



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

MAYOR'S MESSAGE FOR "A BRIGHTER TOMORROW"



The City Staff and I have been hard at work on rolling out my 100 Day Plan. Part of that plan includes:

- ALWAYS putting our residents FIRST.
- Ensure that our City Staff is treated with respect, in a positive work environment, and provided with equitable pay.
- Revisit our Master Plan.
- Bring City Hall to the 21st Century by upgrading our technology and strengthen our infrastructure.
- Implement more programs for our Seniors so they can not only survive, but thrive.
- Build a stronger relationship with our school and implement more youth programs.
- Continue to grow our economic development by welcoming new businesses in our community.

In June 2020, we declared racism a public health crisis in Richmond Heights. It is now time to implement action sets to include diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Check the City's
website

[Event Calendar](#) for detailed meeting information or the entire website at www.richmondheightsohio.org



Cleveland is home to many local philanthropists who give back and invest in the Greater Cleveland area. 15 of those individuals were recognized by [The Soul of Philanthropy](#) last year for their contributions to their local communities.

[43 notable African-Americans with ties to Cleveland: Celebrating Black History Month](#)

Discover local [Virtual Events to Uncover Black History](#)

Let us all take part in moving the City toward "A Brighter Tomorrow" together!

Yours truly,
Mayor Kim A. Thomas

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



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

**REGISTER FOR READYNOTIFY FOR ALL
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION ALERTS**

University Hospital Richmond Medical Center's Community Outreach

Mayor Kim Thomas accepted a toy donation on behalf of the City of Richmond Heights from a donation made to the Richmond Medical Center by Brewer-Tarasco American Legion Post 7. Mayor Thomas then donated the toys to Richmond Heights School District.



**DO YOU HAVE A PASSION
FOR HELPING OTHERS?**
Become a Community

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 10, 2022
SPECIAL Recreation Board
6:00 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

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

COVID-19 TESTING RESOURCES

**GET FREE AT-HOME COVID-19
TESTS**

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



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

Assistant Recreation Director, Anthony Gimellia

at 216-383-6313 or

assist.recdir@richmondheightsohio.org



CONGRATULATIONS
KALEB McSEARS

**RHPD's "Tip Our Badge"
award recipient**

**CALLING ALL BUSINESS
OWNERS JOIN US ON**

FEBRUARY 15TH

BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

Learn more about how to grow your business. Resources will be provided by federal, state, and local representatives.

Sign up for our E-Newsletter so we can add you to our business directory.

Please RSVP to **Senior Economic Development Director, Rachel**

Gardiner at

rgardiner@richmondheightsohio.org

**CAREER & COMMUNITY
SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES WITH
THE CITY OF RICHMOND
HEIGHTS**

NEWS, EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS



**Richmond Heights, Euclid, and Wickliffe Police
present**

**Roller Skating
with
First Responders**

**Sunday, February 27, 2022
11:00 – 1:00 p.m.**

**United Skates of America
30325 Palisades Parkway
Wickliffe, OH**

**FREE
ADMISSION
&
ROLLERSKATE
RENTAL**

Mayor Kim Thomas swore in four new police officers during City Council's meeting Tuesday (Jan. 25). The new officers are Dranoel Wilkerson, Tyler Miller, Nick Spiccia, and Evan Wright. In addition, Thomas presented two RHPD officers -- Det. Sgt. Darren Porter and patrol officer James "Thunder" Kohler -- with proclamations for their 25 years of service with the department. (Photo Courtesy of Richmond Heights Police Chief Thomas Wetzel) **[READ THE FULL CLEVELAND.COM ARTICLE HERE](#)**



RHPD now has a Drug Drop Box (pills only) in our lobby. These boxes provide a safe and environmentally friendly way to dispose of unused or unwanted prescription drugs. Please do not put loose pills, needles, or liquids in this box. Thank you to Cuyahoga County Sheriff Sgt. Pat Devlin and CCSO Deputy Jim Pavlas for delivering the box.

<https://sheriff.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/RxDrugDropBoxProgram.aspx>



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 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.

PANTRIES

RICHMOND HEIGHTS MOBILE PANTRY EVERY 3rd THURSDAY FROM 10:00 AM-NOON AT RICHMOND HEIGHTS UPPER SCHOOL



MACE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY EVERY 4th THURSDAY FROM 5:00 PM-6:30 PM 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 1st Saturday of each month.

SENIORS CORNER



**Cuyahoga County
Together We Thrive**
Division of Senior and Adult Services

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)

Community sites will reopen on Monday, February 7th, however, there will be slight changes to the 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 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 this [link for current Cafe Services](#) offerings or go directly to [CPA's website here](#) to see all they have to offer our Seniors as well as their [February Newsletter here](#).



**COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIP
ON AGING**

AARP Foundation

TAX-AIDE

Free tax assistance for those
who need it most

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.

**SENIOR
TRANSPORTATION
CONNECTION**



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.

