

JANUARY 24, 2022

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

Check the City's  
website

[Event Calendar](#)

for detailed meeting  
information or the  
entire website at

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

**PLEASE NOTE: THE  
DIGITAL MESSAGE  
BOARD ON THE  
CORNER OF HIGHLAND  
& RICHMOND ROADS IS  
CURRENTLY BEING  
REPAIRED**

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



On Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> we experienced the first winter storm of the season. A huge thank you to our Service Department employees who worked tirelessly around the clock to clear the roads throughout the City. Please sign up for [ReadyNotify](#) to get important updates in real-time. We are looking into ways to getting information out to our residents about trash delay, snow plowing, etc. Please feel free to share your feedback to help us better serve you. [Email us.](#)

I attended the U S Mayor's Conference in Washington DC with Mayors from around the state to learn about the funding available to provide valuable resources and program for our residents and small business owners.

Speakers included seasoned Mayors, members from the White House Administration, and members of Congress who talked about best practices, shared challenges, and ways to find solutions to help cities run more effectively and efficiently.

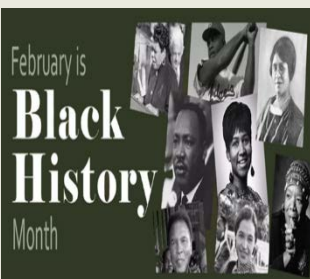
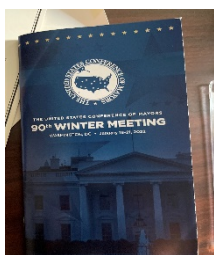
I had the opportunity to share our priorities and learn about the infrastructure investment that will soon be available to the city Richmond Heights and many other communities.

More importantly, I was able to build a relationship and partnership with Mayors who share the same vision of making residents a top priority.

And lastly, I had the opportunity to hear from members of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to learn about protecting and keeping our community safe!

On behalf of the entire City Staff and Council we look forward to "A Brighter Tomorrow" together!

Yours truly,  
Mayor Kim A. Thomas



**JANUARY 25, 2022**

Committee  
of the Whole  
7:30 pm  
Council Chambers

City Council  
8:15 pm  
Council Chambers

*Mayor Thomas will be  
recognizing two*

RHPD Officers for  
25 Years of Service with  
Mayoral Proclamations:  
Sergeant Darren Porter  
And  
Officer James Kohler

## FEBRUARY 1, 2022

Audit Committee  
6:45 pm  
Council Chambers

Planning & Zoning  
Committee  
7:30 pm  
Council Chambers

Service & Recreation  
Committee  
8:30 pm  
Council Chambers

## FEBRUARY 7, 2022

Architectural  
Review Board  
9:30 am  
Caucus Room

## FEBRUARY 8, 2022

Committee  
of the Whole  
7:30 pm  
Council Chambers

City Council  
8:15 pm  
Council Chambers

## FEBRUARY 9, 2022

Planning Commission  
7:00 pm  
Council Chambers

## FEBRUARY 15, 2022

Recreation Board  
6:00 pm  
Caucus Room

Safety Committee  
7:30 pm  
Council Chambers

Finance Committee  
8:30 pm  
Council Chambers

## NEWS, EVENTS, HIGHLIGHTS



### WINTER FIRE SAFETY

KEEP SNOW AND ICE 5 FEET AWAY FROM FIRE HYDRANTS

In case of a fire, firefighters need to be able to get to the hydrants quickly to protect people and property!

**Here's a few more areas around your home to check and clear away any snow:**

- Exterior vents for your furnace, clothes dryer, and hot water tank. If these vents cannot breathe, carbon monoxide can back up into your home.
- Also test your CO detector.

### A WINTER SAFETY MESSAGE FROM OUR SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Please be patient with our snowplow drivers when inclement conditions occur; it is our utmost goal to serve residents in a timely fashion, but inclement weather can delay service. Please, leave ample distance when driving behind a plow truck, as they have blind spots and may stop suddenly or back up.



Plowing, main roads are given priority, followed by secondary roads, then side streets and cul-de-sacs. The City is not responsible for removal of snow thrown into any driveway by City snow plows. Piles of snow in the road can create dangerous obstacles for motorists and the City snowplowing equipment, so residents and snowplowing contractors should avoid plowing, shoveling, or blowing any snow onto the road surface. If a person is reported placing snow in the roadway, he or she could be subject to a possible citation.

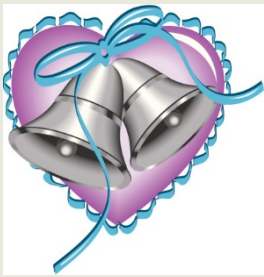
Residents should stress to their children to stay out of the path of snow being thrown off the plows, since there could be rocks or ice that could injure a child in its path. Also, children should NOT dig tunnels in the snow or build igloos near the roadway or roadside ditches.



***The city is not responsible for repairing or replacing a mailbox and/or post that is damaged or broken due to thrown snow.*** The homeowner may even want to consider installing a snow deflector shield. Everyone should inspect their mailbox to ensure it sits back 6-8 inches back from the curb, is secured properly to a **solid core 4"x4" post** and tighten all the screws and bolts. The post should be in stable and good condition (not lose or rotted). After inspection, if it has been determined that a mailbox and/or post has been directly struck by our snowplow equipment, it *may* be repaired or replaced by the city with a **conventional mailbox**, and a no larger than

4"x4" post. For more information on proper mailbox size, construction, installation and maintenance, visit: <https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>





Mayor Thomas  
will be scheduling  
Civil Wedding  
Ceremonies  
Beginning  
February 1, 2022  
Please contact the  
[Mayor's Special  
Assistant, Tara Grimm](#)  
for more details.

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

[COVID-19 TESTING  
RESOURCES](#)

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EMPLOYMENT  
OPPORTUNITY AT:  
[OHIO MEANS JOBS  
PORTAL](#)

[CAREER & COMMUNITY  
SERVICE  
OPPORTUNITIES WITH  
THE CITY OF RICHMOND  
HEIGHTS](#)

FACE MASKS ARE  
REQUIRED BY ALL  
EMPLOYEES AND  
VISITORS TO ENTER ANY  
CITY BUILDINGS

## **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

**BELLE  
OAKS**  
MARKETPLACE



**HIGHLAND ROAD REMAINS CLOSED** to all traffic from Dumbarton Blvd. to Harris Rd. due to damage caused by a broken water main. Cleveland Water is working to quickly repair the water main so the road can be repaired. A re-opening date of Highland Rd. has not been determined at this time. Please Contact Cleveland Water's Manager of Governmental Affairs & Residential Water Issues directly with any questions at 216-664-2444. Thank you for your patience.

## **CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY PARTNER VIRTUAL CONVERSATIONS**

Join Cuyahoga Job and Family Services (CJFS) for a virtual conversation about agency and policy updates, highlights of service delivery, reporting requirements across benefit programs, helpful resources to assist customers with accessing CJFS services, and how CJFS plans to engage partners and residents in 2022. Click the date to register for one of the virtual Microsoft Teams Live sessions. **You will receive instructions for joining the session after registering.** [Thursday, January 20, 2022](#), 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM, or [Thursday, January 27, 2022](#), 10:00 AM - 12:00PM. If you have questions regarding registration, please contact: Cuyahoga Job and Family Services at [Community\\_Outreach@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:Community_Outreach@jfs.ohio.gov)



## **PANTRIES:**



**MACE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY THURSDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>**  
**5:00 PM-6:30 PM** located at the [M.A.C.E. Islamic Center](#), 26901 Chardon Rd. This pantry is held every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

**CC'S CUPBOARD PET FOOD PANTRY** is on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month and located inside the [K-9 Kingdom](#), 26700 Highland Rd.



**RICHMOND HEIGHTS MOBILE PANTRY EVERY  
3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY FROM 10:00 AM-NOON AT  
RICHMOND HEIGHTS UPPER SCHOOL**

## **SENIORS CORNER:**

### **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.



### **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ON AGING (CPA) TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED IN-PERSON CAFÉ SERVICE FOR SENIORS FOR JANUARY 2022 DUE TO COVID-19**

The new 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 the link above for current offerings or go directly to [CPA's website here](#) to see all they have to offer our Seniors as well as their [January Newsletter here](#).

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



### **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.



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