

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS

Anthony Gimellia, Editor


 The City Edition logo. It features the word "The" in a red, cursive, handwritten-style font. To its right, the word "CITY EDITION" is written in large, bold, black capital letters. The "C" and "E" are partially overlaid by the red "The" logo.

**NOMINATE TEEN CITIZEN
OF THE YEAR**

Do you know a Richmond Heights 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 the "Teen Citizen of the Year" award.

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, to: Sergeant Denise DeBiase, Richmond Heights Police Department, 27201 Highland Road, Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143 by June 3.

Each nominee must be a resident and a senior in High School. In addition, nominees must display community service, achieve academic excellence and be involved in their school's extra-curricular activities. Don't miss this opportunity to recognize that special teen citizen in this very distinctive way!

FAMILY DAY PICNIC - JULY 17

Mark your calendar for the Richmond Heights Family Day Picnic on Sunday, July 17 at the Richmond Heights Community Park. **Featuring:** Community Kickball Tournament at 12:00 p.m., Kiwanis Lodge tours, FREE entrance to the Sprayground, kite making, watermelon eating contest, music, family and individual games and so much more!! Delicious food and beverages will be on sale from various community organizations or bring your own picnic. Park festivities will begin at 1:00 p.m.

A Message from Mayor Daniel J. Ursu

Although I am optimistic that our financial situation will improve in the future, as you read this issue of the City Edition, you will notice that our traditional "Family Day" activities will be much less ambitious than they have been in the past as we have had to cut its budget by about 85%. Likewise, the Parade which was discontinued the past two years remains cancelled.

This is due to the continuing negative impact that the local, state and national economies have had on our City's budget. For instance, the Local Government Fund from the State of Ohio has been substantially reduced. Accordingly, personnel-wise we have eliminated two more administrative positions and realigned a third from full to part time – this is all in addition to the reductions in force in the Law Enforcement and Service departments in 2009 that we have not been able to recall, resigned positions that have been unfilled, a shortened 35-hour workweek, 0% employee wage increases and a decrease in Department Head salaries back to 2006 levels.

However, I know that our enthusiastic Recreation Director Teri Drda and our Recreation Board will do their best with reduced funds to put together a fun-filled Family Day afternoon more on the line of an "Old-Fashioned Picnic." Many thanks to the Rec Board and all of our employees who continue to deliver the best possible services with the fewer resources that we have available.

I am pleased to say that our new Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers responded for the first time to 84 households with power outages due to the severe winds during late April. Thanks especially to Councilwoman Eloise Henry, Chair of Council's Safety Committee, for her hard work in getting this group organized and to those who have helped along the way; and to the many volunteers who responded so well!

Lastly, as mentioned previously in these pages, the City Charter establishes a set of Boards and Commissions whose members fulfill important municipal functions. We are blessed to have many fine men and women serving in these roles for nominal or no compensation. If you are interested in being considered for appointment by me to one of the Boards or Commissions when an opening occasionally occurs, please contact my assistant, Dina Greisl, by calling City Hall.

Have a safe, happy and joyful summer!

Newly Added Online: The City's Annual Report


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City of Richmond Heights at
www.richmondheights ohio.org

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INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAMS BY CHRISTOPHER TANGEN, D.O.

Sports are a fun way for everyone to stay in shape. Unfortunately, injuries can slow any athlete. Although proper treatment and rehabilitation are important after an injury has occurred, preventing injuries from happening in the first place is even more important. Injury prevention programs along with stretching, strengthening, proper preparation, hydration, nutrition, equipment and conditioning are just some of the ways to prevent injuries.

Sports medicine doctors and other scientists have developed specific programs for athletes that have been shown to prevent injuries such as ACL tears of the knee. Studies have shown that strengthening of certain muscle groups through focused exercise programs can decrease an athlete's risk of ACL tears. These programs are usually implemented during practices and before games. They usually last about 15 to 20 minutes and are composed of exercises that can be incorporated into a team's warm up regardless of the sport, such as hamstring strengthening and pliometrics. Coaches and teams are taught these injury prevention programs and ideally perform them two or three times a week in conjunction with practices and games.

The sports medicine team at University Hospitals Richmond Medical Center in Richmond Heights consists of sports medicine physicians that work closely with orthopaedic surgeons and rehabilitation therapists to provide the community with resources for injury prevention and all other aspects of sports medicine care. If you do unfortunately suffer an injury, we offer same day appointments and diagnostic imaging for evaluation and treatment to get you safely back to your sport or activity. For more information, please call (440) 585-7146.

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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 15 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. Baskets can be purchased "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone special. Please make checks payable to "City of Richmond Heights Flower Basket Program". 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 by calendar year on the website.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CITY BEAUTIFICATION SPONSORS

Betty Barber in memory of Harold Barber, Lena & Tony Fazzan

**RICHMOND HEIGHTS RECREATION SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS
SPONSORED BY UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS/RICHMOND MEDICAL CENTER**

BASEBALL CAMP

JUNE 13 - JUNE 23

Coach Vince Benander will instruct campers ages 5 - 14 on 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.

Fee: \$25 Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

*** Monday - Thursday Camp**

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CAMP

JULY 25 - JULY 29

For girls 7 to 14 years old.

Campers will learn the basics of the game. Campers should bring knee pads and a water jug. The camp will be at Memorial Junior High School in South Euclid.

Fee: \$70 Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

BASKETBALL CAMP

JUNE 27 - JULY 7

For kids ages 5 - 14. Coach Harold Rasual 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.

Fee: \$25 Time: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

*** Monday - Thursday Camp**

FOOTBALL CAMP

JUNE 20 - JUNE 24

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: \$30**

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



PRESCHOOL SOCCER CAMP JUNE 20 - JUNE 24

Join our youth soccer staff as they teach the basics of soccer. Campers will learn kicking and dribbling with a soccer ball, while getting some exercise and learning the rules of the game. The camp will take place at Richmond Heights Community Park. Bring a water bottle. **Fee: \$20 Ages 3 - 5 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

SOCCER CAMP JULY 11 - JULY 22

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: \$25 Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. * Monday - Thursday Camp

TRACK & FIELD JUNE 20 - JUNE 24

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 Brush High School.

Fee: \$45 Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

TENNIS CAMP JULY 25 - AUGUST 4

For children 7 to 16 years old. The Youth Tennis Staff will teach the essentials 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: \$25 Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Monday - Thursday**

CHEERLEADING CAMP JUNE 27 - JULY 1

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. The camp will take place at Richmond Heights Community Park. **Fee: \$25 Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

BEGINNING GOLF JULY 18 - JULY 22

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: \$75 Time: 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

POOCHEES AT THE POOL DAY SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

Come to the 2nd Annual "Pooches at the Pool!" Day at Richmond Heights Pool. (All dogs must be current with their vaccinations). Attend if you are interested in adopting or bring your well-behaved dog to Richmond Heights Pool for a swim or a meet and greet. Admission is \$1 per person with 1 can of pet food or \$2 per person without. Proceeds to benefit rescue organizations. Treats available for purchase for humans and canines alike. Each dog must be accompanied by a human companion! Only dogs will be permitted in the pool and all persons must wear foot coverings at all times in the area surrounding the pool and sprayground.

(Rain date is Sunday, August 28)

Pool Opens: June 10, 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Pool Closes: August 21, 5:00 p.m.

POOL & SPRAYGROUND

HOURS:

June & July

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

Saturday 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

August

Monday - Friday 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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

REGISTRATION

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

FEES

Identification Card.....\$4

Resident Individual Pass.....\$50

Resident Family Pass for 4 \$110

Resident Family Pass for 5 \$120

Resident Family Pass for 6 \$130

Each additional family member \$10

Non-Resident Individual Pass.....\$70

Non-Resident Family Pass for 4 \$155

Each additional family member \$15

General Admission.....

\$4/with valid passholder

\$5/without passholder

Swim Team registration fee \$45

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.

2011 SWIMMING LESSONS SCHEDULE/SIGN-UP AT POOL

SESSION 1: 2 weeks, June 13 - June 23, Monday-Thursday

Register at pool: (Richmond Heights residents ONLY Friday, June 10)

Open registration at pool: Saturday, June 11 & Sunday, June 12

SESSION 2: 2 weeks, June 27 - July 7, Monday-Thursday

Register at pool: (Richmond Heights residents ONLY Friday, June 24)

Open registration at pool: Saturday, June 25 & Sunday, June 26

SESSION 3: 2 weeks, July 11 - July 21, Monday-Thursday

Register at pool: (Richmond Heights residents ONLY Friday, July 8)

Open registration at pool: Saturday, July 9 & Sunday, July 10

SESSION 4: 2 weeks, July 25 - August 4, Monday-Thursday

Register at pool: (Richmond Heights residents ONLY Friday, July 22)

Open registration at pool: Saturday, July 23 & Sunday, July 24

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 fee, children under 5 must have a parent with a pool pass.*

SWIM PROGRAMS INCLUDED WITH ABOVE SESSIONS

Learners (ages 4 - 6) **Time:** 10:45 a.m. -11:30 a.m..

Children will be put into groups according to skill & ability to learn the basics of beginning swimming.

Red Cross Learn to Swim (Levels 1- 6)

Times: 9:15 a.m. -10:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

RICHMOND HEIGHTS SWIM TEAM

Swimmers ages 4 - 18 are now able to join! Parents are invited to the Parent Swim Team meeting at City Hall on Sunday, June 5 at 6:00 p.m. You can sign-up and order Swim Team apparel! It's cool to be a **SHARK!**

SUNDAY EVENING SWIMMING LESSONS

Sundays from 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. beginning Sunday, June 19 and concluding on Sunday, August 7.

Register at pool: (Richmond Heights residents ONLY Friday, June 17)

Open registration at pool: Saturday, June 18 & Sunday, June 19.

The cost for the Sunday evening Swim Lessons is \$15 with pool pass, \$30 without a pool pass. *To qualify for \$15 fee, children under 5 must have a parent with a pool pass.*

EXER-SWIM TIME: 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. Monday - Friday

FREE for Senior Citizens! Water exercise is beneficial and easy for everyone to do! Set your own pace. Being able to swim is not necessary as participants will use the shallow end of the pool only.

RAFT NIGHTS TUESDAY & 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. (June & July only)

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION CONNECTION

CALL TODAY, RIDE AWAY!

1 (800) 983-4782

CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The new Cuyahoga County Board of Elections website has a variety of interactive applications designed to provide streamlined access to election resources. Check out their redesigned home page where you can check content on Candidate, Election and Voter information. You will also be able to see upcoming election dates and view public notices. The My Voting Information page provides detailed information on your polling location, your precinct ballots and district details. Visit their website at www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us

UPCOMING CASINO BUS TRIP

Date: Wednesday, July 6

Meadows Casino

Meadow Lands, Pennsylvania

Cost: \$30 per person/includes
\$20 free slot play

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

Return: 6:30 p.m.
To register, please call Recreation
Department at (216) 383-6313

FAMILY DAY T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

Do you want one of our famous Family Day t-shirts BEFORE Family Day? Come into the Recreation Department to order and we will issue you a one-of-a-kind t-shirt for only \$7 BEFORE Sunday, July 17.

PLANNING ON COMING TO THE PARK THIS SUMMER?

**SEE THE PARK RULES ON THE
RECREATION PAGE**

www.richmondheightsohio.org

SENIOR CLUB INFORMATION

Seniors, come join us for fellowship and interesting programs. The Senior Club meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the Kiwanis Lodge.

The Mystery Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, June 8. The Annual Pot Luck Picnic will be on Wednesday, July 13. Come join us!

If you have any questions, please call Senior Club President Nancy Rice at (216) 382-2926.

SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM UPDATE

Leveling was completed City-wide and removal and replacement commenced in the southern portion of the City in 2010.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION HAS RESUMED

Call the Building Department at (216) 383-6312 with any questions.

RICHMOND HEIGHTS CERT NEWS WHAT TO DO DURING A POWER OUTAGE

This valuable information comes to you from your Richmond Heights Community Emergency Response Team (RH-CERT). If interested in joining Richmond Heights CERT, please contact Eloise Henry (440) 465-3310.

If you happen to lose power, please remember the following: Call the Cleveland Illuminating Company (CEI) immediately at 1-888-LIGHTS (544-4877).

You may think your call is not important because all your neighbors have already called to report the outage. However, your call is equally important because CEI determines the size and scope of the outage by the number of calls received.

If you have a charged laptop computer (your desk top will not be working) you can check the following website which will list the cities and the number of homes affected. The website is www.firstenergycorp.com/outages

Remember, your cordless phones will not be functional. Therefore, you should consider using a corded phone or cell phone to communicate.

Have blankets, a working flashlight, a battery powered radio and plenty of water available in your emergency kit. If you have an automatic garage door opener, you will need to manually disengage the drive to open your door.

This may sound like common sense, but during emergency situations, we sometimes tend to forget the obvious!

For more information, please call Richmond Heights City Hall at (216) 486-2474.

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU OF CLEVELAND

The BBB is an unbiased non-profit organization that sets and upholds high standards for fair and honest business behavior. They are a resource to turn to for objective information on businesses along with being a key advisor/evaluator on the topic of trust in the marketplace. According to the BBB, the top scams in 2010 were all related to the tough economy. Job hunters and those struggling to get out of debt are common targets of fraudsters, hackers and deceptive businesses. **Be careful of** work from home schemes; debt relief/settlement services; itinerant (traveling) home repair/roofers and lottery/sweepstakes scams (these often target senior citizens). **Always** research a business with BBB **before you sign** any contracts or **hand over** any money. You may contact the Cleveland office at (216) 241-7678 or at cleveland.bbb.org for more information or to file a complaint if you have been victimized.

RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP IN RICHMOND HEIGHTS

Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will be hosting a Rain Barrel Workshop with the City of Richmond Heights, the Greenwood Farm Historical, Cultural & Arts Association, Inc., and the Friends of Euclid Creek on **Wednesday, July 27 from 6:30-8:00p.m. at Greenwood Farm** (264 Richmond Road).

A rain barrel is a container used to collect and store rainwater that would otherwise be lost to runoff and likely diverted to a storm drain. Collected water may then be used to water lawns and gardens. Cost is \$60 and includes the barrel, all materials and the downspout diverter.

To register for this workshop (**registration is required by July 19**), contact the Euclid Creek Watershed Coordinator at (216) 524-6580 extension 16 or cposius@cuyahogaswcd.org.

HELP KEEP YOUR CITY'S HOUSING STOCK MAINTAINED

Anonymously report rental and vacant properties to the City Building Department (216) 383-6312.

Location
Karen Isle Drive, Swetland Boulevard & Nan Linn Drive

Donald Avenue (West) & Chestnut Lane

Claymore Boulevard (part) & Royal Oak Boulevard (part)
City Wide

2010 Sidewalk Program

Highland Road, Richmond Road,
Chardon Road Sidewalks
2011 Road Program

AT YOUR SERVICE DEPARTMENT

2011 Recycling Events

Household Paint Round-Up Oil Base Paint ONLY - Every Saturday in June & September from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Computer Round-Up Every Saturday in August 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Scrap Tire Round-Up - Saturday, September 3 & Saturday, September 10 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Phone Books - Phone books are accepted all year. Please drop them in the paper bin.

Important Note: During the year we receive many phone calls regarding residents missing their trash pick-up. Residents should be aware that route/.driver changes made by Republic Waste can alter your rubbish collection time. Richmond Heights ordinance #951.04 (a) states all refuse containers shall be at the curbside for pickup by 7:30 a.m. on the day designated for pickup & ordinance #951.08 (a) states the rubbish company has until 7:00 p.m. to pick up trash.

RICHMOND HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB

The Richmond Heights Garden Club is completing its 42nd year. This year members enjoyed many informative and interesting gardening and horticultural programs as well as our popular and well attended Holiday and Spring Luncheons.

The Garden Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month from September through June. Yearly 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.

DAVID H. ROCHE ELECTED VICE CHAIR OF THE EUCLID CREEK WATERSHED COUNCIL (ECWC)

David Roche was elected as Vice Chair of the ECWC. The goal of the ECWC is to promote inter-jurisdictional cooperation in addressing watershed issues in the Euclid Creek watershed, including cooperation with the Euclid Creek Watershed Coordinator to implement the Watershed Action Plan for the Euclid Creek.

REVISED PUBLIC WORKS TIMETABLE

| Location | Type of Project | Estimated Construction Date |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Karen Isle Drive, Swetland Boulevard & Nan Linn Drive | Curbs & Gutters, Repair & Resurface | Completed |
| Donald Avenue (West) & Chestnut Lane | Repair and Asphalt | Completed |
| Claymore Boulevard (part) & Royal Oak Boulevard (part) City Wide | Repair & Resurface | Completed |
| Asphalt Rejuvination & Crack Sealing | | Completed |
| 2010 Sidewalk Program | Spot Replacement and/or Leveling | Fall 2010/Spring 2011 |
| Highland Road, Richmond Road, Chardon Road Sidewalks 2011 Road Program | Partial Grant Funding | Spring/Summer 2011 |
| | Concrete & Asphalt | Summer 2011 |

LOOKING TO GET MORE TIME IN YOUR DAY?

The United States Postal Service (www.usps.com) invites you to try the new 24-hour Automated Postal Center self-service kiosk at the Richmond Heights Post Office, 454 Richmond Rd.

- * No waiting in line, open 24 hours/7 days a week
- * Ship domestic packages anytime at the 24-hour self-service kiosk
- * Use your credit or debit card to: Purchase insurance, Delivery Confirmation service, Certified Mail and Return Receipt
- * Choose Express Mail overnight or Priority Mail 2-day service
- * Send First Class Mail

Post Office operating hours:

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 Sunday closed

ENERGY CONSERVATION FOR OHIOANS (ECO-LINK) PROGRAM

ECO-Link is a partnership between the Ohio Treasurer of State and participating state banks to provide reduced interest rate financing to Ohio homeowners for weatherization projects and energy efficient appliances in their homes. ECO-Link provides powerful lending resources for homeowners to enjoy a more comfortable home, realize the savings from energy efficient products and promote Ohio's developing green economy. Participants receive a 3% interest rate reduction on bank loans for five years. Northeast Ohio Banks that are participating in this program include Key Bank, US Bank and Huntington Bank. Ohio residents who are owners of an existing family home and are able to secure a qualifying bank loan are eligible. For details and an application, visit www.tos.ohio.gov/ForYou and click on the ECO-Link tab.

GREENWOOD FARM INFORMATION

It is time to renew your membership or to become a new member of the Greenwood Farm Historical, Cultural & Arts Association, Inc. Memberships help to defray the cost of the work needed for renovation. This year the Board of Directors will be working on painting the first floor rooms now that the wallpaper removal has been completed, refinishing the woodwork in the library that will house the Richmond Heights historical records, and completing the preliminary sanitary sewer system design so that, ultimately, sanitary sewers can be installed.

The Board of Directors always seek volunteers who have a passion for the preservation of history, the environment, a love of community-building and a love of Richmond Heights. For more information, go to www.greenwoodfarmassn.org

SAVE THESE DATES for these upcoming events at the Farm:

- Monday, June 20 Annual Meeting**
- Saturday, July 16 Junk in the Trunk**
- Wednesday, July 27 Rain Barrel Workshop**
- Saturday, September 24 Fall Fun Fest at the Farm**

Watch for more information about these events and Greenwood Farm on the City's Community Board, the Information Line at (216) 383-6300, and the Greenwood Farm website at www.greenwoodfarmassn.org. Join in the fun of helping to make a magnificent part of our community's history come alive again!!!

COYOTES

There have been coyote sightings in Richmond Heights the past few years. According to the Ohio Department of Wildlife, this is occurring throughout Ohio. Although in the past coyotes have preferred a rural environment, they have migrated into cities to live off "human provided" food sources and have become a bit less fearful of people. Still, coyotes are relatively shy animals and most sightings occur within residential areas during winter months between December and March because they are less likely to be confronted by people. Once the milder weather settles in and people spend more time outside, coyotes typically return to forested areas to avoid human contact.

Coyotes are opportunistic, so the best thing to do is deny them opportunities by storing trash in covered containers and eliminating potential food and water sources in your yard. Small dogs and cats should be kept inside, or at least, not outside unsupervised. Also, keep an eye on small children. If confronted by a coyote, yelling and creating noise will generally scare them away. They typically prey on small animals like moles, mice, chipmunks, and sometimes squirrels or small raccoons and even small deer. They are not typically known as fighters, and will normally not start a fight with a human or other larger animal.

According to the Department of Wildlife, these animals are extremely important to the local ecosystem, as a healthy population can help control the populations of rodents, deer and other small predators. They are not recreational killers and will only visit your yard if it is made a convenient feeding or nesting ground. If you do sight coyotes, notify the Police Department.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY COUPLES!

The Richmond Heights couples celebrating 50 years or more of marriage in 2011: **Marty and Bill Stapleton, 60 years on April 28 & Ann & Joseph Torer, 50 years on April 29.**

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The City with the Forward Look!

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ATTENTION: HOMEOWNERS NOTICE ABOUT REPUBLIC WASTE BILLS

Some City residents are delinquent in their payments to Republic Waste. Bills not paid directly to Republic Waste will be assessed to the property taxes where the service is provided, along with the City and County fees. If you are behind, please make arrangements with Republic Waste (216) 441-6300 to bring your bill current to avoid the additional fees associated with assessing the trash pickup charges.

PLAN A PARTY AT THE RICHMOND HEIGHTS POOL!

Plan your next birthday, friend or family gathering at the pool. Parties are scheduled in two-hour increments on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. The rental fee is only \$150 for two hours. Additional time is optional at \$50 per hour. No alcohol permitted. Call the Recreation Department at (216) 383-6313 for details.

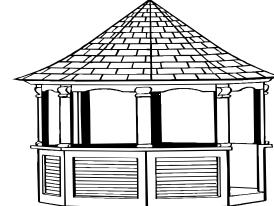
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FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES IN THE PARK

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
at Richmond Heights Community Park Gazebo



Wednesday, June 15 Erie Heights Brass Ensemble

Wednesday, June 29 Ron Stark Orchestra

Wednesday, July 20 Ron Sluga

Bring lawn chairs! If the Park parking lot is full, extra parking is available in the school parking lots next door to the Park. In case of rain, concerts will be held at the Kiwanis Lodge. *This schedule is subject to change or substitution.*

EVERYDAY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY TIPS

Small steps that get your family moving more can help all of you maintain a healthy weight. Choose a different tip each week for you and your family to try.

See if you or they can add to the list. Here are a few suggestions:

- * Walk instead of drive, whenever you can
- * Take the dog on longer walks
- * Walk your children to school
- * Go up hills instead of around them
- * Take the stairs instead of the elevator
- * Join an exercise group
- * Take a family walk after dinner
- * Enroll your children in sports
- * Replace a Sunday drive with a Sunday walk
- * Use an exercise video if the weather is bad
- * Take a walk instead of watching TV
- * Play with your kids at least 30 minutes a day
- * Get off the bus a stop early, and walk
- * Park farther from the store and walk
- * Make a Saturday morning walk a habit
- * Walk briskly in the mall
- * Dance to music... with your kids
- * Swim with your kids