

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS

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The CITY EDITION

RICHMOND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

**Tuesday, October 30
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Kiwanis Lodge
27285 Highland Road**

Mayor David H. Roche, City Council and members of the City of Richmond Heights administration will host Community Conversations again this fall, providing an opportunity for residents to meet members of the administration representing the City Departments. Event's guests represent County Planning (see the Master Plan), Charter Review Committee, Local Schools, and Regional Court. Please join us to participate in small group resident-driven roundtable discussions about our City. The goal is to build and strengthen relations, as well as help residents better understand our challenges, bridge gaps, generate innovative solutions and inspire collaborative action.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

RECREATION SURVEY

SEE PAGES 2, 3 & 4

**PLEASE COMPLETE
AND RETURN
OR
COMPLETE ONLINE
ON CITY WEBSITE**

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DAVID H. ROCHE

Though the pool is now closed for the season and the last notes from our Summer Concert series at the Gazebo in Community Park have drifted away, we look forward to celebrating all that autumn offers. Please plan to join the City of Richmond Heights and the Friends of Euclid Creek on Saturday, September 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for The Fall Fun & Nature Festival at the Greenwood Farm located at 264 Richmond Road.

The City was just awarded a \$150, 000 Community Development Block Grant. This grant will allow continued improvements to the lower level of the Kiwanis Lodge which began last year, with the help from Community Development Supplemental Grant. The City will be adding ADA compliant bathrooms, enclosing the rear entrance, renovating the lower level kitchen into a modern kitchenette, and making necessary sewer upgrades.

We hope you will take a few minutes to complete and return the 2018 City of Richmond Heights Recreation Needs Assessment survey included in this City Edition. The survey can also be taken electronically via a link from our website. Additionally, we invite you to learn more about the City of Richmond Heights and join roundtable discussions at our Community Conversations event in October. Your feedback is greatly appreciated!

City Council recently passed 7 ordinances (83 – 89) proposed by the Charter Review Committee to refine and clarify existing sections of the City Charter. These minor changes will be on the November ballot and can be viewed now, along with other city legislation, on the website Legislation page. Council also passed an ordinance for mixed use developments in the B-2 regional business district, allowing Economic Development projects to move forward.

University Hospitals' completed a \$1 million renovation and redesign of its Emergency Department (ED) at UH Richmond Medical Center, resulting in reduced patient wait times and enhanced patient care. The new Dollar General at the intersection of Chardon Road and Richmond Road will be opening soon, and a \$45 million airport improvement is anticipated to be completed this year. The city continues to collaborate with the county to attract business to the airport area. A link to the latest Master Plan is available on the city website Economic Development page. Dealpoint Merrill is making progress in the development at Richmond Town Square and we will continue to carefully review site plans, design, parking and other amenities associated with the project. The revitalization project for Richmond Heights City Schools is full speed ahead!

Be sure to visit our website at richmondheightsohio.org for the latest city information. While there, become one of over 1,000 subscribers to our e-newsletter and visit the Residents page - Useful Links section for previous issues of the City Edition and the E-Newsletter. I look forward to seeing you soon at our upcoming activities.

WE NEED YOUR HELP on pages 3-4!!



The Richmond Heights Recreation Department strives to provide the best services to our residents. We welcome and we need your comments. They will help us achieve our goal: *"Improving our Services"*. Please assist us in evaluating and improving our parks, pool, fields and recreation/leisure programs by completing and returning this survey. We are conducting this survey from September 1 to October 1, 2018.

Please return this completed survey in any of the following ways:

1. Drop it off in the 24 hour drop box inside the Front Door of the City Hall. -or-
2. Fold it and Mail it to City of Richmond Heights, Recreation Department,
26789 Highland Road, Richmond Heights, OH 44143 -or-
3. Drop it off at the Richmond Heights Library -or-
4. Drop it off at the Richmond Heights Elementary School Office
 - o Please submit your surveys, on-line or hard copy by October 1, 2018
 - o Submit the survey on-line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RichmondRecreation>

➤ **Thank You!** We will share with Richmond Heights residents all results of the Recreation Surveys.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS RICHMOND MEDICAL CENTER DONATES AEDs TO RICHMOND HEIGHTS

University Hospitals Richmond Medical Center is putting lifesaving technology into the hands of the community it serves. The hospital donated eight new automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) to the City of Richmond Heights for use in department vehicles by first responders. The eight AEDs, valued around \$2,000 per device, will be distributed so that both police cruisers and fire apparatus are equipped with a device.

Sudden cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death in the U.S., according to the American Heart Association, and AEDs have been shown to dramatically increase the survival rate for victims. The newest AEDs electronically analyze a victim's heart rhythm and prompt the rescuer to deliver a shock when necessary.

AEDs are of little value unless people know how to use them. So University Hospitals Richmond Medical Center's community outreach and education team also provides cardiopulmonary resuscitation and AED training FREE to residents of Richmond Heights. The bi-monthly course is held at the Richmond Heights fire station. Call Chief Neumann at (216) 383-6304, if you are interested in attending an upcoming class.



RICHMOND HEIGHTS SHRED DAY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
RICHMOND HEIGHTS CITY HALL
26789 HIGHLAND ROAD

SET THE 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.

Needs Assessment/Recreation Survey for Residents**Complete this on-line if you prefer**Find this on-line link at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RichmondRecreation>**Please tell us about Richmond Heights City Parks/ Playgrounds/Recreation Areas**

Has your family used the recreation areas below?

Is it Clean & Safe?

Richmond Heights Community Park Yes No Yes No**DeSan Park (on Trebisky Rd)** Yes No Yes No**Greenwood Farm** Yes No Yes No

- Would your family use a covered pavilion & added picnic tables at Greenwood Farm? Yes No
- Is there a need for a second pavilion with picnic tables at the Richmond Hts. Community Park? Yes No
- ✓ What is your assessment of Richmond Heights's Parks/ Playgrounds/ Recreation Areas? (check one)
 - Excellent Acceptable Needs Some Work Needs Considerable Work

➤ **If needs work, what improvements do you suggest?**

How about our Outdoor Water Activities? The City spends approximately \$80,000 (after pool payment receipts) each summer to operate the Outdoor Pool & Spray Ground. Resident's use of the pool in recent years is very infrequent.

Has anyone in your family used the pool summer, 2018? Yes No if yes, approximately how often? _____

What advice do you offer?

- Close the pool and keep or expand the Spray Ground area? Yes No If yes, Keep or Expand Spray area
- Keep or expand the pool and close the Spray Ground area? Yes No If yes, Keep or Expand Pool
- Keep or expand both the pool and the Spray Ground area? Yes No If yes, Keep or Expand Pool & Spray area

What can the City's Recreation Department do to increase resident pool participation?

How about our Summer Concert Series? The Richmond Heights Summer Concert Series is 4 Outdoor Concerts.

Are you aware of the Richmond Heights Summer Concert Series? Yes NoHave you attended any of the 4 concerts offered summer, 2018? Yes No Were they worthwhile? Yes No

What types of music would you prefer for Richmond Heights Summer Concerts?

 Country Rhythm & Blues Motown Jazz Pop Classic Rock Classical Other: _____

How about our Exercise Programs? The Richmond Heights Recreation Department offers exercise programs to its residents including year-round Exercise Classes; Weekly Line Dancing; Senior Morning Fitness programs; and summer Pickleball.



Are you aware of the Richmond Heights Exercise Programs?

 Yes No

- Has anyone in your family participated in the City's Exercise Programs during the past year? Yes No
- ✓ If your family participated in the City's Exercise programs, are they worthwhile? Yes No
- ✓ What types of exercise programs would your family prefer? Yoga Tai Chi Jazercise Zumba Pilates Other

How about our Sports for Children? The Richmond Heights Recreation Department offers co-ed basketball activities for children grades K-7. Are you aware of the Richmond Heights Basketball Program? Yes No

- Do you know anyone who participated in the City's Basketball Program this past year? Yes No
- If yes, is it worthwhile? Yes No
- ✓ Should we attempt to create a soccer program for children? Yes No

➤ Several years ago Richmond Heights offered competitive swimming and baseball and softball programs relying on parents to coordinate and manage these sports. **Why have parental/child interest in these sports declined?**

Do you use our Social Activities? The Richmond Heights Recreation Department offers social activities to its residents. Many of these are listed below. Please tell us about your family participation in any of these events.

Our Social Activities	Has anyone in your family participated?	How worthwhile is this activity?					
		1=Not at all	2	3	4	5	6 = Very Worthwhile
Fall Fun Fest	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1	2	3	4	5	6
Breakfast with Santa	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1	2	3	4	5	6
Easter Egg Hunt	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1	2	3	4	5	6
Annual Community Garage Sale	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1	2	3	4	5	6
Summer Concert	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1	2	3	4	5	6
Annual Bus Trip to place of interest	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1	2	3	4	5	6

How about our marketing/outreach activities to your family? Please tell us how effective our efforts are to communicate with your family about Richmond Heights Recreation Activities.

Our Communication Strategy	Do you refer to this?	1=Ineffective 6 = Very Effective					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
Our Richmond Heights Recreation Web Page	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1	2	3	4	5	6
Our Richmond Heights City Web Page	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1	2	3	4	5	6
Our City Edition	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1	2	3	4	5	6
Our City E-Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1	2	3	4	5	6
Our Recreation Facebook Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1	2	3	4	5	6
Our Digital E-Board at City Hall	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1	2	3	4	5	6
Brochures/Posters we use for individual activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1	2	3	4	5	6
Flyers we send home with school children	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1	2	3	4	5	6

Looking Into the Future

More Recreation/Leisure Services: Is there any type of recreation/leisure program or activity that you believe the City of Richmond Heights should add to its services at additional cost to residents? Yes No

- If Yes, what recreation/leisure program or activity?
- If No, it is because: (Check all that apply)
 - City residents cannot afford any additional services
 - Other providers currently offer these programs – no need to duplicate services
 - There is no need for such added costs for programs in the community
 - Some other reason (please describe)
- Should the City consider more recreation programs for: Pre-Schoolers? K-5 children? Senior Citizens?
- ✓ Please offer any suggestions for how to increase resident involvement/volunteering in City Recreation activities.

Please tell us something about yourself

- Resident of Richmond Heights? Yes No Homeowner? Yes No Yrs. Lived in Richmond Hts. _____
- Do you have Children (check if yes): Birth-6 Yrs. 7-12 Yrs. Age 13-18 Yrs.
- Registered Voter? Yes No Your Gender: Male Female
- Your Race: African American Caucasian Asian Other Your Ethnicity: Non-Hispanic Hispanic
 - Would you use any social media in planning Recreation Activities? Facebook? Twitter? Instagram? Snapchat
- HELP US STAY IN TOUCH: (Optional) Please provide us an email address we can use to communicate with you about Richmond Hts. Recreation Activities. *The email address you provide will only be used for city business and will not be shared with other providers.* Your Email Address: _____

The City of Richmond Heights Recreation Department and



Friends of Euclid Creek Present:



The Benjamiz
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Live
Music

Root Theory
11:00 am – 2:00 pm



• Free Admission •

September 8

11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Greenwood Farm
264 Richmond Road

The Fall Fun & Nature Festival

2:00 p.m. Dedication of Ohio Historical Marker

More Activities for All Ages

Farm Tours & Hayrides

Local Food Vendors

Rain Garden Information

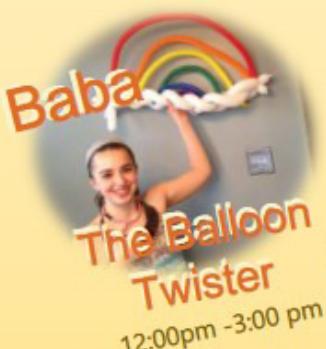
Fish Sampling

Rain Barrel Demonstrations & Raffle

Tree Planting & Tree Sapling Give-a-way

Water Quality Monitoring

Macro-Invertebrate Sampling



For more information please contact the Richmond Heights Recreation Department at (216) 383-6313.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

**Every Saturday in October from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
at the Richmond Heights Service Garage**

Accepted items: Oil or solvent-based paint, sealers, primers or coatings (aerosols or liquid); varnishes, polyurethanes, shellacs; paint thinner, mineral spirits, turpentine; pesticides, herbicides, fungicides; caustic household cleaners; pool chemicals; automotive fluids, motor oil, car batteries, adhesives, roof tar, driveway sealer; kerosene, gasoline, lighter fluid; fluorescent bulbs (6 foot max).

Materials not accepted: Latex paint; explosives, gun powder, ammunition flares; medical waste, medicine, smoke detectors, tires, electronics, appliances, business or commercial waste.

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 will vote at Christian Assembly, located at 25595 Chardon Road in Richmond Heights. Ward 2 and Ward 3 (new location) vote at the Kiwanis Lodge, 27285 Highland Road, in the back of Richmond Heights Community Park. Lastly, Ward 4 votes at Richmond Heights Church of the Nazarene at 499 Trebisky Road.

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**ALL CITY CANDY
ANGELA MIA
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DAIRY QUEEN
DAVE'S MARKETS
KRACK OF DAWN
PLANET FITNESS**

CITY WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BRIAN GLEISER

Brian Gleisser joined the City of Richmond Heights on June 4 as Director of Economic and Community Development. He comes to the city with 30 years of experience in economic and community development here in Northeast Ohio. Brian has a Bachelor's degree from Northwestern University, a Masters in City and Regional Planning degree from Harvard University and a Juris Doctor degree from Cleveland State University. He has worked as a city planner for the Cleveland City Planning Commission, as Community Development Senior Vice President for University Circle Inc. (UCI) and as Executive Director of a local development corporation in Cleveland's Lee Harvard neighborhood. While at UCI, Brian oversaw the development of a \$24 million mixed use project and a \$3.5 million boutique hotel. In addition, Brian was a member of the senior management team at the Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland, a community action agency providing services throughout Cuyahoga County. Brian's civic involvement has included being appointed to the Shaker Heights Planning Commission and being elected to Shaker Heights City Council, where he chaired the Neighborhood Revitalization Committee and Landmarks Commission. Currently, Brian serves as President of the Shaker Heights Public Library Board of Trustees.

The City's Department of Economic and Community Development is committed to cultivating and enhancing our business-friendly environment as we strive to help our community grow. To this end, Brian has been working on a major mixed use development project to be located at the northern end of Richmond Town Square, assisting a company to relocate their headquarters to Richmond Heights, and successfully applying for a County grant to make improvements to the Kiwanis Lodge community center.

A graduate of Euclid Senior High School, Brian and his wife Pam live in Shaker Heights.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT NOTES

Leaf Season: Most of you know by now that the Service Department starts to pick up leaves the third or fourth week in October, but it always depends on the weather. Sometimes the leaves come down sooner and sometimes later than normal. **Once the Service Department starts picking up leaves they will NOT be chipping branches any more.**

Please **DO NOT** put sticks, rocks or any other materials in with your leaves, the workers could be injured and equipment could be damaged.

Rake leaves as close to the street as possible but **DO NOT** put the leaves in the street. The Service Department **will not** make special pick-ups for leaves, they have to stick to the route and schedule. They do a continuous loop of the City. You can go to www.richmondheights ohio.org and see what streets they have been on daily during leaf season.

During leaf season and throughout the year, you can bundle your branches in four-foot lengths, tie them and put them out with your trash. This would be especially helpful throughout the year if you only have a few branches (twigs) to be picked up. Or you can put them in a brown bag made for yard waste or a trash can. Just make sure the bundles, bag, or trash can is manageable for one person to pick up. It shouldn't weigh more than 40lbs.

RICHMOND HEIGHTS SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB NEWS

As part of the Richmond Heights Senior Citizen Club, you will reap the benefits of an accepting, friendly atmosphere coupled with the joy that comes with mingling with friends and neighbors. You must simply be a Richmond Heights resident who is 50 years of age or older to enjoy this highly social, intrinsically rewarding group.

The Senior Club is looking to grow, so come alone—or better yet, bring a friend or neighbor who is also 50 years or older. Dues are a mere \$10 annually, and general meetings include a snack, in addition to entertainment or a live speaker. General meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Kiwanis Lodge, located at 27285 Highland Road. For more information, please contact Senior Club President Mitzi Binder at (216) 531-1585.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Richmond Heights Garden Club meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Kiwanis Lodge, 27285 Highland Road, located at the rear of the Richmond Heights Community Park. Annual dues, set at just \$10, are kept low to ensure all interested individuals can participate. From furnishing multiple opportunities for social involvement to providing participants with hands-on projects, the Garden Club is an ideal organization for people from all walks of life to get involved in. If you are interested in joining the Garden Club and for more information on how to become a member, please contact Dolores Sciaulino at (216) 382-7866.

RICHMOND HEIGHTS KIWANIS CLUB NEWS

The Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club is a place where you can help sustain the local community, with a special focus on supporting youths.

The club is open to folks ages 21 and older—including both males and females—and members pay a small annual membership fee of \$110. General meetings are held each Thursday at the Lodge at 6:30 p.m. The group starts with a standard opening, and then members enjoy a delicious meal together (cost, \$8) before engaging in a general meeting format. At times, meetings include a special guest speaker. On occasion, the group engages in special entertainment, such as hosting clam bakes, organizing Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and other holiday festivities, attending horse harness races, enjoying a Kiwanis Night at the Captains, and more.

The Kiwanis Club is free to check out, and members of the public are welcome to join a general meeting to explore what the club is about. "We'll even throw in a free guest meal. Simply give me a call at (216) 780-4087 to indicate you will be attending," Hoover said. Also, be sure to look up #KidsNeedKiwanis on Twitter for more information on how Kiwanis members nationwide are supporting youths.



On Thursday, July 12 the Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club had their Annual Scholarship Dinner. (From Left to Right) Mayor David Roche, Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club President Jerry Hoover, scholarship recipient Loong Choi, scholarship recipient Ramone Henderson, Richmond Heights Kiwanis Treasurer/Scholarship Chairperson Randy Doubek and former Judge Mary Kaye Bozza (guest speaker)

THE LUNCH BUNCH

Join us for the social gathering of the year! Participants will be sent to various restaurants in the surrounding area to try new and delightful cuisines and get to know each other on their lunch dates together. \$12 per person for the YEAR! 1st Thursday of each month; reservations are at 1:00 p.m. The upcoming dates with restaurants and locations are as follows: September 6 - Cedar Creek Grille in Beachwood; October 4 - Fox & Hound in Mayfield Heights; November 1 - Hibachi Japanese Steakhouse in Highland Heights; December 6 - 5 Points Grille in Richmond Heights. *Participants are responsible for their own transportation and meal check.

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Editor's note: I would like to thank Karen Adams, Rick Dula and Judy Karla for their assistance during the production of this City Edition. I also want to thank everyone who submitted an article or photo for their contribution.

21st ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Richmond Heights Recreation Department and the Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club are teaming up on Saturday, December 8, for the City's 21st 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 each and free to children under 2. Children will be able make a holiday craft. There will also be face painting and other characters to meet! Tickets will go on sale in City Hall at 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!

ATTENTION ALL BOYS & GIRLS KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 7 RICHMOND HEIGHTS YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Registration for the Richmond Heights Youth Basketball League has begun. The deadline to register to play in the league will be on Thursday, October 4. Team practices will begin in October. All teams will practice once a week. Team practices are held at the Richmond Heights Elementary School. The first game will be played on Saturday, January 5. The season will conclude on February 23. Regular season games for the Kindergarten - 7th grade leagues 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. **Fee: \$70**

The Richmond Heights Recreation Department Presents:



Fall Bus Trip to Hartville, Ohio



Saturday, October 6, 2018

Departing from Richmond Town Square (former Sears parking lot, north side)

Please arrive at 7:30 a.m. Bus departs at 8:00 a.m. and returns by 8:30 p.m. (Bus seating first come/first seated)

For more information call the Recreation Department at (216) 383-6313



Tour Areas:

Hartville Flea Market- Find a hidden treasure or purchase delicious seasonal produce from one of the many vendors indoors or outdoors at the flea market.

Hartville Market Place- Over 175 individually owned shops to find a wide array of items.

Hartville Hardware- America's largest hardware store, so big there is a full size house inside!

Hartville Kitchen- A complete lunch will be served at the Hartville Kitchen (tax and tip are included in the price of the trip) No room for dessert? Stop by the Hartville Kitchen Bakery or Candy Shop and grab something to go.



Includes roundtrip transportation and lunch at Hartville Kitchen

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