a wonderful Holiday Luncheon, please call Virginia Kostelec, Membership Chairperson, at (440) 585-7754. Yearly dues are $10.

2007 SWIMMING LESSONS SCHEDULE
SESSION 1: 3 weeks, June 11-June 28, Monday-Thursday
Register at pool: (Richmond Heights residents ONLY Friday, June 8)
Open registration at pool: Saturday, June 9 & Sunday, June 10

SESSION 2: 3 weeks, July 2-July 20, Monday-Thursday
Register at pool: (Richmond Heights residents ONLY Friday, June 29)
Open registration at pool: Saturday, June 30 & Sunday, July 1

SESSION 3: 3 weeks, July 23 - August 9, Monday-Thursday
Register at pool: (Richmond Heights residents ONLY Friday, July 20)
Open registration at pool: Saturday, July 21 & Sunday, July 22

Swimming Lessons Fees: The cost for each Learn to Swim Session is $15 with pool pass, $30 without a pool pass. To qualify for $15.00 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.

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. Instruction will be on Monday and Wednesday. Tuesday and Thursday are casual days. The registration schedule is the same as the Learn to Swim programs.
Exer-Swim Senior Citizens: No charge for Richmond Heights residents
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.)
**Tiny-Hawk Basketball & Soccer June 18 - June 22**

This program will help children 3 to 5 years old fine-tune their motor skills. Learn the FUNdamentals of Basketball and Soccer. No pressure, just lots of fun while these tiny athletes learn the basics through unique Skyhawk games. The Tiny-Hawk staff is trained to meet the special needs of young children. The staff is committed to creating a positive introduction to sports. Children must be potty-trained to attend. Pull-ups are not allowed. Participant-to-coach ratio is 6:1. Tiny-Hawk participants should wear appropriate clothing and shoes. All campers should bring a water bottle and sunscreen. Tiny Hawk participants will receive a sports ball, t-shirt and a Merit Award.

The June 18 - June 22 Tiny-Hawk Basketball and Soccer camp will take place at Rowland Elementary School. **Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. **Fee:** $55

The June 25 - June 29 Soccer and T-Ball camp will take place at Richmond Heights Community Park. **Time:** 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. **Fee:** $55

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**POLICE PERSONNEL**

Sergeant Jim Nagy retired from the Police Department in January after over 25 years of service. Among Jim’s many accomplishments was his graduation from the Northwestern University Traffic Institute’s 10-week Police Staff and Command School in 2003. Jim was promoted to Sergeant in 1996 and served as a Uniform Division Shift Commander, as well as Commander of the Detective Bureau from 2000 – 2005. We all wish Jim and his wife Stacey well in their future endeavors.

To fill the vacancy created by the retirement, Christopher Wise was hired as a patrol officer in January. Chris is a veteran of the United States Navy after 5 years of service. Chris attended Mentor High School and has a Bachelor’s Degree from Notre Dame College. Chris had been serving with the Kirtland Hills Police Department as a part time officer. Chris and his wife currently live in Eastlake. We welcome Chris to the City and to the Police Department and wish him a long and successful career.

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**NEW HOURS FOR BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

**Monday - Friday**

7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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**Safety Town June 11 - June 22 or July 30 - August 10**

Together, the Richmond Heights Recreation Department and University Hospitals Health System sponsor “Safety Town” for children entering kindergarten in September. There will be two, 2-week sessions, June 11 - June 22 OR July 30 - August 10. The classes offered in Richmond Heights are the most extensive in the area, covering a wide array of different safety topics. 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. Classes are filled on a first come basis. Maximum twenty students per class. Please make checks 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) 383-6513. **Resident Fee:** $40/Non-Resident Fee $50
BUILDING DEPARTMENT 2007 SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

As summer approaches, the Building Department is urging homeowners to take the time to check their outdoor areas for potential safety hazards.

Porches, Decks and Balconies
Porches can be at risk of collapsing if they are not properly constructed or if they are old. A common safety hazard occurs when wooden porches and decks are nailed to buildings rather than being attached with the proper anchors or bolts. Nails are a poor method for attaching porches and decks to buildings because they work their way loose over time. Other safety hazards to look for are:

- Split or rotting wood
- Wobbly handrails or guardrails
- Loose, missing or rusting anchors, nails or screws
- Missing, damaged or loose support beams and planking
- Poor end support of the porch deck, joists or girders
- Excessive movement of the porch when walked on
- Swaying or unstable porches

Building or repairing to code, which requires a building permit and an inspection, will help ensure that the porch is safe. The Building Code specifies the amount of weight a porch or deck is required to support. However, be careful not to allow the porch to become overcrowded. If the people on the structure have difficulty moving about, the porch could be exceeding its capacity.

Grills
Grilling on or near combustible areas can be a fire hazard. It not only puts your family and visitors at risk, but, especially in condos and apartment buildings, can put your neighbors in danger as well. The most common grilling hazards are open flames and heat generated in the grill base that can be transferred to the wood of a porch or the home’s siding, causing a fire. When grilling, follow these safety tips:

- Place the grill away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches
- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup
- Use only proper starter fluid and store the can away from heat sources
- Check propane cylinder hoses for leaks before use
- Do not move hot grills
- Dispose of charcoal properly, keeping ash containers outside and away from combustible construction

The Fire Code prohibits the use of charcoal and gas grills and other open burning devices on combustible porches or within 10 feet of combustible construction.

Swimming Pools
Because they can be attractive — and dangerous — to young children, in-ground and above-ground pools should be surrounded by a fence or other barrier. Small, inflatable pools must also be protected. The Building Code states that any pool with more than 24 inches of water has to have a four-foot fence or other barrier around it. Any gates in the fence must be self-closing and self-latching.

Building Codes provide a minimum standard to help protect lives and property. Before conducting any type of work on your home, contact the Building Department to determine what permits are needed and what codes must be followed.

“Three Cheers for 90 Years” Mugs On Sale Soon!
Commemorative coffee mugs depicting Richmond Heights will be on sale in the Recreation Department beginning June 4. Don’t be caught without it. A great gift for friends, neighbors, alumni or a graduating students!

DISC GOLF TRAVEL CAMP
Disc Golf (also known as frisbee golf) is easy to learn and fun to play. This travel camp is designed for both girls and boys entering grades 6 - 8 in the Fall of 2007. Learn the basic throws along with Disc Golf etiquette. Campers will travel daily on a school bus to a different Disc Golf Course for play around the Greater Cleveland area. Play is tentatively scheduled in Euclid, Richmond Heights, Hudson, Medina and Ashtabula. The average hole is 300 feet in length. This camp is geared towards the “first-time” beginner through the intermediate level Disc Golf player.

Bring a lunch, beverage, sunscreen, appropriate clothing, water bottle and snack with you each day. T-shirt and one disc will be provided. Pick-up and drop-off at SELREC office, 4853 Mayfield Road.

Dates: June 11 - June 15   Fee: $139
Times: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming Casino Bus Trip
Date: Wednesday, July 11
Niagara Fallsview Casino
Niagara Falls, Canada
Cost: $33 per person/$10 coin voucher given at casino
Departure: 6:00 a.m. from Richmond Town Square
Return: 8:45 p.m.
To register, please call Recreation Department at (216) 383-6313
FOR YOUR INFORMATION
Aircraft Complaints:
Call the Cuyahoga County Airport Office, (216) 289-4111, to register complaints on aircraft operating between 11:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m. Call the Control Tower, (216) 261-0550 for complaints on aircraft operating between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. 
Preferably, write to:
Kevin Delaney, Manager 
Cuyahoga County Airport 
26300 Curtiss Wright Parkway 
Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143

Animal warden:
Call (216) 486-1234
Richmond Heights Post Office:
454 Richmond Road 
(800) 275-8777
Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. 
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

DISC GOLF RENT-A-BASKET
If you are having an event at your home or at the park and would like to rent a disc golf basket for fun entertainment, please contact the Recreation Department at (216) 383-6313. The cost for rental is $25.

At Your Service Department News
Happy Spring!!!
Upcoming recycling dates to be held at the Service Department:

June & July Phone Book Recycling Campaign
Dates: Any Tuesday or Saturday 
Tuesday hours: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. 
Saturday hours: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

August: Recycle Your Computer Month
Dates: August 7, 14, & 21 from: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. 
August 11, 18, & 25 from: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

RICHMOND HEIGHTS SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB NEWS
Come have fun in a friendly atmosphere with friends and neighbors. If you are a Richmond Heights resident and 50 years of age or older, there is an activity for you with the Richmond Heights Seniors Club.

Golf outings at Greenridge Golf Course in Wickliffe are being planned for this summer. If interested, call Ken Sohl at (216) 481-4423.

The Senior members are presently recruiting new young-thinking seniors. The Senior group’s membership is in excess of 125 individuals, with 60 to 80 active members attending the general meetings. Come alone; better yet, bring a friend or neighbor. The dues are only $5 per year. General meetings with a snack and entertainment are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Kiwanis Lodge. For more information, please contact Senior Club President June Endres at (216) 486-4552.

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CPR CLASSES OFFERED BY RICHMOND HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Richmond Heights Fire Department will be offering monthly CPR Classes. This will be the American Heart Association Heartsaver AED Course. The individual course dates are May 30, June 28, and July 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Call City Hall at (216) 486-2474 if interested. Class size is limited to 12 per class. These classes are FREE to residents of Richmond Heights. Residents must show proof of address at the time of the class. The cost for non-residents is $50. This course is for the general public; it is not the Healthcare Provider Course. Participants must be at least 16 years old to attend.

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

FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES IN THE PARK

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
at Richmond Heights City Park Gazebo

Wednesday, June 20 Scott Brotherton
Wednesday, June 27 Busmen’s Holiday
Wednesday, July 11 Straight-Six Dixie
Wednesday, July 18 Swing Time Big Band
Wednesday, July 25 Bob Lubeck & The Sidemen
Wednesday, August 1 Haywire
Wednesday, August 8 Emperors of Swing
Wednesday, August 15 Rick and Sharona

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.