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Welcome to the  
**City of Richmond  
Heights, Ohio,**  
e-newsletter.

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**Lunch Bunch  
Meets Thursday,  
Jan. 5**

The next Lunch Bunch is Thursday, January 5, at Michael's Bar and Grille. Registration is required, and participants are responsible for lunch bill. [Click](#) to view more details.

**Centennial  
Celebration**

2017 marks 100 years of vibrant history in Richmond Heights. Visit our [Centennial page](#) for more information. If you would like to attend our next

## Mayor's Message



### **Richmond Heights Mayor David H. Roche**

Welcome to our bi-monthly e-newsletter publication. Happy New Year! In addition to reading our e-newsletter, be sure to visit our [website](#) regularly to see public notices, news and other items of interest.

## News, Events, Highlights

### **Computer Science for All Press Conference to be Held Thursday, Jan. 5**

A press conference will be held at Richmond Heights City Hall on Thursday, January 5, 2017, at 2 p.m. to announce the specific date and provide participation and sponsorship details for a Computer Science for All (CSforAll) event being held in the spring of 2017. The spring event will be convened by IndeedWeCode (IWC) at Richmond Heights Secondary School's state-of-the-art technology hub. At the conclusion of the press conference, a tour of the technology hub (located next door to City Hall) will be provided to all interested media representatives.

Computer Science for All is the focus of a new intergenerational coalition of student coders, elected leaders, educators, IT professionals, and community groups organized recently in the City of Richmond Heights. The Computer Science for All event will coincide with the City's year-long celebration of its 100th anniversary. For additional information, contact Patricia Ackerman, Executive Director of IndeedWeCode and General Chair of the Richmond Heights Computer Science for All event, at (216) 849-7116.

### **City Welcomes New Director of Finance**

James W. Teknipp began fulfilling the role of [Director of Finance](#) for the City effective January 3, 2017. He is a former Finance Director of Willowick, Willoughby Hills and Bedford. Teknipp has received more than 20 years of clean opinion audits by the Ohio Auditor. On two separate occasions, he was awarded the Ohio Auditor of State "Auditor's Award." In addition, as former Fiscal Officer and Business Manager of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Library, he was instrumental in the library

Centennial Celebration planning meeting on January 17 at 12 noon, contact City Hall at (216) 486-2474 to indicate your interest.

### **Did You Know?**

The Village of Claribel, later known as the City of Richmond Heights, was incorporated in 1917. The territory was originally known as Euclid Township, then Richmond Settlement.



receiving the "Making Your Tax Dollars Count" award, which is given annually to fewer than five percent of all Ohio government agencies.

### **Youth Basketball League Starts Saturday, Jan. 7**

The Richmond Heights Youth Basketball League regular season begins on Saturday, January 7. Games will be played from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Richmond Heights Middle School Gymnasium. Games will be played every Saturday in January and February, with the Championship Games being held on Saturday, February 25. For more information, please contact the Recreation Department at (216) 383-6313.

### **Cuyahoga County Airport Names New Airport Manager**

[The Cuyahoga County Airport](#) recently named Monica Drake as Airport Manager. She has spent 18 years in aviation management, where she was responsible for three airports on Lake Erie's Bass Islands. She worked closely with the tenants, airport users, FAA, ODOT, and State and Federal legislatures to support airport needs and bring funding back into the community for the needed projects. She was also actively involved with the Ohio Aviation Association (OAA), for which she served as president. Directly prior to becoming Cuyahoga County Airport Manager, Monica was employed by the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, where she was actively involved with process improvement. She participated in the Northeast Ohio Operational Excellence Forum, received her Lean Six Sigma Green Belt and was certified in LeanOhio.

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