



# THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS

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# The CITY EDITION

## ATTENTION: SENIORS & DISABLED ADULTS

TRANSPORTATION BUS AVAILABLE MONDAY - FRIDAY

Call 1 (800) 983-4782

## FALL FESTIVAL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25



Richmond Hts. Community Park  
27285 Highland Road

Crafts, games, snacks and a visit from Jungle Terry. Feel free to come in costume. Tickets must be purchased at City Hall in the Recreation Department.

Fee: \$3 for kids, \$1 for adults

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

The Recreation Department would love to have your help at the Richmond Heights Craft Show on November 1. Call (216) 383-6313 if you can help.

AMOUNT OF VISITORS ON THE RICHMOND HEIGHTS WEBSITE HITS NEW HIGH.

PLEASE SEE WHAT'S NEW!

[www.richmondheights ohio.org](http://www.richmondheights ohio.org)

## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DANIEL J. URSU

As many of you know, thankfully the County Commissioners earlier this year set aside a County Airport master plan option that would have changed the status quo of the Airport by relocating Richmond Road and lengthening the runway. In the opinion of most of us, that would have led to increased noise, heavier aircraft and a wider area of adverse environmental impact to Richmond Heights neighborhoods. Thanks to the many people who became engaged in the successful process to turn this back! Another positive result was that the Airport Management has revived the dormant Noise Abatement Committee. As with any activity that might negatively impact the health, safety and welfare of Richmond Heights residents, we must continue to remain vigilant.

Additionally, some of you might know that relative to the rest of Cuyahoga County, new home construction in Richmond Heights is booming. As of this writing, so far in 2008, out of 59 communities in the county, we rank 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a fabulous indicator as to the continued good economic health of our town – new homes mean that developers and homebuyers want to invest in Richmond Heights and have faith in our local government and institutions that they will receive a good return on their investment. In turn, that creates and increases the overall wealth of Richmond Heights and tends to lower the average age of our housing stock - further making Richmond Heights attractive to financial firms and institutions for additional investment!

Lastly, we have begun to offer through our Police Department an excellent new service that has become quite popular throughout the county – a Juvenile Diversion Program. If you think back to your youth, you could probably remember some otherwise well-behaved friends or perhaps even yourself, regrettably faltering momentarily with some activity that comes to the attention of the police. This new program will give a chance to first time youth offenders to avoid a court proceeding by meeting with a local magistrate and accepting punishment that would often be in the form of community service. Special thanks to volunteer magistrates Richmond Heights attorney Janet Kronenberg and Cleveland Heights attorney Nancy Donnelly for agreeing to help make this possible, as well as Chief Rowe, Sgt. Denise DeBiase and Detective Darren Porter of our Police Department.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Richmond Heights Teen Citizen of the Year**  
**Allison Drda**

**Richmond Heights Teen Citizen of the Year Runner-up**  
**Jenna Montali**

## Attention: Grades 4 - 6 GAME NIGHTS

**Friday, October 10**

**Friday, November 14**

Join us for an entertaining night of music, food, and games galore! At Game



Night you will get the chance to meet new people, have fun with your friends, and play a number of great games. Snacks are included with the fee. **NOTE:**

Participant must fill out Kiwanis Lodge release form in order to participate in Game Night.

**FEE:** \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. **Times:** 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, December 6, for the City's **11th Annual Breakfast With Santa.**

Enjoy

fresh hot pancakes and delicious sausage while waiting for the



scheduled appearance of that special visitor from the North Pole, right here at our City Lodge!

Breakfast will be served from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 am. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$4 for children ages 2 to 12 and free to children under 2. The children will make a holiday craft and there will be other fun opportunities available for them.

Tickets will go on sale in the Recreation Department on Tuesday, November 4. **Tickets must be purchased in advance.** This event has sold out every year, so don't wait to purchase your tickets!

## ATTENTION ALL BOYS & GIRLS IN GRADES 1 THRU 6 BASKETBALL REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN

Registration for the Richmond Heights Recreation Department Basketball League has begun. The deadline to register to play will be on Friday, October 3. Team practices for the league will begin in November. All teams will practice once a week. The first game will be played on Saturday, January 10. The season will conclude on February 28. All regular season games for grades 1-6 are played at the Richmond Heights Middle School Gym. Register for the league at the Recreation Department inside City Hall. For more information, call (216) 383-6313.

**Resident Fee: \$50 Non-Resident Fee: \$65**



**Teen Citizen of the Year finalists.** Top row (L to R): Colleen Nych, Mayor's Assistant Dina Greisl, Sergeant Denise DeBiase, Allan Kisner, Kyle Misch, Kevin Rozman, Timothy Lawler, Police Chief Gene Rowe. Bottom Row: (L to R) Teen Citizen of the Year Allison Drda, Teen Citizen of the Year Runner-Up Jenna Montali, Megan Keleshian. (Photo courtesy of David Roche)

## RICHMOND HEIGHTS RECREATION FALL CRAFT SHOW

Mark your calendar now for the Recreation Department's Tenth Annual Fall Craft Show which will be held on **Saturday, November 1**



from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Over 50 crafters will display their homemade creations at the Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge. Great food and refreshments will be available. This is a perfect opportunity to purchase beautiful autumn or winter decorations and get an early jump on that holiday shopping!

## **FRIENDS OF EUCLID CREEK TO HOLD FIRST ANNUAL "CREEK DANCE"**

The volunteer organization, **Friends of Euclid Creek**, is pleased to announce that its first annual **"Creek Dance"** will be held on Friday, **October 10** at 6:30 PM., at Mayfield Sand Ridge Country Club in South Euclid, Ohio.

**Friends of Euclid Creek (FOEC)** is a volunteer organization which works to protect and preserve the waters of the creek, its tributaries and the land which surrounds it. Through its efforts, the organization seeks to increase awareness of the benefits and beauty of the natural environment within the watershed.

Proceeds from **"Creek Dance"** will support projects in communities throughout the Euclid Creek Watershed, which include Beachwood, Cleveland, Euclid, Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, Pepper Pike, Richmond Heights, South Euclid and Willoughby Hills.

Registration information may be obtained by contacting **FOEC** at (440) 449-6119 or (216) 481-4397, or by accessing the organization's website: [www.friendsofeuclidcreek.org](http://www.friendsofeuclidcreek.org)

### **SAVE THE DATE**

### **ROTARY TASTE OF HILLCREST**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2**

**6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE CATERERS  
AT LANDERHAVEN**

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS DARE GRADUATION**

For the 19<sup>th</sup> year, the Police Department hosted the DARE Graduation at the Richmond Heights Elementary School. Approximately 80 fifth grade students participated in the program and the graduation this year. Fox 8 news anchor Stacey Bell addressed the students and reinforced the lessons taught as part of this program, which focuses on the use and abuse of drugs, alcohol and tobacco products. Sgt. Denise DeBiase was the emcee of the event which also included an award presentation and a demonstration by the Police Department K-9 unit, Ptl. Tim Casto and "Kubo".

## **PERSONNEL**

The Police Department welcomed a new officer, John Fuduric, to the force in July. John filled a vacancy created by a retirement earlier in the year. John is 28 years old, single and lives in Willoughby Hills, Ohio. He is a graduate of John Carroll University. John will be attending the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy from August to December for his Basic Police Training. John is looking forward to serving the community for many years to come.

## **POLICE VEHICLES**

The Police Department is changing the way its vehicles are marked. The red and blue stripes will still be the main colors on the sides, but the word "POLICE" has been enlarged and black shadowing added to the striping. The old style is approximately 10 years old.



## **DO NOT FEED STRAY ANIMALS**

The feeding of stray domestic animals or undomesticated animals such as deer, is illegal by City Ordinance. Such a practice under the ordinance puts the person doing this "in control" of the animal and they become responsible for the resulting actions. The practice of feeding any animals that are not personally owned can create a nuisance condition for neighbors, as well as safety and health hazards.

In the case of feeding deer, this can encourage their activity and migration which creates a safety issue for motorists. Ohio is 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation in deer related car crashes, with some 28,000 accidents reported annually. Some believe the number is higher as some of these accidents are not reported. For the safety and concern of your neighbors and the motoring public, including yourself, please do not feed animals of any kind that do not belong to you.



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN  
TRICK OR TREAT**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**



Don't forget it's time to  
"FALL BACK".

Set your clocks  
back one (1)  
hour on  
Saturday night,  
November 1.  
This is also the time  
to change the batteries in  
your smoke detectors.



### **SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY COUPLES!**

The Richmond Heights citizens celebrating 40 years or more of marriage in 2008: **Jim & Marilyn Vojtek, 50 years on June 7; Roy & Lillian Schlachter, 50 years on June 14; Mary & Charles Liszkay, 60 years on August 14; June & Frank Anselmo, 40 years on August 17; Bob & Ruth Sanders, 50 years on August 30.**

Heartiest congratulations to all couples from your home town!

### **ANNUAL FLU SHOT PROGRAM**



**When: Thursday, October 23**

**1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Where: Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge  
27285 Highland Road**

**For:** Richmond Heights Senior Adults 65 years of age and older and Younger Persons with **Diagnosed** Chronic Illness

#### **For Registration:**

- No appointments will be needed this year. However, please R.S.V.P. to City Hall (via the flu shot registration form below) with the number attending and names of each recipient by October 15 so that an accurate supply of vaccine will be available.

#### **FOR BILLING PURPOSES, PLEASE NOTE:**

- If you have Medicare Part B as your primary insurance, you must bring your Medicare card with you.
- Anyone who belongs to a **Medicare HMO or a Senior HMO cannot bill Medicare** for the flu vaccine through our program. These residents should go to their HMO to receive the flu vaccine or pay upfront.
- If you choose to pay for your vaccine, the fee is \$25 (cash or check only).

**For More Information  
(216) 486-2474**

### **FLU SHOT REGISTRATION FORM**

Please detach and mail to:

Attention: Flu Shot Program  
City of Richmond Heights  
26789 Highland Road  
Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143

NAME(S) Please list all recipients

ADDRESS

CITY

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER

**\*Please R.S.V.P. no later than October 15**

**\*If you need to cancel, please call (216) 486-2474**

## 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 Senior Citizens' Club. The group is looking for new seniors that want to be active and participate in the many activities available. Come and bring your ideas for programs and activities that can be enjoyed together.

The Senior Citizens' Club is the place to be this fall. They are looking forward to bowling on Monday mornings and the highlight of the day- lunch at various nearby restaurants; weekly golf on Saturday mornings at Green Ridge Golf Course in Wickliffe, until the weather changes; and playing cards on Friday afternoon at the Kiwanis Lodge. Several trips and parties are sprinkled in for variety.

Come join in on the fun. You meet new people and make new friends. Come alone; better yet bring a friend or neighbor. 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. Entertainment is planned for every meeting; refreshments and pastry are available for \$1. Please come and give the group a try. For more information, please contact Senior Club President June Endres at (216) 486-4552.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RICHMOND HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB CELEBRATING 40 YEARS THIS YEAR

The Richmond Heights Garden Club has elected new officers for the 2008-2009 year: Aire Roche – President, Beverly Zebold -Vice President, Annie Simmons – Recording Secretary, Eleanor Riznar – Corresponding Secretary, and Dolores Sciaulino – Treasurer.

There are interesting garden-related programs for the coming year. A field trip is planned to the North Chagrin Reservation on Thursday, October 16. The field trip topic will be gardening for Monarchs with lunch following the presentation. The Garden Club's Annual Bake Sale & Chinese Raffle will be on Saturday, November 1 at the Richmond Heights Recreation Craft Show, and their very popular annual Holiday Luncheon will be held at the Villa Di Borally on Thursday, December 11.

The Garden Club meets on the third Thursday of the month from September through June at the Kiwanis Lodge, 27285 Highland Road located at the rear of the Richmond Heights Community Park. Membership dues are \$10.

If you are interested in joining the Garden Club or for more information, please contact Karen Murray, Membership Chairperson at (216) 371-1578.



*The campers had a lot of fun at the Richmond Heights Recreation Department Summer Day Camp. The camp was four weeks and took place at the Richmond Heights Community Park.*

### 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.

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS NOTIFICATION

The Board of Elections has announced several upcoming election dates. A **Special Primary** and **Special General Election** in Congressional District 11 will be held **Tuesday, October 14** and **Tuesday, November 18** respectively to elect a replacement for the late Stephanie Tubbs-Jones. These dates are in addition to the **General Presidential Election** which will take place on **Tuesday, November 4**. Polls open at 6:30 am and close at 7:30 pm.



**Please note the following change to our Ward I voting location:** Ward I voters will no longer be voting at Christian Assembly Church. The Board of Elections will notify all Ward I registered voters of their new polling location shortly.

Voting locations for Wards 2, 3 and 4 will remain the same. Ward 2 votes at the Kiwanis Lodge, 27285 Highland Road, in the back of Richmond Heights Community Park. Ward 3 will vote at Faith United Church of Christ at 575 Richmond Road. Ward 4 votes at Richmond Heights Church of the Nazarene at 499 Trebisky Road.

If you are not registered to vote, you can pick up a voter registration form at City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Registrations are to be mailed to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and must be postmarked by the 30th day before the first election at which you wish to vote. The deadline to register for the Presidential General Election is October 6. If you are registered to vote but would like to vote by absentee ballot for the Presidential Election, those forms are also available at City Hall. Absentee ballot forms must be received by the Board of Elections no later than 12:00 p.m., November 1. You would receive your ballot in the mail after September 30. For more information call (216) 443-3298.

## SERVICE DEPARTMENT NEWS AND NOTES

**Leaf Season...** Just a quick reminder, the Service Department starts to pick up leaves the last week of October; any changes will be posted on City Hall's message board. Please **do not** put sticks, rocks, or any other materials in with your leaves; our men could be injured and equipment could be damaged.

**Snow Season...** We realize it is a little early to be talking about snow but this City Edition covers the months from October thru January, and we had a really rough season last year. The following will help us all get through the winter months...

- ❖ Residents should be prepared for poor weather conditions at all times. If poor road conditions are forecast, you need to make arrangements to leave earlier
- ❖ If you encounter poor road conditions it would be wise to reduce your vehicle's speed and allow ample stopping distance between you and another vehicle. This is also important when traveling behind a City plow truck. These trucks throw blinding snow off their plows and could make sudden stops, often back into intersections after dumping snow to plow the return lane of a road.
- ❖ If we encounter continuous heavy snowfall, residents should not have **"unrealistic expectations"** of the Service Department
- ❖ The City is **Not Responsible** for the removal of snow thrown into any driveway by City snowplows. Residents or snowplowing contractors should avoid plowing, shoveling, or blowing any snow onto the road surface. Piles of snow in the road can create dangerous obstacles for motorists and the City snowplowing equipment. If a person is reported leaving snow in the roadway, he or she could be subject to a possible citation. Residents should stress to their children to stay out of the path of snow being thrown off the plows; there could be rocks or ice which could injure a child in its path. Children should not dig tunnels in the snow or build igloos near the roadway or roadside ditches.

**Rural Mailboxes...** Mailboxes should be kept in good condition so they can withstand being hit by the force of the snow being thrown off the plow trucks. If a mailbox is damaged or the post broken because of thrown snow the City **will not** repair or replace it.

**The City will only repair or replace a mailbox that has been hit directly by the snowplow equipment.** If the City does have to replace a mailbox post it will be done with a post that is no larger than 4"x4". All mailboxes & posts that we do have to replace because of a **direct hit** from our plows will be replaced **with a conventional box and wood post only**.

## RICHMOND HEIGHTS EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATE IN OROC

City employees joined forces on Aug 23 in the fight against ovarian cancer. The 5K walk/run was dedicated to former Finance Department employee, Ina Stout, who lost her battle with the disease in March 2008. Employees raised \$265 toward Northeast Ohio research. Congratulations and thank you to all walkers and donators.

**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 current driver's license  
 or valid State of Ohio I.D.

**WOMEN'S BOOT CAMP**

**Mondays & Wednesdays**  
**5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Kiwanis Lodge**

**NUTRIPONTS WORKSHOP**

For fall workshops and information  
 e-mail Mary Jacobs at  
 healthyfamilies@majorityfitness.com

**20 Hours of "Power"**

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

*All classes are on a continuous basis with a variety  
 of payment options available. 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

All 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!

**"Power" Core Cardio Tues & Thurs 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!

**REVISED PUBLIC WORKS TIMETABLE**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Type of Project</b>	<b>Estimated Construction Date</b>
Richmond/White/Chardon	Sanitary Sewers	Completed/ Assessments to follow
Richmond Road Side Streets	Sanitary Sewers	Completed/Assessments to follow
Skyline & Glen Oval	Watermain & Paving	Completed
Fairlawn & Swetland (part)	New Concrete Pavement	Summer 2008
Hillary (Trebisky to Lindsey), New Catlin & Lindsey (Hillary Southwest)	Repair & Resurface	Summer 2008
Donna, Merit & Hillary (remainder)	Repairs	Summer 2008
Audrey, Cary Jay, Hillcrest & Sunset	Asphalt Rejuvinating Agent & Cracksealing Concrete and/or Asphalt	Fall 2008

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CORNER

### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CULTURAL COMMISSION

The Community Connections Cultural Commission is looking for volunteers for the City Beautiful Commission. Applications are currently being accepted. Please send a brief resume to The City of Richmond Heights ATTN: CCC Commission 26789 Highland Road, Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143. Don't miss this opportunity to promote civic pride and preserve the character and beauty of our wonderful City! The Commission is also seeking additional volunteers to host an informal evening coffee in their home; bringing neighbors together for community and conversation. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Mayor Ursu's office at (216) 486-2474.

### NEIGHBOR PROFILE

Our neighbor profile this time is Mr. Eddie Rice. Eddie is a native Clevelander and has lived in Richmond Heights since 2000. If his face looks familiar to you, it's because you may have seen him officiating basketball for the Richmond Heights Recreation League, or at a local Middle or High School game. In addition to officiating, you may have seen him at one of the Recreation Board activities. He has served on the Richmond Heights Recreation Board for several years, planning and participating in many community activities. Some of his other favorite activities include cooking-out, participating in fantasy football leagues, and tailgating during the Browns games.



Married for over 18 years, Eddie has two sons both attending Richmond Heights Local Schools. He met his wife, Sheari, while attending the University of Cincinnati. He works for Rockwell Automation as an Application Engineer where he designs Combustion Control Systems. He is also a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Eddie made Richmond Heights his home because of the closeness of the neighborhood. The Richmond Bluffs Subdivision reminds him of the close knit neighborhood where he was raised, near Nichols & Wade Park Avenue in Cleveland.

If you have a neighbor profile suggestion for our next newsletter, please forward it to City Hall at [information@richmondheights.org](mailto:information@richmondheights.org) or call (216) 486-2474.

### HOLIDAY FUN IN RICHMOND HEIGHTS

Santa will be riding through the streets of our community on Saturday, December 6. He will give a quick wave and a wink of encouragement to any children who would like to see him. He will begin his ride at 3:00 p.m. See below for route information.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 SANTA RIDES THROUGH RICHMOND HEIGHTS!

Street	Time	Street	Time	Street	Time
Richmond Heights City Hall	3:00	Left on Claymore	3:29	Left on Wilson Mills	3:53
Right on Highland Road	3:02	Right on Euclid Chagrin Pkwy	3:30	Enter Richmond Town Square	3:54
Right on Chardon Road	3:06	Left on Dumbarton	3:31	Around Richmond Town Square	3:56
Left on Chestnut Lane	3:07	Right on Douglas	3:33	Left on Wilson Mills Road	4:04
Left on Loganberry Drive	3:08	Left on Euclid Chagrin Pkwy	3:35	Left on Kenbridge	4:15
Left on Brush Road	3:10	Left on Harris	3:36	Left on Radford	4:16
Right on Chardon Road	3:11	Right on Highland Road	3:37	Left on Meadowlane	4:18
Right on Skyline Drive	3:13	Left on Karl	3:39	Left on Highland Road	4:19
Left on Chardon Road	3:16	Left on Catlin	3:40	Left on Pierson	4:20
Right on Richmond Road	3:17	Right on Richmond Road	3:42	Left on Queensboro	4:21
Right on Swetland	3:19	Right on Snavely	3:44	Right on Cranleigh	4:22
Left on Karen Isle	3:19	Left on Gleeten	3:45	Left on Loxley	4:23
Right on Richmond Road	3:20	Right on Richmond Road	3:46	Left on Wordsworth	4:24
Right on Highland Road	3:21	Right on Geraldine Avenue	3:47	Back to Highland	4:25
Right on Cary Jay Blvd.	3:23	Left on Anthony	3:48	Right on Highland	4:26
Continue on Royal Oak	3:25	Left on Donald Avenue	3:50	Left on Richmond Park West	4:28
Left on Dundee	3:26	Right on Richmond Road	3:51	Around Parkto Gazebo	4:30

## Upcoming Casino Bus Trip

**Date:** Wednesday, October 15

### Seneca Allegany Casino

Salamanca, New York

**Cost:** \$30 per person includes bus fare & \$10 in slot dollars

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

**Return:** 6:30 p.m.

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



**Date:** Wednesday, November 19

### Greektown Casino

Detroit, Michigan

**Cost:** \$30 per person includes bus fare & a \$20 coin voucher

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

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

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

## COOKING & CRAFTS

Six Wednesdays at the Kiwanis Lodge

**October 15 - November 19**

**6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**For ages 10 - 14**

**Sign-up early at Recreation Department! Class size limited to the first ten signed-up Fee: \$40**

## DANCING LIKE THE STARS

You, too, can have a lot of fun. Join us for ballroom dance instruction at the Kiwanis Lodge. This dance program is for ages 18 & up and will begin on October 1. Each dance will include ballroom dance instruction from 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. by Louise, a well-known instructor in the area. The dances take place from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. featuring a live band and light refreshments. Dances are held on the first Wednesday of the month. The Kiwanis Lodge is located at 27285 Highland Road in the back of Richmond Heights Community Park.

**Fee at the door: \$5 dance instruction and dance.**

**\$3 dance only from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**



*First Wednesday of the Month 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.*

*Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge*

**October 1 Frank Cardone Trio**

**November 5 Tony Carmen Band**

**December 3 Ray Polantz Orchestra**

**January 7 New Beginning Band**

*This schedule is subject to change or substitutions.*

## RICHMOND HEIGHTS SHARKS SWIM TEAM

Richmond Heights Sharks finished its season in 5th place out of 10 local teams. These sharks totalling less than 75 swimmers beat teams larger than they were, but they were sharks and fought hard. Several swimmers were successful with first place finishes including Jacquelynn Anderson (15) who was first in the 200 IM and the 100 backstroke. Matt Wagner (14) took first in the 100 fly. Emma Meyer took first in the 25 fly which was also a League record and the 25 breaststroke. She broke the team record held by head coach Nikki Seaman from 1996! Alex Vanek (12) was a team record breaker in the 50 backstroke and the 100 IM. Kyle Seaman took first in the 50 fly. The 8 and under girls broke the team relay record for the freestyle relay that was previously set in 2000. Swimmers included Natalya Yudushkin, Lucia Rosace, Isabella Ciferno and Emma Meyer.



Rose Montali who has led the team for the last 10 years retired with 16 years of volunteer service. She received the customary keychain and a custom designed adirondack chair at the banquet. Her partner on the team, Marilyn Wagner, will stay on for one more year as an advisor to the new leadership team of Vickie Anderson and Alison Ciferno.

Watch for swim team sign-up information in the Winter City Edition.

## RICHMOND HEIGHTS SCHOOLS

### TEACHERS HONORED

Principal Betty Mateen acknowledged two outstanding teachers for their hard work and dedication to their students at the graduation ceremony. This year's recipients of the Teacher of the Year Award consisted of music teacher, Mrs. Anita Caswell, as well as art teacher, Ms. Mary Catherine Nichols-Brondfield.

Mrs. Caswell took part in the graduation ceremony when she directed the choir in two inspirational songs. This teacher is passionate about her work and encourages students to strive for their best. Performances by the choir continue to get many compliments from the school staff, community, and families of performing students as well as awards from various competitions including *The Music Showcase Festival Competition* recently held in Baltimore, MD. Under her direction, the choir won for "Best Choir in the Festival." Her commitment to her students is what won her the honor of Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Nichols-Brondfield was honored with her award next by Mrs. Mateen. Our secondary school art teacher also inspires her students to go above and beyond with their creativity and express themselves individually. The students owe their unique art skills to the teacher who continues to teach and influence them. Ms. Bronfield was also honored nationally when she was selected to attend the Power of Art workshop supported by the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation in Washington, DC. She was one of (*continued on page 11. See Teachers*)

### RECOGNITION OF THE ARTS

#### Music

The Richmond Heights Secondary School Choir took 1<sup>st</sup> place in several categories during their trip to Baltimore for *The Music Showcase Festival Competition*. The competition was open to both vocal and instrumental ensembles. Our Choir won the following group and individual trophies:

#### BEST CHOIR IN THE ENTIRE FESTIVAL SUPERIOR RATING BEST IN THE ENTIRE FESTIVAL WITH THE HIGHEST SCORES

1<sup>st</sup> PLACE MIXED CONCERT CHOIR—SUPERIOR RATING  
1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE GOSPEL CHOIR — SUPERIOR RATING  
1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE MEN'S ENSEMBLE — SUPERIOR RATING  
OUTSTANDING SOPRANO SECTION— SUPERIOR RATING  
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CHASE FARLEY—OUTSTANDING SOLOIST  
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SHARRAH MIREE — OUTSTANDING VIOLINIST

This is the first time that the choir has taken home the BIG TROPHIES of Best in the Entire Competition and Best Choir in the Competition.

#### Art

Rebecca Virant's work will be displayed in the Ohio State Government Building as part of the Ohio House of Representatives Constituent Art Recognition Program. Becca is just one of many talented artists attending the Richmond Heights Schools.



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## HERRHOLTZ WELCOMED AS NEW SUPERINTENDENT!

The Board of Education hired Jim Herrholtz as the new Superintendent of Schools effective August 1, 2008. For the past 7 years, Mr. Herrholtz held superintendent positions at the Hubbard Exempted Village School District and, most recently, at the Madison Local School District. Jim expressed his passion for education at Madison by staying in contact with the students as an advisor for the Model United Nations organization, hosting an annual Lunch with the Superintendent for students, and other interactive opportunities.

Listed among his accomplishments as superintendent, Jim implemented a teacher collaboration program, reinstated the fifth grade band, as well as offering engineering, Spanish and Russian classes at the high school and middle school levels.

Welcome, Jim, and best of luck in your new position!

## TEACHERS *(continued from page 10)*

32 teachers selected out of hundreds of applications from all across the country. The focus of the workshop was the importance of art to help learning-disabled children. "The possibility always exists to nourish an important new genius in learning-disabled children, if their spirit is not broken and creative dreams are allowed to develop."

(Rauschenberg)

The students appreciate both teachers who have gone out of their way to uncover, support and promote their talents. Richmond Heights is proud to have them both as instructors!

## It's the End of the Road in High School for the Class of 2008

The Class of 2008 officially said their farewells to Richmond Heights High School and is prepared to embark on their future college and career plans. The class of 79 students graduated at the Performing Arts Center at Cuyahoga Community College Eastern Campus on the evening of Tuesday, June 3. Fifty-five of these graduates will continue their education at colleges, universities, and technical institutes.

While 500 parents, family members and friends of the graduating class sat comfortably in the auditorium, Pomp and Circumstance played in the background, and the graduates paraded into the auditorium to take their place center stage in front of the packed house.

The commencement program included various speeches and intermittent performances by the choir. The host for the evening, Mrs. Betty Mateen, Secondary School Principal, extended a warm welcome to the graduating class and their families. She introduced school board members, administrators and staff attending the program and then turned the podium over to School Board President, Willie Kennedy, who addressed the crowd with an insightful speech from the viewpoint of both a parent and board member. This was the first time in recent history that the Board President formally spoke at graduation.

We were honored to have Mr. Bruce Murphy, Executive Vice President of Keybank National Association as key note speaker this year. He was able to give a business perspective to the opportunities awaiting the graduates once they complete their education.

Mr. Dan Sadler, secondary school guidance counselor, announced this year's award (and the first ever for Richmond Heights) of the Robert C. Byrd Award. This is an honors scholarship given to students with both superior grades and test scores who will succeed in college. This year's recipient was Valedictorian Mui Choi, who has demonstrated both academic and leadership excellence in high school. She is the first recipient of this scholarship from Richmond Heights.

The ceremony reached its peak with speeches from the top two students of the class. The first was delivered by salutatorian Gabriel Gomes followed by valedictorian Mui Choi. Both graduates credited their friends, teachers, and the Richmond Heights Schools for providing the support they needed to be successful. Their ease at standing before a large crowd, delivering their own written words to the audience was remarkable and a common trait among our Richmond Heights students.

Then it was the moment the graduating class was waiting for. It was time to become certified and receive diplomas! The top ten graduates sat in the first row and were the first to be acknowledged for their academic accomplishments. One row at a time, the graduates circled the stage to take their place in the spotlight. As their names were called by Assistant Principal, Nate Bishko, each graduate marched proudly across the stage to accept his/her diploma from members of the school board.

After all diplomas were distributed, the graduates turned the tassels on their mortar boards and joyously tossed them into the air to confirm graduation. The Alma Mater of the high school was sung marking the end of the ceremony and the Recessional began. Graduates and guests gathered in the lobby of the performing arts center to take photographs and enjoy those final moments with their classmates.

To these students, it was officially the end of their high school careers and the beginning of a new chapter of their lives. Once again, congratulations to the Class of 2008 and best of luck in the future!

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