

## THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS

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## The CITY EDITION

**HALLOWEEN PARTY****FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26**

Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge

27285 Highland Road

Hayride, Fall crafts, fun games and delicious snacks! Feel free to come in costume. Tickets must be purchased in advance starting on October 3 at City Hall in the Recreation Department.

**Fee:** \$5 for children and adults**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
**14TH ANNUAL  
RECREATION DEPT.  
FALL CRAFT SHOW**
**Saturday, November 3****9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.****Kiwanis Lodge****Handmade Crafts & Great Food****CONGRATULATIONS MAYOR**

Congratulations to Mayor Ursu on his appointment by County Executive Ed FitzGerald to the Board of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission.

**AMOUNT OF VISITORS ON  
THE RICHMOND HEIGHTS  
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**A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DANIEL J. URNU**

The reality of the 2013 budget cuts at the state level including the Local Government Fund, the Estate Tax, the Commercial Activities Tax (CAT), and the County property tax revaluation as noted in past City Editions and in the media, will mean about \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 less next year in the Richmond Heights 2013 budget. As mentioned in the past, we began reductions in force and other cutbacks in the first quarter of 2009 to adjust our budget to the 2008 economic downturn. These include:

1. Reduction in Force – Ten (10) Total in Law Enforcement: 5 Police Officers, 1 Full-Time & 2 Part-Time Correction Officers, 1 Full-Time Dispatcher, and 1 Part-Time Police Secretary
2. Reduction in Force: 1 Full-Time Building Department Secretary
3. Reduction in Force: 1 Full-Time and 2 Part-Time Service Employees
4. Reduction in Force: Retired Building Commissioner Position Unfilled
5. Reduction in Force: 1 Pool Manager
6. Reduction in Force: Economic Development Director
7. Reduction in Force: 1 Full-Time Recreation Staff to Part-Time
8. 0% Wage Increases 2010, 2011 and 2012
9. Five (5) Furlough Hours per Week in Administration, Service, Building, Recreation and Finance Departments
10. Reduction in Salary of Police Chief, Service Director and Finance Director Salaries to 2006 levels
11. Reduced Pool Hours with resultant reduction of Physical Plant and Personnel Costs

We have not been able to replace capital equipment and have eliminated most street reconstruction.

To offset the 2013 state cuts with new revenue, the City put on the ballot in Fall of 2011 an issue to reduce the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) income tax credit; this was unsuccessful. As the above mentioned state cuts are still looming in 2013, Council and I unanimously passed a ballot issue to permit the voters this November 6<sup>th</sup> to determine whether there should be an increase in the RITA tax by 0.25% to make up the revenue to be lost in 2013. For a person with a \$50,000 salary this would result in 34¢ per day additional tax.

For comparison purposes, RITA tax collections in total and per resident for certain Hillcrest area suburbs are:

City	Gross Income Tax Collected	Per Resident Income Tax Collected
Beachwood	\$23,149,288.00	\$1,937.00
Mayfield Heights	\$14,466,525.00	\$ 755.00
Mayfield Village	\$12,004,337.00	\$3,469.00
Highland Heights	\$10,834,749.00	\$1,298.00
University Heights	\$ 8,008,508.00	\$ 592.00
Lyndhurst	\$ 6,314,324.00	\$ 451.00
Richmond Heights	\$ 4,551,582.00	\$ 432.00

I also want you to know that a new Finance Director, Paul Ellis, came on board June 25. Paul is a Richmond Heights resident and has 30 years experience in public finance including service as Cash Manager in the Treasurer's Office at Cuyahoga County, Treasurer of the City of Cleveland and most recently the Assistant Finance Director in the City of Seven Hills. (See page 3)

I urge you to educate yourself regarding these issues, and all matters on the ballot on November 6<sup>th</sup>, but above all, I urge you to vote. Have a joyous holiday season!

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### RICHMOND HEIGHTS CERT TEAM LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Richmond Heights CERT team meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in City Council Chambers. New members are welcome. For more detailed information, application forms etc., visit the cities CERT web page: <http://www.richmondheightsohio.org/CERT.php>

## FREE COUPONING CLASSES

### Monday, October 1 at City Hall

Learn the basics of extreme couponing from Barbara Marchuk. A couponing veteran for 20 years will share her secrets how to get products at rock bottom prices or even free! It will be an evening of information and fun. There will be a free drawing of a basket of goodies. Space is limited. Call the Richmond Heights Recreation Department at (216) 383-6313 to reserve your spot.

### Advance Couponing Class

### October 8 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Space is limited. Call the Richmond Heights Recreation Department at (216) 383-6313 to reserve your spot. You can sign up for just one class or both.

### HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED IF THERE ARE GHOSTS AT GREENWOOD FARM?

Well, we will be finding out on November 9. Watch for more information about a "Ghost Hunt"! Registration WILL BE REQUIRED.

The Board of Directors always welcomes new members and volunteers. New membership applications and membership renewals for 2012 are accepted at any time. If you are interested in becoming a member or helping in any way, please check the Greenwood website, [www.greenwoodfarmassn.org](http://www.greenwoodfarmassn.org) , or obtain a membership form at City Hall. *Every community needs to remember its beginning, for that in part defines what the community becomes.*

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Aircraft Noise Complaints:** Call the Cuyahoga County Airport Office anytime within 72 hours, (216) 289-4111, to report a noise complaint.

#### Preferably, write to:

Kevin Delaney Manager  
Cuyahoga County Airport  
26300 Curtiss Wright Parkway  
Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143

## PAUL ELLIS NAMED NEW FINANCE DIRECTOR

Paul W. Ellis has over 30 years as a Finance Officer in local government in Ohio. He served as the Cash Manager for the Cuyahoga County Treasurer's office where he was responsible for the treasury management functions of the office. Mr. Ellis has also served as the cash manager for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, and Treasurer of the City of Cleveland. His experience includes management of staff (investments, cashiers, remittance processing), issuance of debt, managing bank relationships, and designing/implementing financial operating systems. His most recent position prior to coming to Richmond Heights was Deputy Finance Director for the City of Seven Hills.

Mr. Ellis has a BA from Trinity University and a MPA from the University of Oklahoma. He also has a CTP certification from the Association of Finance Professionals.

Mr. Ellis has been a resident of Richmond Heights for 23 years. He and his wife Patricia have two daughters, Erin, who lives in Highland Heights and Rebecca, who lives in Kansas City, Missouri.

### MEET THE NEW RICHMOND HEIGHTS FIRE CHIEF MARC NEUMANN

Marc Neumann began his tenure as Richmond Height's new fire chief on August 13th. Chief Neumann worked for the Orange County Fire Rescue Department near Orlando, Florida for 27 years before taking the fire chief position in Richmond Heights. While in Orange County, Chief Neumann moved through the ranks from firefighter to division chief; having served in nearly every emergency response job imaginable. Chief Neumann managed Orange County's sophisticated 911 communications center and has extensive experience in fire department operations, project management, program development, fiscal management, collective bargaining, and long range planning.

Chief Neumann's roots are firmly planted in Ohio having been raised in Olmsted Falls, where he attended high school. He received his paramedic training from Cuyahoga Community College before moving to Florida at age 22. Chief Neumann has a Bachelors Degree in Public Administration from Barry University, as well as, many technical certifications in the field of firefighting.

Although Chief Neumann spent the majority of his career in Orange County, he also has a small-town perspective. Before moving south, Chief Neumann started his career with the Olmsted Township Fire Department. He also served in Maitland, a small community in Central Florida, for approximately two years before coming to the Orange County Fire Rescue Department.

Chief Neumann is married to Diedra (originally from Cortland, Ohio) and has two sons, Tyler, 24, and Sam, 21.

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## NEWS FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

There is an old saying, "sleep tight, don't let the bed bugs bite." Unfortunately, bed bugs have made a resurgence across Northeast Ohio. Although their name comes from their tendency to live in and around where we sleep and from the fact that they typically feed on human blood at night, bed bugs can be found throughout homes, office buildings, apartments, nursing homes and workplaces.

Bed bugs are small, flat, oval, reddish brown, insects that feed on the blood of humans and other mammals. They do not fly or jump, but they are active travelers, usually being transported in luggage, boxes, clothing and furniture. Anyone who comes into contact with bed bugs can unknowingly carry them into their home or workplace. Infestations are not tied to unsanitary living conditions; even world class hotels have reported bed bug problems. They are not known to transmit disease and are more of a nuisance since an infestation can cause emotional stress.

Complete elimination of a bed bug infestation may be difficult without the services of a knowledgeable licensed pest control operator. Pesticides labeled for use against bed bugs are available over the counter and may provide effective control. Remember to carefully follow all directions on pesticide labels.

Helpful information can be found on the Cuyahoga County Board of Health website, [www.ccbh.net](http://www.ccbh.net) or at the Cuyahoga County Bed Bug Task Force website,

[www.cuyahogabedbugs.org](http://www.cuyahogabedbugs.org). These agencies provide education and guidance on the prevention, detection and elimination of bed bug infestations.

## AT YOUR SERVICE DEPARTMENT

**Leaf Season...** Just a quick reminder: the Service Department will start picking up leaves the last week in 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 & equipment could be damaged.

**Snow Season...** The following information will help us all get thru another winter...

-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 vehicles speed & allow ample stopping distance between you & another vehicle. This is also important when traveling behind a city plow truck. These trucks throw blinding snow off their plow & could make sudden stops, & often back into intersections after dumping snow to plow the return lane.

-If we encounter continuous heavy snowfall, resident should have realistic expectations of the Service Department.

-The City is **NOT responsible** for the removal of snow thrown into any driveway by City snow plows.

-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 & 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 also 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. Also, 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 a 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 & wood post only.

### Holiday Rubbish Schedule...

Due to Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 22, rubbish & recycling for that day will be picked up Friday, November 23, and Friday's rubbish & recycling will be picked up Saturday November 24.

Christmas Day is Tuesday, December 25, so rubbish & recycling will be picked up Wednesday, December 26, and everyday after that trash will be delayed by one day.

New Year's Day is Tuesday, January 1, so rubbish & recycling will be picked up Wednesday, January 2, and everyday after that trash will be delayed by one day.

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN  
TRICK OR TREAT  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**



## RICHMOND HEIGHTS SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB NEWS

The Senior Citizens' Club is the place to be this fall. They are bowling on Monday mornings with the highlight of the day--lunch at various nearby restaurants; also playing cards on Friday afternoon at City Hall.

General meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in 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 David Roche at (216) 291-2207.

## CRIME & SAFETY

Richmond Heights, like most of our surrounding communities, has experienced an increase in crimes of opportunity. These are crimes that are committed on the spur of the moment by subjects looking for easy opportunities where residents may have failed to take the necessary security precautions. Examples are: failing to lock vehicles that are kept outside all night; leaving valuables in your vehicle in plain view; not locking the pedestrian door from the garage to the house when working in the back yard; or keeping your garage door open all of the time.

In addition, due to the number of houses in foreclosure, thieves are targeting these houses to break in and steal copper piping and wiring. Be a good neighbor and look out for each other. If you see suspicious activity at a neighbor's house or in your neighborhood, please call the police and we will check it out and make sure that it is legitimate activity.

This program is designed for residential customers and is open to Richmond Heights homeowners (**you must own and occupy the home**) who are customers of the **City of Euclid Wastewater Treatment Plant**. Under this program, summer residential sewer bills are based on average winter consumption. If you used more water during the summer billing period (May thru September) than you used during the previous winter billing period (October thru April), you should see a reduction in your sewer bill. There is a one time fee of \$10.00 due with the application form. The application form must be returned by January 1, 2013. **Complete information and application forms will be available at City Hall beginning September 28, 2012.**

If you are a customer of the **Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSD)** you may also be entitled to a reduced sewer bill. There is no fee for the application or to participate in the program. For additional information contact the District's Customer Service Department at (216) 881-8247.

## ANNUAL FLU SHOT PROGRAM

**WHEN: Wednesday, October 10 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**WHERE: Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge, 27285 Highland Road**

This year, the City of Richmond Heights will be working in conjunction with CVS to bring a Flu Vaccination Clinic to our Kiwanis Lodge. Certified CVS Pharmacists will administer Flu Shots to those 18 years of age and older.

**NO APPOINTMENT OR PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY  
AND YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A RESIDENT OF  
RICHMOND HEIGHTS IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR  
CLINIC.**

If you are on Medicare, you will be able to receive a Flu Shot at no charge. However, you MUST present your Medicare Card and any other supplemental insurance cards at the time you receive the shot in order to qualify.

For those who are not on Medicare, the cost is \$31.99 payable by cash or check to CVS. Although CVS does not bill private insurance carriers, they will provide you with a receipt that you can then submit to your insurance company.

## RICHMOND HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB

The Richmond Heights Garden Club is entering its 44th year!

Re-elected officers for the coming 2012-2013 year are: President – Aire Roche, Vice President – Rochelle Modica, Recording Secretary – Susan Myers, Corresponding Secretary – Eleanor Riznar, Assistant Secretary Margorie Zlatoper and Treasurer – Dolores Sciaulino.

Congratulations to Richmond Heights students: James Maher, Meghan Roach, and Lita Shive, who were each awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Richmond Heights Garden Club.

A tree was donated by the Garden Club and Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club and planted near the tennis courts in the Richmond Heights Community Park on Arbor Day. Donations were also made to the Richmond Heights Senior Prom, Flower Basket Program and Greenwood Farm.

In October, the Garden Club will have a field trip. The Garden Club's annual bake sale and raffle will be held on Saturday, November 3 at the Richmond Heights Recreation Department Fall Craft Show. Once again, the very popular Holiday Luncheon will be held at the Villa Di Borally on Thursday, December 6.

The Garden Club meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from September thru June at the Kiwanis Lodge, 27285 Highland Road located at the rear of the Richmond Heights Community Park. Yearly membership dues are \$10.

If you are interested in joining the Garden Club or for more information, please contact Aire Roche (216) 291-2207.

## SUMMER SPRINKLING PROGRAM

This program is designed for residential customers and is open to Richmond Heights homeowners (**you must own and occupy the home**) who are customers of the **City of Euclid Wastewater Treatment Plant**. Under this program, summer residential sewer bills are based on average winter consumption. If you used more water during the summer billing period (May thru September) than you used during the previous winter billing period (October thru April), you should see a reduction in your sewer bill. There is a one time fee of \$10.00 due with the application form. The application form must be returned by January 1, 2013. **Complete information and application forms will be available at City Hall beginning September 28, 2012.**

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## GENERAL ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 6, is General Election Day. Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Ward 1 and Ward 2 vote 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.

**ATTENTION: SENIORS & DISABLED ADULTS**  
**TRANSPORTATION BUS AVAILABLE MONDAY - FRIDAY**

**Call 1 (800) 983-4782**

**SET CLOCKS BACK DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**

Don't forget it's time to "FALL BACK". Set your clocks back one (1) hour on Sunday, November 4 at 2:00 a.m. This is also the time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED!**

The Recreation Department would love to have your help at the Richmond Heights Craft Show on November 3. Call (216) 383-6313 if you can help.

**Location**

Heather Lane & Whiteway Drive  
 Allendale Drive, Brookdale Road,  
 Chelford Avenue & Radford Drive  
 Claymore Boulevard (remainder) &  
 Royal Oak Boulevard (remainder)

Community Park Bridge

City Wide  
 2012 - 2013 Road Work

## REFORESTING RICHMOND HEIGHTS

Come one, come all! On Saturday, October 20, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., you, your family and neighbors can help Reforest Richmond Heights.

Cuyahoga ReLeaf, a program that keeps woods working for watersheds, will hold a community tree planting beside the creek along Highland Road.

With funding from the U.S. Forest Service and ODNR Division of Forestry, and *at no cost to the community*, the project provides the trees, tools, equipment and training to communities throughout the area in an effort to reduce stormwater runoff and restore riparian areas to improve stream health. Trees, and healthy urban forests, are the most important pieces of a community's ecosystem, absorbing hundreds of gallons of stormwater, providing shade to aquatic life and habitat for birds, cooling the soil and cleaning the air, and beautifying our City.

On October 20, ReLeaf partners and volunteers will plant more than a hundred trees, some large, some small, along 770 feet of Claribel Creek, which leads to Euclid Creek.

Volunteers are needed for all kinds of work - planting, mulching, donut-distribution and more. If you'd like to be a team leader, and learn the proper way to plant and mulch trees so that you can teach others, training will begin at 8am. Planting volunteers gather at 9am in front of City Hall. To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Cathi Lehn at (216) 241-2414 x307, or email [lehnc@crcpo.org](mailto:lehnc@crcpo.org).

Cuyahoga ReLeaf is a program of Cuyahoga River Community Planning, working to restore the Cuyahoga River Area of Concern, which includes Euclid Creek. Partners include Friends of Euclid Creek, of which the City of Richmond Heights is an active member.

**SHRED DAY**

**PITCH YOUR PAPERS!**

**CLEAR YOUR CLUTTER!**

**Saturday, October 27**

**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Richmond Heights City Hall**

**26789 Highland Road**

**For more details, please call (216) 383-6313**

**SANITARY SEWERS UPDATE**

Due to inflow and infiltration (I & I) problems with the Sanitary Sewer System, the elimination of which is difficult and costly, Ordinance Number 44-2012 was passed by City Council and signed by the Mayor. Working with the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works, this enables residents to obtain up to a \$1500 reimbursement for work related to the elimination and/or reduction of basement flooding. Details are available at City Hall in the Building Department

**REVISED PUBLIC WORKS TIMETABLE**

**Location**

**Type of Project**

**Estimated Construction Date**

Completed 2011

Replace (Partially funded by a grant  
 from the Cuyahoga County  
 Department of Development)

Completed 2011

Asphalt Rejuvenation and/or Crack Sealing  
 Concrete and/or Asphalt

Continues in 2012  
 On Emergency Basis

## RICHMOND HTS. KIWANIS CLUB

The Kiwanis Club has been presenting scholarships to graduating seniors that are residents of Richmond Heights for over 42 years. The club members throughout the year run fund-raising events to support the scholarship program. Please support future Kiwanis activities to continue to help fund the scholarships.

Kiwanis of Richmond Heights provided \$2500 in Scholarships to 5 recipients this year.

Lita Shive – Richmond Hts. H.S.  
Whitney Felder – Richmond Hts. H.S.  
Helena Mitchell - Richmond Hts. H.S.  
Meghan Roach – Beaumont School  
James Maher – V.A./St Joseph H.S.

### KIWANIS FUND RAISERS

#### DINNER/CARD PARTY

**Thursday, September 27**

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the card games will begin at 7:05 p.m. at the Kiwanis Lodge. For more information, contact Frank Lentine at (440) 461-5955

#### CLAMBAKE

**Thursday, October 4**

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. at the Kiwanis Lodge. Cost is \$27 per person. For more information, contact Jim Giarelli at (330) 405-1441.

#### REVERSE RAFFLE

**Saturday, October 27**

Main door prize will be \$2500. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiwanis Lodge. Cost is \$50 per main board ticket. For more information, contact David Roche at (216) 291-2207

#### VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Recreation is looking for volunteers for the Halloween Party on October 26. Call (216) 383-6313 if you can help.

## RICHMOND HEIGHTS SCHOOL BOARD NEWS & NOTES

This section of page 7 is printed on behalf of the Richmond Heights School Board for those residents who are part of the Richmond Heights School District.

Dear Parents & Spartans Family:

I want to warmly welcome our new and returning students and their families to the 2012-2013 school year.

This year will be filled with new and awesome challenges for all of us at Richmond Heights Local School District as we continue to implement the following:

- The new Common Core State Standards
- The new Teachers' Evaluation System
- The new Customer Service initiative
- The recruitment of new and returning students
- The increase of parent participation
- The Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS)
- New staff members (teachers and administrators)
- Beautification of the grounds
- **The placement of the levy (November)**

It is our hope and endeavor that we work together to increase and maximize student achievement. Our culture of respectful collaboration works hand in hand with the practices and protocols we are utilizing to help us achieve our goals. We are continuing to expand on the tools we have used to improve classroom instruction. Our teachers are becoming more and more adept at using common core on a department, school and district-wide level to hone in on the most effective teaching strategies for each subject area.

In doing so, we have encouraged and empowered our staff to collaborate on improving classroom instruction in ways that best suit their students. Currently research strongly supports the importance of building capacity through collaboration. Our teachers are working ever more diligently on this effort and our students are the beneficiaries. Our new administrative team, Ms. Martha Hasselbusch; Elementary Principal, and Mr. Edward Muffet, Interim Assistant High School Principal along with Mr. Harold Booker, Interim High School Principal are at the helm of these initiatives.

You can expect the best as we implement these changes.

Visit our website as we post important events, dates and other pertinent information relevant to the school district and your child (ren). We solicit your support in the above endeavors. We can't do it alone; we need your assistance!

We welcome your feedback and please take time to stop by our schools to see and hear about the changes that are taking place. I am confident that by working together, our Richmond Heights community of teachers, students, parents, staff and administrators will continue to build on the foundation of our **"Transforming Our District To Meet The Needs of Our Students"** initiative, and raising our students to the next level of achievement. I ask you to partner with us as we embark on this new page of our journey.

**Dr. Robert J. Moore, II**, Superintendent Richmond Heights Schools

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### 16TH ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Mark your calendars now for

Saturday, December

1, for the City's 16th

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 the Kiwanis Lodge! Breakfast will be served from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and

children ages 2 to 12 and free to

children under 2. The children will be able make a holiday craft and decorate a cookie. There will also be face painting and other characters to meet! Tickets will go on sale in the Recreation Department on Monday, November 5.

**Tickets must be purchased in advance.** This event has sold out every year, so don't wait to purchase your tickets!

