

# THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS

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# the CITY EDITION

## NOMINATE CITIZEN AND 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" 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 City Hall. Completed nomination forms should be submitted to Mayor Ursu's office at 26789 Highland Road, Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143 by June 10.**

Nominations for the many outstanding teens in Richmond Heights are accepted annually for the "Teen Citizen of the Year" award. **Please submit nominations, along with a written explanation of why the teen should be considered a candidate by June 1 to: Sergeant Denise DeBiase Richmond Heights Police Department 27201 Highland Road Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143.**

All Teen Citizen nominees must be residents and a High School Senior. 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" and "Citizen of the Year" awards will be 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

As noted in the article to the left, please take the opportunity to nominate an outstanding adult or high school senior that deserves recognition for their exemplary good work or deeds. We established the program back in 1992, and I am proud to call your attention to the list of great men and women who were our past award recipients by name and year. See page 11 for a list of the past winners. When you see these past citizens and teen citizens of the year, please congratulate them again for making a positive difference in our community!

Many of you are aware that we recently had a joint City Council/School Board meeting. Much great discussion and exchange of ideas took place. One idea in particular was to share space in our regular newsletters or to perhaps jointly publish them. Consistent with that idea, please see the below box highlighting school articles in this issue.

Most Richmond Heights homeowners exhibit great community pride through upkeep of the exterior of their homes, especially during the summertime. Many are adorned with beautiful flower plantings, shrubbery and meticulously kept lawns. If you are a home exterior enthusiast, here is an opportunity for recognition of your hard work to beautify your home exterior and, in turn, our City! The Cultural Commission will be sponsoring a City Beautiful Commission which will be active this summer. See page 8 for more details. Also, the Cultural Commission-sponsored coffees are a wonderful way to get to know the neighbor that you wished you knew, but never had the chance to meet; as well as being an excellent way to build community spirit. See page 3 for more details.

Have a safe and joyous summer!

## ATTENTION RICHMOND HEIGHTS HOMEOWNERS

**As a courtesy to your neighbors, please remove all political campaign signs from the March voting.**

## SEE RICHMOND HEIGHTS SCHOOL ARTICLES

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## Baseball Camp

### June 9 - June 13

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 - 14 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**



## Girls Volleyball Camp

### June 16 - June 20

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**



## Basketball Camp

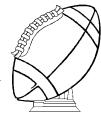
### June 23 - June 27

For kids ages 5 - 14. Coach Vince Benander and the B.G.S.D. Staff will be teaching the FUNDamentals of the game of basketball. The campers will enjoy the basketball 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**  
**Time: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

## Football Camp

### June 16 - June 20

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 Richmond Heights High School Football Field. **Fee: \$25**  
**Time: 9:00 a.m. - Noon**



## Preschool Soccer Camp June 23 - June 27

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 23 - June 27

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 Field #1.

**Fee: \$40 Time: 10:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

## Track & Field June 23 - June 26

For boys and girls ages 6 to 12 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 Track.

**Fee: \$65 Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

## Tennis Camp June 30 - July 18

For children 7 to 16 years old. At this three week camp (Monday - Friday) 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 the Richmond Heights Community Park Tennis Courts.



**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.**

## Cheerleading Camp July 7 - July 11

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**

## Beginning Golf July 21 - July 24

Golfers ages 5 - 9 will learn an innovative golf program, called SNAG (Starting New At Golf). The SNAG system emphasizes safety and fun sports instruction. In our golf programs we build confidence while teaching proper techniques and etiquette. EQUIPMENT PROVIDED. Participant-to-coach ratio is approximately 8:1. The camp will take place at Mayfield Heights City Park, 6154 Mayfield Road.

**Fee: \$80 Time: 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

## Beginning/Intermediate Golf July 21 - July 24

Golfers ages 8 - 16 will learn an innovative golf program, called SNAG (Starting New At Golf). The SNAG system emphasizes safety and fun sports instruction. In our golf programs we build confidence while teaching proper techniques and etiquette. PARTICIPANTS MUST SUPPLY THEIR OWN CLUBS . Participant-to-coach ratio is approximately 8:1. The camp will take place at Airport Greens Golf Course, 28980 White Road. **Fee: \$99** **Time: 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

## **SUMMER DAY CAMP JULY 21 - AUGUST 15**

For children entering Kindergarten thru 6th grade in September 2008. This fun four-week camp includes sports, games, swimming and arts and crafts. The camp will take place at Richmond Heights Community Park. Early drop off (starting at 7:30 a.m.) and late pick up (ending at 5:30 p.m.) is available for an additional fee. Space is limited. Call Recreation at (216) 383-6313 for details and registration.

**Fee: \$240/4 weeks or \$70/per week**

**Time: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm**

## **NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEES OFF TO A GREAT START!!!**

The Cultural Commission has begun its neighborhood coffee initiative and would like to thank all those who have already participated!

The purpose of this initiative is to invite neighbors to come together in community, over coffee, to discuss issues of common interest & concern with respect to their neighborhood. A member of the Commission will be present to facilitate the conversation and share information regarding the City and important upcoming events.

To continue this successful program, the Commission is seeking additional volunteers to host an informal evening coffee in their home. The coffees will be generally scheduled for one hour from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings.

**If you are interested in hosting a coffee or would like more information, please call Mayor Ursu's office at (216) 486-2474.**

## **Celebrate Richmond Heights Day – March 1, 2008**

The Richmond Heights High School gymnasium was packed to the rafters for Celebrate Richmond Heights Day. This special event, planned by Richmond Heights parents, Richard and April Scott, gave everyone an occasion to remember why we love our town – for its neighborliness and pride in our children!

The evening had all the ingredients for a really wonderful time: school spirit, camaraderie, food, entertainment, sports, old and young fans of our schools and our City.

The highlight of the evening occurred when the undefeated Richmond Heights 7th grade basketball team received special honors from Mayor Dan Ursu, City Council President David Roche, and State Representative Kenny Yuko. Fox 8 celebrities, Wayne Dawson and Kenny Crumpton, bestowed further honors by volunteering as hosts for the night.

The evening ended with a friendly basketball game between the Richmond Heights All-Stars (staff and students) and the Fox 8 All-Stars. Richmond Heights won the day with a 55-to-52 defeat of Fox 8 – good sports, all!

Entertainment was provided by:

- The Cleveland Cavaliers Cheerleaders
- The Richmond Heights Choir, conducted by Ms. Anita Caswell, RHS vocal instructor
- The Richmond Heights Drum Line, led by high school student, Allen Kisner, Jr. and mentored by Mr. D. McWilliams, RHS music instructor

“Citizens for Better Schools”, the sponsor of Celebrate Richmond Heights Day, would like to thank everyone who donated their time and talent – especially co-chairs Joshua Kaye and Terri Wade-Lyles. Also, a big thanks goes to everyone who attended with a spirit of brotherly love and support for our schools.

## **RICHMOND HEIGHTS SCHOOLS SUMMER CAMP**

May 27 – June 6 Late registration for Summer Camp

\* Sports      \*Crafts      \*Academics      \*Computers      \*Field trips

**Camp dates:** June 9 – July 18      **Time:** 7:50 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Contact Mr. Kletecka for details: 216-692-7395, ext. 416 or [lkletecka@richmondheightsschools.org](mailto:lkletecka@richmondheightsschools.org)

## **RICHMOND HEIGHTS SCHOOLS SUMMER CALENDAR**

June 3 – Graduation Day

June 4 - Last Day of School for Underclassmen

June 9 – Board of Education Meeting

July 14 – Board of Education Meeting

August 11 – Board of Education Meeting

August 21 – Back to School Celebration

August 22 - First Day of School

Go to [www.richmondheightsschools.org](http://www.richmondheightsschools.org) for additional school news.

## WALK FOR THE CURE INFO

The Susan G. Komen breast cancer "Walk for the Cure" is coming to Richmond Heights again this summer! The walkers will be camping on the grounds of the Cuyahoga County Airport from Friday, August 22 through Sunday, August 24. For more information, call Recreation at (216) 383-6313 or go to [www.The3day.org](http://www.The3day.org).

## 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.

Bi-weekly Saturday morning golf outings at Greenridge Golf Course in Wickliffe are being planned for May through September. Tee-time is 8:30 a.m. 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.

## FAMILY DAY VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Call Recreation at (216) 383-6313.

## STEPPIN' IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION!

Would you like to lose a few pounds or just get in better shape? Walking is a great way to begin your exercise regimen!

Recreation is sponsoring a **FREE** self-directed walking program in the Community Park beginning on Monday, June 9. We will have markers set up in the park for you to calculate the distance you have walked. Our exercise and nutritional expert, Mary Jacobs, RN will be on hand on June 9 with tips, walking/food diaries, and fruit smoothies on the opening day. We will also have a scale available for a confidential weigh-in. Simply show up in your walking shoes and comfortable clothing between 7:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, June 9 to register. The pool showers will be available for a cost of \$1 for the morning walkers Monday through Thursday. (Free showers to everyone with a pool pass). The scale will be available every Thursday for private weigh-ins at the concession stand. Track your weight loss and we will celebrate a more healthy Richmond Heights at the July 20 Family Day celebration! As with any new exercise program, please consult your physician before beginning.

## RICHMOND HEIGHTS FAMILY DAY

On Sunday, July 20, the 14th 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 9th 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. **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". Please mail to: Finance Director; City of Richmond Heights; 26789 Highland Road; Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143. Donations will be accepted throughout the year. Recognition will be made in the "City Edition" and for the calendar year on the website.

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

### POOL HOURS:

**June & July:** Everyday

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

**August:** Everyday

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

**August 18-Sept 1:** 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.....\$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 \$25

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

### Summer Aquatic Kickboxing Class

Sessions: June 9 - June 25

June 30 - July 16

July 21 - August 6

Monday's & Wednesday's

6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Per Session Fee: Six classes for \$25

### 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 2006 or later are still valid, but the yearly pool pass fee must be paid for 2008. Children who will not be five years of age as of June 1, 2008 are not required to purchase a photo I.D. card; but they must be accompanied by a paying adult, or an adult with a 2008 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.

### 2008 SWIMMING LESSONS SCHEDULE

**SESSION 1:** 3 weeks, June 9 - June 26, Monday-Thursday

Register at pool: (Richmond Heights residents ONLY Friday, June 6)

Open registration at pool: Saturday, June 7 & Sunday, June 8

**SESSION 2:** 3 weeks, June 30 - July 17, Monday-Thursday

Register at pool: (Richmond Heights residents ONLY Friday, June 27)

Open registration at pool: Saturday, June 28 & Sunday, June 29

**SESSION 3:** 3 weeks, July 21 - August 7, Monday-Thursday

Register at pool: (Richmond Heights residents ONLY Friday, July 18)

Open registration at pool: Saturday, July 19 & Sunday, July 20

**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.

### 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.**

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Friday.**

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. 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.)

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

### RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTION PROGRAM

The City is currently administering a program to track single family rental properties. This program is in place to maintain properties and property values. All owners of rental properties were required to apply for an Occupancy Permit beginning in January of 2008. If you are the owner of a rental property, contact the Building Department. Penalties are currently being levied for non-compliance.

### SWIMMING POOL SAFETY

Every year more than 250 children under the age of 5 drown in swimming pools and nearly 3,000 seek medical attention due to pool-related accidents. Properly followed safety guidelines can help prevent such tragedies, particularly in privately-owned family swimming pools.

First, provide a four-foot (4') high fence or barrier around the water area. The wall of a four foot high pool will serve as sufficient barrier. In the case of a two or three foot high pool, a fence that attaches to the top of the pool providing an aggregate height of four foot complies.

Second, provide a self-latching gate or door in the fence; or provide a ladder that can be removed when not in use or one that locks in the upright position. Have an adult watch the pool at all times. Don't assume that guests or children can swim and never leave an infant or toddler unattended.

## RICHMOND HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

At the Richmond Heights City Council meeting, Tuesday, March 25, Fire Chief Michael Cek was presented with an Oxygen Recovery Mask Kit donated by the Metropolitan Cleveland

Miniature Schnauzer Club.

Kathy Doran, a member of the Cleveland Miniature Schnauzer Club and a past police and fire dispatcher for thirteen years for Richmond Heights, presented the Chief with the Mask Kit. She was

accompanied by her dog, Apollo, a rescued Golden Retriever. As a courtesy, Apollo filled in for a Miniature Schnauzer.

The extremely durable masks are especially made for animals and come in three sizes: dog, cat and bird. The mask is a life-saving device supplying oxygen to a distressed pet taken from a burning, smoke-filled building. The actual procedure works the same for humans receiving oxygen. Since animals have a keen sense of smell, better than humans, they succumb faster to smoke inhalation. Only the size of the animal is a consideration; a larger dog would need a larger dose of oxygen because he inhaled a larger amount of poisonous gases in a fire. The cone-shaped mask fits snugly on the animal's snout.

It's believed that all fire departments in the country will soon have Oxygen Recovery Mask kits as part of their equipment.

The members of the Metropolitan Cleveland Miniature Schnauzer Club are pleased and proud to be part of "life-saving." Special thanks to the Richmond Heights Fire Department for the opportunity to save that life.

### SERVICE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

#### Recycling Round-Up Dates

##### Computer Round-up:

*The whole month of August:*

*Tuesdays: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*

*Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

##### Paint Round-up

*2 Tuesdays: August 26 & September 2 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

*2 Saturdays: August 30 & September 6 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*

##### **NO LATEX PAINT WILL BE ACCEPTED**

##### Tire Round-up

*2 Tuesdays: September 16 & 23 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*

*2 Saturdays: September 20 & 27 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*



**Safety Town**  
**June 9 - June 20**  
**July 28 - August 8**

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 9 -**



**June 20 OR July 28 - August 8.**

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. **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 and Richmond Heights Elementary School. For more information or to receive an application by mail, please call the Richmond Heights Recreation Department (216) 383-6313.

**Resident Fee: \$40**  
**Non-Resident Fee: \$50**

**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.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS AND NOTES**

**Personnel**

The Police Department said farewell and best wishes to Patrol Officer David Oigny upon his retirement in March. Dave served the residents of Richmond Heights and the Police Department for 26 years. During his career, he was the Department Firearms Instructor and served as a member of the Detective Bureau. Dave had a countywide reputation for his skills as a Police Composite Sketch Artist, assisting many agencies in the area with composite drawings of suspect based on the information provided by victims and witnesses. Dave will be missed, but we wish him and his family well in the years ahead. He will always be a member of the Richmond Heights Police Department Family of officers serving and who have served over the years.

**Community Diversion Program**

The Police Department, in partnership with the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court, has begun a Diversion Program for juveniles who are first time offenders and commit minor violations of the law. The program enables juveniles to give back to the community for their indiscretions and avoid a juvenile record. Hometown Attorney Janet Kronenberg is serving as one of the magistrates that will volunteer her time to hear these cases. Attorney Nancy Donnelly of Cleveland Heights will also serve as a Volunteer Magistrate. The program is being coordinated within the Police Department by Sgt. Denise DeBiase and Detective Darren Porter.

**Justice Assistance Grant**

The Police Department received a \$6200 grant from the Ohio Officer of Criminal Justice Services to equip an additional police cruiser with a Mobile Data Terminal that will enable an officer in a cruiser to access real time information and data. This improves the efficiency of the officer and provides capabilities to the officer to better serve the residents of Richmond Heights.

**WTAM Officer of the Week**

Ptl. Officer Brian McCallister was recognized by WTAM 1100 as Officer of the Week, a program sponsored by that radio station and the Ganley Auto Group. Officer McCallister was recognized for his efforts in locating and apprehending three armed robbery suspects who had just committed an armed robbery in Wickliffe. Subsequent investigation revealed that the suspects had been responsible for other gas station robberies in Lake County.

**AMOUNT OF VISITORS TO THE RICHMOND HEIGHTS WEBSITE HITS NEW HIGH.**

**PLEASE SEE WHAT'S NEW!**

**[www.richmondheightsolio.org](http://www.richmondheightsolio.org)**

## Upcoming Casino Bus Trips

**Date:** Wednesday, June 18

**Seneca Allegany Casino**

Salamanca, New York

**Cost:** \$30 per person/\$20 slot dollars & \$5 food voucher

**Departure:** 7:00 a.m. from Richmond Town Square

**Return:** 8:45 p.m.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 16

**Presque Isle Casino**

Erie, Pennsylvania

**Cost:** \$30 per person/\$10 coin voucher

**Departure:** 8:00 a.m. from Richmond Town Square

**Return:** 5:45 p.m.

**Date:** Wednesday, August 20

**Mountaineer Casino**

Chester, West Virginia

**Cost:** \$30 per person/\$5 coin voucher & \$5 food voucher

**Departure:** 7:30 a.m. from Richmond Town Square

**Return:** 5:15 p.m.

**Date:** Wednesday, September 17

**Greektown Casino**

Erie, Pennsylvania

**Cost:** \$30 per person/\$20 coin voucher

**Departure:** 7:00 a.m. from Richmond Town Square

**Return:** 8:30 p.m.



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

## Looking for Volunteers to Serve on a NEW "City Beautiful Commission"

The Mayor's Community Connections Cultural Commission will interview applicants and recommend to the Mayor the appointment of two representatives of each of the City's four wards. The City Beautiful Commission will begin their mission of overseeing a Main Street Award program. Members of the CBC will photograph 6-10 homes in their assigned areas to nominate for a Main Street Award. Photo taking will commence in mid June till mid July. Judging will be done by the CBC committee. CBC members do not select winners within their own assigned area.

### The Main Street Award criteria are:

\* Home is free of violations

\* Home has a well-kept exterior including but not limited to landscaping and/or gardens that can be seen from the street. (CBC members do not take pictures of any backyards) Nominees will be asked for permission to submit their homes.

\* Categories of the Main Street Award for a beautiful home are:

Rose =1 home, Tulip =2 homes in a row, and Bouquet =3 or more in a row.

Winners will be notified by City Hall in the early fall

\* A Civic Awards program will be held mid to late Fall at a designated time and place yet to be determined.

\* A winning home is not eligible for the award again for 5 years.

The CBC will be asked to plan and oversee other programs such as an annual Paint-and-Clean-Up week, an annual flower sale in May, an Annual Spring Planting (Lawn and Garden) Seminar in April, and other programs intended to develop neighborhood pride in community. Don't miss this opportunity to promote civic pride and preserve the character and beauty of our wonderful City.

**Deadline for volunteers to apply is June 10, 2008. Please send a brief resume to: ATTN: Community Connections Cultural Commission**

**City of Richmond Heights**

**26789 Highland Road**

**Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143**

Interviews will be held during the middle of June.

## Want to try the 20 Hours of Power classes?

Join us for an Introductory Class of Strength Training

Instructor: Mary Jacobs  
Cost \$5/person  
Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge  
Thursday May 29 6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.  
Register with Mary Jacobs at (216) 402-7070 or email her at [mary@majorityfitness.com](mailto:mary@majorityfitness.com)

Want to learn why Strength Training is so important for all ages? Do you feel you could use some introduction on things like posture, body mechanics, coordination, and breathing techniques? This class is for those who want to learn the basic fundamentals of Strength Training moves. All are welcome to come whether you want to brush up on your technique or you are new to weights in general. We will be highlighting some of the moves taught in the 20 Hours of "Power" strength classes so this will prepare you for the new session coming up on June 3rd. Bring a set of weights to practice. You will be happy you came.

### SENIOR POWER CLASS

**Mondays & Wednesdays  
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Kiwanis Lodge**

Beginner to moderate level.

Classes are FREE for residents.  
Must bring driver's license.

Classes through June 4.

Classes will resume in September.

### 20 Hours of "Power" JUNE 3 - JULY 3

Buy a 20-hour pass for \$100 or a 10 hour pass for \$70  
(\$5 non-residents fee applies)

Receive free card holder with 20 hours purchase (While supplies last)

*To confirm class availability* or for any questions,  
please call Mary Jacobs at (216) 402-7070

Visit [www.Majorityfitness.com](http://www.Majorityfitness.com) for additional information

Classes take place at 27285 Highland Road  
Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge located in the back of Richmond Heights Community Park

#### **"Power" Strength Training Tues & Thurs 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

Beginner to advanced Cardiovascular Strength Training Class that shapes and tones the entire body and helps to strengthen your muscles to support your body as you age. Amazing results! Bring a set of 3 - 5 lb weights (or 6-8 lb for advanced) and an exercise mat. Get ready to work in this Dynamic new class! Men welcome, too!

#### **Sweat-It-Out "Power" Cardio Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

Beginner to advanced 60-minute cardiovascular exercise class that primarily focuses on target heart rate monitoring for an effective cardiovascular workout. Burn calories as you sweat it off doing various aerobic endurance routines; for example, kickboxing, high to low impact aerobics, jogging and other high to low interval varying in intensity.

#### **"Power" Core Cardio Thursdays 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

60-minute Interval class. This combination class involves segments of cardiovascular exercise endurance routines, i.e., kickboxing, high to low impact aerobics, jogging and other high to low intervals varying in intensity. In addition to many Core training moves. Core training has many benefits for increasing your balance, flexibility, and strength. Amazing results! Bring a set of 3 - 5 lb weights (or 6-8 lb for advanced) and an exercise mat. Get ready to work in this Dynamic new class!

#### **"Power" Stretch Thursdays 7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

This 30-minute class combines Pilates and Yoga moves. This class will relax your mind and body with soft music while teaching you how to gain flexibility. Participants may use ropes and bands to assist in increasing flexibility. Must be able to get up and down easily. Need to bring a mat to class.

#### **"Power" Abs Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

This 30-minute class combines the entire body to work your abs. If you really want to work those abs bring one dumbbell to class (not required). We recommend no more than 6lbs to effectively train the core muscles in your abdominals. So come and be ready to work. Must be able to get up and down easily. Need to bring your mat to class.

## RICHMOND HEIGHTS SENIOR WINS ROTARY CLUB FOUR-WAY SPEECH CONTEST

Richmond Heights High School senior, Allan Kisner, Jr., has advanced to the District round of the Rotary International Four-Way Speech Contest. Kisner's speech on the "Power of Positive Relationships" was the winning speech; advancing past students from Charles F. Brush High, Gilmore Academy, and Mayfield High School for this year's local club challenge.

Kisner competed against students who gave compelling speeches about teenagers' lack of awareness on worldwide issues, such as the genocide in Darfur, to tales of the pitfalls of being impatient. Kisner's speech captivated the audience with his charisma and expression. Judged on content, organization, and delivery, Allan Kisner presented examples of the power of positive relationships, quoting the works of E.M. Forster and revealing personal stories of triumph over adversity. He convinced a panel that if one were to act positively towards others, that optimism would spread throughout humanity and enhance our society's love towards one another—according to the Rotary Club's Four-Way Speech guidelines.

The Four-Way Test consists of the following questions: Is it the Truth? Is it Fair to all concerned? Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships? Will it be Beneficial to all concerned? First adopted by the Rotary Club in 1943, these principles, when applied to a problem facing life or society, set an ethical model for problem solving and decision-making. These methods have been tested throughout the world and have survived the ultimate test of time. Today, students apply these questions to modern-day issues facing our society and showcase ways to improve relationships amongst all human beings.

## RICHMOND HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB

Thirty-five Richmond Heights students have become active members of the local Key Club. They are being sponsored by the Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club. They have become a part of the International Key club which has 245,000 high school leaders from 24 countries who unite every day to provide service in their homes, schools, and communities, and complete more than 12 million hours of service. David H. Roche a member of Kiwanis and President of City Council, has agreed to become the Key Club advisor.

The local Key Club is meeting every week on Thursday evenings at the Kiwanis Lodge to discuss and plan activities to help the community. They have held a successful bake sale earning nearly \$200 for their favorite needy organization. They are volunteering assistance on City and local programs. They are planning to assist the American Legion Pancake Breakfast and several of the Richmond Heights Family Day activities. They will become involved volunteers learning to become leaders in our community by giving of their time to help others. Please help by supporting their activities.



*The Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club sponsors the Richmond Heights Key Club. The two organizations meet on Thursday evenings at the Kiwanis Lodge.*

## SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY COUPLES!

The Richmond Heights couples celebrating 50 years of marriage: **Antonio & Anna DiPaolo, 50 years on December 29; William & Dorothy Davis, 50 years on January 12; Marvin & Judy McGaffick, 50 years on April 25; Roy & Lillian Schlachter, 50 years on June 14.** Heartiest congratulations from your home town!

## 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.

## MUGS ON SALE!

Commemorative coffee mugs depicting Richmond Heights are on sale in the Recreation Department. Don't be caught without it. A great gift for a friend, neighbor, alumni or a graduating student!

## RICHMOND HEIGHTS SWIM TEAM NEWS

Parents are invited to the Parent Swim Team meeting at City Hall on Sunday, June 1 at 6:00 p.m. This will be the last chance to order Swim Team apparel.

Fees will be \$25 for the Richmond Heights Swim Team, \$25 to the City of Richmond Heights plus a mandatory purchase of a Richmond Heights pool pass. 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 9. Questions regarding Swim Team may be directed to: Marilyn Wagner (216) 383-1860, Rose Montali (216) 261-7784 or Gary Bizjack (216) 289-5010.

### CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

#### NAME      YEAR RECEIVED

BETH SHAWBER	1992
JANICE GALYAS	1994
AL NEUMAN	1996
RICK HENFLING	1998
TERRY YERKIC	2000
KATHRYN GAMBATESE	2002
ALISON CIFERNO	2004
MARILYN WILSON	2006

### TEEN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

#### NAME      YEAR RECEIVED

JIM RUTMAN	1992
MIKE GOODELL	1994
COURTNEY FRIEDMAN	1995
GORDON MACKAY	1996
SUZANNE JOHERL	1997
SREELA MUKHOPADHYAY	
and HAROLD PENSON	1998
BECKY GOODELL	1999
JASON CHAMLEE	2000
JENNIFER ANDERSON	2001
RICHARD HENFLING	2002
JACQUELINE ABREO	
and JAMES WOCHELE	2003
TODD GULICH	2004
PETER ROZMAN	2005
DEVIN GRAHAM	2006
BRIAN BENANDER	2007

## REVISED PUBLIC WORKS TIMETABLE

Location	Type of Project	Estimated Construction Date
Richmond/White/Chardon	Sanitary Sewers	Completed/ Assessments to follow
Richmond Road Side Streets	Sanitary Sewers	Restoration Phase
Skyline & Glen Oval	Watermain & Paving	Restoration Phase
Audrey Drive	Curbs, Gutters & Resurface	Restoration Phase
Rockledge & Dundee	Repair & Resurface	Restoration Phase
2008 Road Program	Repair & Resurface	Summer 2008

**FLOWER BASKET DONATIONS**

**The Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club donation for \$100 in memory of members father-in-law Michael P. Cavacos.**

**Evelyn Roche donation for \$50 in memory of Michael P. Cavacos.**

**Keith & Susan Crowell donation for \$50 in memory of Michael P. Cavacos.**

**Gerhard & Barbara Moskal donation for \$50 in memory of Michael P. Cavacos.**

**See page 3 for information on the Flower Basket Program.**

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**The City with the Forward Look!**

**FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES IN THE PARK**

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

**Wednesday, June 25 Wayne Tomsic Combo**

**Wednesday, July 2 North Coast Pops**

**Wednesday, July 9 Rick and Sharona**

**Wednesday, July 16 Carmelina and the Masquerades**

**Wednesday, July 23 The Singing Angels** (*Sound Equipment donated by Guitar Center*)

**Wednesday, July 30 Emperors of Swing**

**Wednesday, August 6 Scott Brotherton from Dino to Diamond**

**Wednesday, August 13 Swing Time Big Band**

*This schedule is subject to change or substitution.*

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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