



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

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE FOR "A BRIGHTER TOMORROW"



This Sunday when we turn our clocks ahead one hour for Daylight Savings Time, we may lose an hour of sleep, but we actually gain so much if we focus on the positive: more sunlight before and after working hours, warmer temperatures,

opportunities for outdoor family time, and enjoying the fresh air and sunshine for a boost of natural Vitamin D. Remember to also spring forward in kindness, acceptance, unity, and a better future.

Spring is when life is alive in everything. All of us here in the City are ready to spring forward into "A Brighter Tomorrow".

Yours truly,  
Mayor Kim A. Thomas

Did you know Mayor Thomas is also the City's Safety Director? In accordance with the [City's Charter](#) and



*The* Legal Aid Society  
of Cleveland  
*Since 1905*

[Legal Aid](#) secures justice and resolves fundamental problems for those who are low income and vulnerable by providing high quality legal services. Legal Aid is free - they never charge clients for services.



Mayor Thomas is scheduling Civil Wedding Ceremonies for Richmond Heights Residents. Please contact the [Mayor's Special Assistant, Tara Grimm](#), for more details.

**Register Now for  
ReadyNotify**



[Register for ReadyNotify](#)  
for all emergency

### [Codified Ordinances](#),

Mayor Thomas oversees the Divisions of Fire and Police. Click the links above to view the whole Charter and all Codified Ordinances or on the following links for a few of the specific sections of the [City's Charter](#) and [Codified](#)

[Ordinances](#) that reference the Safety Director's duties and powers.



### [communication alerts](#)

Check the City's website [Event Calendar](#) for detailed meeting information or the entire website at

[www.richmondheightsohio.org](http://www.richmondheightsohio.org)

**FACE MASKS ARE NOW  
OPTIONAL, HOWEVER  
RECOMMENDED TO ENTER ANY  
CITY BUILDINGS**



### **SPRING FORWARD ONE HOUR**

#### **Daylight Savings Time**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022 AT 2:00 A.M.**

#### **SPRING FORWARD SAFELY:**

This is also a good time  
to **test your smoke alarms**  
and **change replaceable  
batteries**, if needed.



## **HISTORY MONTH**

*Honoring the contributions of women*

[Celebrate Women's History Month with the  
Cleveland Public Library Events](#)



### [ELECTION DAY WORKERS NEEDED - APPLY TODAY](#)

Ever wonder what it would be like to help conduct an election? People are needed on Election Day to

#### **MARCH 15, 2022**

Recreation Board

6:00 p.m. @ Caucus Room

Safety Committee

7:30 p.m. @ Council Chambers

Finance Committee

8:30 p.m. @ Council Chambers

#### **MARCH 21, 2022**

Architectural Review Board

9:30 a.m. @ Caucus Room

#### **MARCH 22, 2022**

Committee of the Whole

7:30 p.m. @ Council Chambers

City Council

8:15 p.m. @ Council Chambers

#### **APRIL 4, 2022**

Architectural Review Board

9:30 a.m. @ Caucus Room

#### **APRIL 5, 2022**

Audit Committee

6:45 p.m. @ Caucus Room

Planning & Zoning Committee

7:30 p.m. @ Council Chambers

Service & Recreation Committee

8:30 p.m. @ Council Chambers

[CAREER &  
COMMUNITY](#)

help staff the polls, transport ballots and materials, and maintain political balance. Be a part of history, support democracy, and have fun by becoming an Election Day Worker. Starting pay is \$220. Your community needs you! Click on this [link](#) or call 216-443-3277 for more information.



### DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR HELPING OTHERS?

Become a Community Ambassador. Help develop positive relationships with the community by volunteering at events, assist in planning events, help with community outreach, and so much more.

#### Contact

**Anthony Gimellia, Assistant Recreation Director**  
at 216-383-6313 or  
[assist.recdir@richmondheightsohio.org](mailto:assist.recdir@richmondheightsohio.org)

**CONGRATULATIONS  
DYLAN SIMERTON  
RHPD'S "TIP OUR BADGE"  
AWARD RECIPIENT**



Collaboration was happening at it's best today with the Mayor of the City of South Euclid, Georgine Welo and her team.

## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS**



Now Hiring for full-time and part-time positions as well as Boards & Commissions:

- [Recreation Director](#)
- [Tax Administrator](#)
- [General Equipment Operator/ Laborer](#)
- [Planning Commission](#)
- [Architectural Review Board](#)
- [Civil Service Commission](#)
- [Zoning Board of Appeals](#)
- [Board of Ethics](#)

**FIND YOUR NEXT  
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
AT:  
[OHIO MEANS JOBS PORTAL](#)**

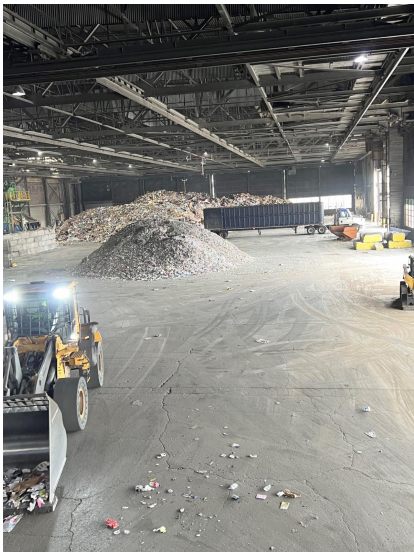
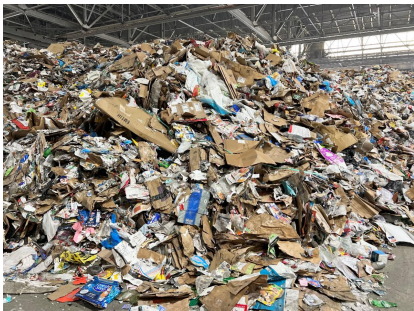
**[COVID-19 TESTING RESOURCES](#)  
  
[GET FREE AT-HOME COVID-19  
TESTS](#)**



## **FEBRUARY EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH**

Stephanie Kabert, Police  
Tara Grimm, Administration

Service Director Don Kerniskey, Service Foreman Nick Lopardo, and Mayor Thomas went on a very informative tour of the Waste Management Recycle Plant on Thursday, March 3, 2022 in Akron. Waste Management receives 300 tons of recycling a day. Interesting fact: the recycled glass is used in the reflective paint for the lines in our streets!



**FREE COFFEE  
&  
SNACKS**

## Join the Richmond Heights Police Department

**FREE COFFEE  
&  
SNACKS**

Welcome Everyone



Wednesday, March 30, 2022

9:30 – 11:00am

444 Park Apartments

Main Lobby

444 Richmond Park East

Richmond Heights, OH 44143



The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve by removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022

9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Adults \$ 7.00/ Students & Seniors 60+ \$6.00/ Children 5 & under – Free

*Free breakfast for children ages 2-12 participating in  
the Egg Hunt and accompanied by a paying adult.*

Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge

27285 Highland Road

### EGG HUNT

BEGINS 10:00 A.M.

Richmond Heights Community Park

*Bring your own basket*



*Proceeds go for Richmond Heights Kiwanis Scholarships and Service Projects*



# NEWS, EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS



## CONGRATULATIONS RICHMOND HEIGHTS VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

for their win of 83-63 against Cornerstone Christian and  
their win last night against Castalia Margareta 60-40.

## RICHMOND HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 14TH



## PLEASE SUPPORT RICHMOND HEIGHTS STUDENT COUNCIL'S OTIS SPUNKMEYER FUNDRAISER

Spartans Student Council launches their largest fundraiser this year, **Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Fundraiser** on March 1st-18th. Please visit the site and help reach their goal. Link and directions are listed below. Please support Student Council by purchasing cookie dough, cheesecake, cake rolls, muffins, pizza, and kitchen and gift items to help us reach our goal of 400 units. Delivery to the district is scheduled for the week of April 11th. More information regarding item pick-up will be shared closer to their delivery date. Please email any questions to [king.jasmine@richmondheightsschools.org](mailto:king.jasmine@richmondheightsschools.org).

## 2022 KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club sponsors an annual scholarship program. All high school graduating seniors who reside in the City of Richmond Heights, regardless of the high school they attend, and all high school graduating seniors from Charles F. Brush High School are eligible for the scholarship. [Click here](#) for more information. Application deadline is April 8, 2022.



Did you know you can borrow a [HOTSPOT](#) from the new [Richmond Heights Branch of Cuyahoga Libraries](#) located at 449 Richmond Road?

Check out all the new library has to offer.

### **BRANCH HOURS**

Mon – Thu 9 A.M. – 9 P.M.

Fri & Sat 9 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Sun 1 – 5 P.M.

## BELLE OAKS MARKETPLACE TIMELINE UPDATE

Anticipated Construction Schedule as of January 2022 (Subject to Change)

Check out the Belle Oaks "Scope of Project" website [here](#)

- Sitework/Mall Demolition: Commences in Spring 2022
- Leasing Center: Construction begins April 2022; Opens December 2022
- Phase I Apartment Buildings: Construction begins Spring 2022, Opens June 2024
- Phase II Retail: Construction begins September 2022, Opens September 2023
- Meijer's Store: Construction begins February 2023, Store Opens May 2024



## PANTRIES



**RICHMOND HEIGHTS MOBILE PANTRY EVERY 3rd THURSDAY FROM 10:00 A.M. - NOON AT RICHMOND HEIGHTS UPPER SCHOOL**



**MACE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY EVERY 4th THURSDAY FROM 5:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. located at the M.A.C.E. Islamic Center 26901 Chardon Rd.**



**CC'S CUPBOARD PET FOOD PANTRY** located inside the K-9 Kingdom, 26700 Highland Rd. the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month.

## SENIORS CORNER

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ON AGING'S PRODUCE PLUS**

**Thursday, March 17th at 10:00 a.m. at the Lyndhurst Community Center, 1341 Parkview Drive.** First come, first served. Please do not line up on E. Farnhurst Road prior to 10:00 a.m. Please bring ID and be prepared to provide the name,

address, city, zip and phone of each person in your car that is picking up (required for our records). You should also be prepared to self-declare your income, per the Food Bank requirements. One per household. If you attended Produce Plus in the past and received a car placard with a number, please make sure you bring it with you. If you would like to



complete a pre-registration form in order to help facilitate the process, please fill out the [form available here.](#)



## Age Well. **Be Well.** with University Hospitals

University Hospitals is dedicated to meeting the health and wellness needs of today's older adults. In addition to the many specialized clinical services they offer, UH has established the Age Well. Be Well. free membership club to help keep adults 55+ active and socially engaged. Download their [calendar](#) for current health screenings and education opportunities. Once a member, they will send you the calendars as they are updated. If you are not yet a member, [click here](#) to register.

## [CUYAHOGA COUNTY SENIORS AND ADULT SERVICES LINK](#)

The Cuyahoga County Division of Senior and Adult Services (DSAS) empowers seniors and adults with disabilities to age successfully, by providing resources and support that preserve their independence. DSAS is the mandated provider of Adult Protective Services (APS) in Cuyahoga County and provides home-based care services, benefits assistance, outreach, and senior center programming while advocating for the needs of the County's older adults. DSAS strives to keep seniors safe, supported, and independent, so they can live their best lives.



## [SENIOR TRANSPORTATION CONNECTION \(STC\)](#)

Senior Transportation Connection (STC) provides coordinated, efficient, and affordable transportation to seniors and adults with disabilities throughout Cuyahoga County. STC serves individuals who have mobility challenges due to age, lack of access, disability, frailty, or inability to drive. More than 12,000 registered riders live in 36 zip codes covering 75% of Cuyahoga County. Two-thirds of passengers use a wheelchair, walker, or other aid to mobility. STC will take you to a medical appointment, including dialysis, rehabilitation and treatment, senior centers meals and programs, grocery shopping, personal service appointments, and social opportunities. We'll take you places so you can remain independent, healthy, and connected to the community. Click [here](#) to learn more or call 216-265-1489 to register.

## [COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ON AGING \(CPA\) ANNOUNCES AARP FREE SIMPLE TAX RETURN PREPARATION FOR SENIORS \(60+\)](#)



## [COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ON AGING \(CPA\)](#)

Community lunch program locations:

- \*Mondays: Richmond Hts. Kiwanis Lodge & Lyndhurst CC
- \*Tuesdays: Frozen entrée drive-through at Lyndhurst CC
- \*Wednesdays: Highland Hts. CC ONLY (NEW SITE)
- \*Fridays: Highland Hts. CC

The number for all Cafe Services reservations is 216-970-0347. You will still call 216-650-4029 for weekly meal/box orders and you will still call 440-473-5138 for program reservations/questions. Click on this [link for current Cafe Services](#) offerings or go directly to [CPA's website here](#) to see all they have to offer our Seniors. View their [March Newsletter here.](#)



## SOCIAL MEDIA

Like and follow our [Fire Department](#), [Police Department](#) and our [Recreation Department](#) on their Facebook pages for up to the minute news and events.

[Connect](#) with any department in the City  
by following this link to an easy-to-fill-out form on the City Website.