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Daylight Savings Time Begins
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From the Desk of Mayor Coleman

A Look Ahead to 2012

As we look forward to 2012, let me first say how proud I am to have the opportunity to serve as your mayor for the next four years. I am also very excited to work with our newly elected city council. Cathy Murphy was unanimously elected council president by the other council members. This is a role with which she is very familiar. She has two years of previous experience servicing as council president. In addition to running the council meetings and planning the agendas, the council president needs to choose the committee assignments for the other members of council. The committee assignments were announced at our first meeting on January 3rd and are listed on our website at www.highlandhts.com. Chuck Brunello was sworn in as a new member of city council. Chuck has been very active in our city, having served as Community Day chairman for the past two years. Chuck also had previously served on our Park and Recreation Committee

At this first meeting, I had the opportunity to make my appointments to various committees as well as my department heads. Most of the committee appointments remained the same; however we do have four new members to committees. I am pleased to announce that Jolene Greve and Frank DiLalla were appointed to the Park and Recreation Committee. Both Jolene and Frank have been very active in our community and will bring an enormous amount of energy and enthusiasm to our park programs. Delores Hrvatin was appointed to the Commission on Aging. Delores' husband Ray served for many years on the commission. Delores has been very active volunteering on this committee for the past several years. David Melito was appointed to the Tax Incentive Review and CRA Housing Council. David brings a wealth of knowledge about finances and taxation to this committee that oversees the incentives we offer to businesses in our community.

Our department heads will remain the same for 2012. I am pleased to have had the opportunity to re-appoint the following:

Anthony Ianiro - Finance Director
Timothy Paluf - Law Director
Dan Taylor - City Prosecutor
Dale Grabfelder - Building Commissioner
David Ianiro - Recreational Director
Steve Hovancsek & Associates (Brian Mader, representative) - City Engineer

Budget and Finances

Our financial position in 2011 was very encouraging. We saw our General Fund revenues increased by over 8%, with income tax collections remaining strong. We are fortunate to have a diverse yet seemingly stable employer base which contributed heavily to our strong collections last year. Our overall income increased 7% in 2011. We were also able to contain costs. Although our General Fund expenditures rose, the 3% increase allowed us to accommodate and maintain our high level of service to the community. Overall, our fund balances grew by 19%, which positions us comfortably into 2012.

Probably the most important order of business in the first few months of the year is to establish a budget. I am proud to say that I have presented to council a budget that is balanced. This has become very difficult in light of the fact that all municipalities are dealing with the loss of several sources of revenues from the state. Still in the early stages, the 2012 budget promises to be challenging. We will continue to be prudent in budgeting for all departments.

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In addition to the many improvements made last year, the 2012 budget will also incorporate additional projects. We will be purchasing a new rescue squad allowing our paramedics to perform their vital roles more efficiently. We will also be replacing needed equipment in our Service and Police Departments. And of course, we will be repairing and resurfacing a number of streets throughout the community. We are planning on improving the roadway at the municipal park as well as adding a much needed pavilion to keep our day campers safe. Additionally, the park should see added improvements to the bathrooms in the pool house and the installation of home run fences at many of the ball fields.

The City was fortunate to obtain a grant for improving the lighting in and around the municipal complex. That project has already been approved by Council and will begin shortly. We are taking a close look at resurfacing the entire lot including driveways at City Hall. This project could involve the installation of permeable pavement which is designed to allow rainwater to drain downward between interlocking concrete pavers, minimizing excessive storm water runoff. We are also looking forward to further improvements to the lot adjacent to the Police Department which saw a gazebo go up last year. These improvements should entail electrical and water service and landscaping.

Diana Lydic

It is with very mixed emotions that I am announcing my Executive Assistant, Diana Lydic, will be retiring this month. I will miss Diana and the extraordinary support she has given me over the past eight years. Diana was hired by my predecessor, Mayor Hogg and has proudly served the residents of Highland Heights for the past 13 years. Please join me in congratulating Diana and wishing her well during her retirement. She will certainly be missed by me, city council, residents and the entire staff at city hall.

I have started the search for Diana's replacement which will not be an easy task. If anyone has an interest in the position, please e-mail me at scoleman@highlandhts.com. This is a full time position with benefits. I am looking for someone who preferably has previously served in an administrative role in a municipality or other government environment or has extensive experience managing an office environment.

Community Center

Judy Dick has served as the Community Center coordinator for the city for the past several years. Judy will be leaving this role and taking another position in the city as the administrative assistant for the Service Department. Judy has done an exceptional job in coordinating all the activities at the community center. This new opportunity for Judy leaves an opening at city hall. I am looking for an individual to become our community center coordinator and also assist with some general administrative functions. This will be a part time position, roughly 30 hours per week. This person needs to be well organized, have the ability to multi task and be familiar with Microsoft Office. If you or anyone you know is interested in finding out more about this position, please email me or send me your resume at scoleman@highlandhts.com.

As always, if you have any questions about these or any other issues you may have, please email me or contact me at city hall at (440) 461-2440.

City Council Commentary

Council President and Ward 1 Representative Cathy Murphy

As council president, I am pleased to announce that the 2012-2013 council and ancillary committees are in place. A special welcome to our new council at large member, Chuck Brunello. We all look forward to achieving important goals for our city and are committed to serving you in a fiscally responsible manner.

As council president, I will be establishing open office hours at city hall commencing March 1st and all are welcome to stop by. Please contact Jean Buchak, clerk of council, @ 461-2440 for current information on scheduled hours.

We have several pending matters that have carried over to this new term including, the Bass Energy Lawsuit and proposed Getgo/Shoppes at the corner of Bishop and Wilson Mills Road. Unfortunately, I do not have any specific updates on these matters at the deadline established for this newsletter. Please know we are continuing to work on these issues.

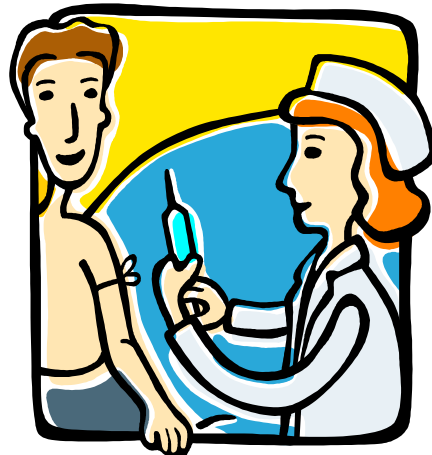
Wanted: Hillcrest Meals on Wheels needs volunteers to assist with home meal delivery in the Hillcrest area, which includes Highland Hts., Richmond Hts., Lyndhurst, South Euclid, Mayfield Village and Mayfield Hts. Interested persons should contact Jane Logsdon, Program Coordinator @ (440)449-3551.

Metropark Visitors - Don't forget about the ongoing North Chagrin Metropark Deer Management Program. The Cleveland Metropark System will be conducting deer culling with noise-suppressed rifles on **selected** days January through March in the North Chagrin Reservation. The park will be closed on those days and closure signs will be posted at all entrances. For daily updates, call the Parkway Alert Line @ 440-331-5963.

OUCH! Shots for Children.

Have a baby, or school-aged child or how about a high school student going off to college this fall? The Cuyahoga County Board of Health offers vaccines at the low-cost of \$12.00 for babies and children up to and including age 18. This program is open to everyone and is not based on income/need levels.

Even better news, the east side office is located next door to the Lyndhurst Community Center. Trained nurses staff the Lyndhurst Clinic on the average of one-day per week. Call the county board's main office to schedule an appointment @ 216-201-2041.



Bob Mastrangelo Ward 3 Council Representative

Jefferson Influx and Infiltration Update

Since I last wrote about this issue almost 2 years ago, much has happened in our Cleveland and much has remained the same. We have a new form of county government, a local basketball player took “his talents” south, a new casino is about to open in Cleveland, and none of our professional sports teams have brought home a championship.

This project was originally slated to be done during the winter of 2010-2011. The County budgeted around \$750K for project completion. Unfortunately quotes came in twice the estimated budget based on the scope of work laid out in the bid contract. Needless to say, the backhoes never got out of the barn.

This past summer the project scope was reviewed and downsized in order to bring the project cost down. When the new numbers finally came in, the winning bid was \$360K or around half the original budget. When questioned on how that number could be so low compared to prior bid, it was said that company with the winning bid will be able to line the sewer line, robotically, thus eliminating most of the excavation and cost that would have been required by going house to house.

Liqui-Force, a Michigan based company, was awarded the contract and should begin work in March with minimum disturbance of individual properties. One snag came up during final contract negotiations and was resolved. No University of Michigan paraphernalia can be worn on the job. Concurrently, the County will begin dye testing sewers on Sturbridge to identify any problems with storm runoff infiltrating the sanitary sewer, causing flooding problems for residents downstream. Eventually, all the streets in the Williamsburg development will have their sewers checked. We will keep you informed as we get more information on the testing program.

Save the Date: 25 April 2012 at 7PM - Ward 3 Meeting

The Ward 3 meeting will be held in the Buckeye Room at the Highland Heights Community Center. Topics to be covered include a city update, projected 2012 capital projects, Shoppes at Brainard Crossing/Get Go project update as well as any other issues that may be on the fall ballot. As always there will be plenty of time for you to voice your questions or concerns. As an added enticement refreshments will be served. Hope to see you on the 25th.

Please do not hesitate to call or email me with your thoughts and ideas at 440.442.2854 or rmastrangelo@highlandhts.com.

Department Updates

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

THOM EVANS, SERVICE DIRECTOR

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUND-UP (APRIL 2ND - APRIL 14TH) (JULY 30TH - AUGUST 11) (NOV 26TH - DEC 1ST)

The city will once again be conducting a household hazardous waste collection program in cooperation with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. Residents wishing to participate in the program may bring unwanted pesticides, household chemicals, and oil based paints to the Service Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm during any of the scheduled dates listed. **Latex paint will not be accepted.** Latex paint is not considered hazardous waste. It should be dried and disposed of in a solid state. For information on drying latex paint, please contact the Service Department or visit our web site.

For more information, contact the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District at (216) 443-3749 or log on at WWW.cuyahogaswd.org.

COMPUTER ROUND UP (April)

The City will once again be partnering with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District to recycle computers, monitors, keyboard and cell phones during **Recycle your Computer Month**, which will take place throughout the month of August. Residents wishing to participate in the program can drop off items at the Service Department between 8:00 am and 3:30 pm Monday through Friday during the month of April. The Service department will package the items for delivery to the county for proper recycling and disposal.



BRUSH COLLECTION (April 2nd - June 15th)

The Service Department will be conducting a spring brush collection from April 2nd through June 15th. Residents are asked to observe the following guidelines: Collections will be made Monday through Friday between 8:00 am. and 4:00 pm. Residents are asked to contact the Service Department at 461-7266 in advance to schedule a pick up. Branches can be of any length and need not be bundled, however, because the material will be loaded by hand, and due to equipment limitations, the size of the branches accepted will be limited to a maximum of 6" in diameter. Residents will be responsible for getting material to the tree lawn prior to collection.

Beyond the program, brush may be tied and bundled in four foot length for collection by our rubbish contractor year round or, by special arrangements with the Service Department as time allows. Please contact the Service Department for more information.

SEWER REPAIRS ON JEFFERSON DR. - UPDATE

The Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works, Division of Sanitary Engineers has announced that the redesigned sewer rehabilitation project on Jefferson Drive has been awarded and will soon be under way. The project will involve the lining of sanitary and storm sewer laterals in the right of way. In most cases the work will be completed in the right of way with minimal property disturbance.

The repairs being made are intended to reduce the inflow of storm water into the sanitary sewer system there-by reducing the frequency and severity of basement flooding to downstream homes.

The County anticipates that work will begin in late February or March. Jefferson Drive residents will be receiving additional information as details develop.

Department Updates

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

DALE GRABFELDER, BUILDING COMMISSIONER

This has certainly been a winter to remember, rain, snow, and then back to rain. The building department has received a large amount of calls concerning drainage problems. Some of these problems were caused by the over saturation of the ground, due to so much rain. A few things that you the homeowner can do is:

Keep all swales clean of leaves and debris. Make sure that if you have a catch basin in your rear yard that it's kept clean and free of all debris. Look at any yard landscaping. It may be that your landscaper has built up your flower beds and they may be obstructing the flow of water.

A reminder, you just can't change your property grade, or add a drainage system without permits. The Building Department, along with the Engineers Office, needs to see plans to assure that the system is installed properly. Even though it's been raining, it also has snowed.

Please make sure your snow plow operator has registered with the police department. Also remind them that snow needs to be plowed onto your own property. Please do not block sidewalks or plow into the streets. This poses safety issues not only for residents but also for our service personnel who work to remove the snow from our streets and sidewalks.



I am pleased to advise residents that council is in the process of adopting a new ordinance on rain barrels. So before you place a rain barrel in your yard, please call the building department so we can advise you of the placement under the new ordinance.

If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact either myself or the building department staff with your concerns.

Department Updates

POLICE DEPARTMENT - JAMES COOK, POLICE CHIEF

Burglary Prevention Tips

In 2010, there were over two million home burglaries in the United States. Most of the break-ins were residential and preventable. In 2011, there were 14 reported residential and commercial burglaries in Highland Heights. This figure was up from the 12 reported burglaries the previous year. This is why we would again like to emphasize the following information to residents and business owners on how you can prevent a burglary. Burglaries have taken place in random areas and neighborhoods throughout the City, but most break-ins have taken place during the day while residents are not at home. Due to the slight increase in reported break-ins, our Department is issuing the following tips to residents and business owners to safeguard your home and property.

- We are asking that residents immediately report any suspicious activity, persons or vehicles in the community to the Highland Heights Police Department.
- Be a good neighbor, watch out for each other. If your neighbor is not home and you notice a vehicle or person walking around their property, call the Police Department.
- If you discover your home broken into, DO NOT ENTER - call the Police immediately from a safe location like a neighbor's house or cell phone.
- If you discover your home is broken into, provide the Police Department with an itemized list of any stolen property, including any identifying marks. Avoid handling any additional property you find that may have fingerprints on it, including papers.

Residential burglaries (break-ins) are usually a crime of opportunity. Residents must be vigilant in protecting their homes. Do not become complacent. Conduct a check of your home and if you have one, activate your alarm system before retiring for the evening.

- Keep all doors and windows in your residence secured and locked. Make sure external doors have well-installed dead bolt locks. Sliding glass doors can be secured by installing commercially available locks. Activate your alarm system during the daytime hours when not at your residence.
- Keep the exterior of your home well lit. Install outside lights and keep them on at night. Create the illusion that you are home by using timers that will turn lights on and off in different areas of your house throughout the evening.
- *Call regarding the Police Department's Residential Security Program.* This is a free service provided by a crime prevention officer to assist residents in protecting their homes from intrusion.
- *Call regarding the Police Department's Alarm Board Monitoring Program.* This service is provided for residents and business who wish to have their alarm system directly monitored by the Police Department.

Protect Your Vehicle

- Always lock your car, even when parked in your driveway.
- Never leave your keys hidden in the auto--they can be found.
- Don't leave your purse or valuables in your car.
- Park in lighted areas and avoid parking in public lots for long periods of time.
- Properly used, an alarm system may prove an effective auto theft deterrent.
- Keep your garage locked and your car locked when it is parked at home.
- Don't leave the vehicle's title, credit cards, or checkbook in the glove box.

If you observe suspicious activity or person(s) around a vehicle, call the police immediately to report the location, description of vehicle, activity and person(s), and any other information for the police to investigate.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - JAMES COOK, POLICE CHIEF

Landscaping Contractors Permits Required

Permits are required for any person, firm or corporation conducting landscaping services in the City. Prior to the issuance of a permit, the applicant must furnish the make, model and serial number of any vehicles to be used, along with the name, address and telephone number of the owner and operator of such vehicles. Each applicant shall pay the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each permit which is in effect from January 1 to December 31 of each year. Prior to the issuing of any permit, each applicant is required to furnish proof of insurance. Applications for Landscaping Permits can be obtained and permitted.



New Patrolmen

Matthew Evers was appointed to the position of Patrolman on September 13, 2011. Prior to this appointment, Patrolman Evers was a Highland Heights Reserve Officer since May, 2010, after ranking in the top ten of the 2009 Patrolman's Examination.

Mark Stefanac was appointed to the position of Patrolman on November 21, 2011. Patrolman Stefanac was hired in June, 2010 as a Reserve Officer. He ranked in the top five of the 2011 Patrolman's Examination.

FBI Academy Graduate

Last summer, Detective Sergeant Dennis Matejcic attended a 12-week intensive training school at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The opportunity to attend this school was very selective. Both physical and classroom training is similar to that which FBI agents receive. As a graduate, Det. Sgt. Matejcic joins Chief James Cook as an alumni of the FBI Academy.

Department Updates

FIRE DEPARTMENT

WILLIAM TURNER, FIRE CHIEF

In January, the Fire Department received a new 2012 ambulance. The manufacturer, Horton Ambulance, was chosen based on safety features, ease of maintenance and overall functionality. This state of the art vehicle will allow Fire Department personnel to continue to provide our residents with superior pre-hospital care. The new Rescue Squad is expected to last 14 - 15 years.



Open Burning

Every spring, the Fire Department receives calls regarding open burning in the City. State and Local Codes define the types of fires allowed and the requirements for these fires. Homeowners are allowed to have outdoor fires without prior notification to the Fire Department for recreational fires. Recreational fires are defined as outdoor fires utilized to cook food for human consumption and use of approved outdoor fireplaces.



It is important to note that there are several exceptions to this rule. No person, lease holder, tenant, occupant or entity shall kindle or maintain a fire for the preparation of food or for any other purpose in any type of outdoor or portable grill, whether gas, charcoal or electric, upon any balcony, under any balcony/overhang, or within fifteen feet of any multi-family dwelling or business.

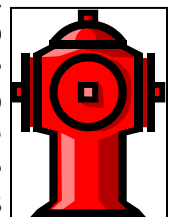
In addition, the homeowner may be ordered to extinguish the fire if the fire is deemed to be a nuisance by the Fire Department or if the fire is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fire hazardous.

The Fire Department will be offering a CPR / AED class. The Class will be held at the Fire Station 5827 Highland Road on Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Class size is limited to 15 students. Student manuals are available prior to the class if desired. Please contact the Fire Department at 442-7406 to sign up.



Fire Department Hydrant Maintenance

Semi-Annual fire hydrant maintenance will be conducted by the Fire Department during the months of May and June. If your water is discolored, run your cold tap water until it clears. If your laundry becomes stained, please contact the Fire Department. We can provide materials for removing the stain. Any hydrant found to be non-functional is replaced by Cleveland Water. After a hydrant is replaced, the soil around the hydrant needs to settle for several weeks prior to finish grading. Once settling has occurred, Cleveland Water or a sub-contractor will make the final repairs to the lawn. This process can take several weeks or longer to complete.



With Spring just around the corner, here are some Weather Facts from the Federal Emergency Management Agency

Facts About Thunderstorms

- They may occur singly, in clusters, or in lines.
- Some of the most severe occur when a single thunderstorm affects one location for an extended time.
- Thunderstorms typically produce heavy rain for a brief period, anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour.
- Warm, humid conditions are highly favorable for thunderstorm development.

About 10 percent of thunderstorms are classified as severe—one that produces hail at least three-quarters of an inch in diameter, has winds of 58 miles per hour or higher, or produces a tornado.

Facts About Tornadoes

Tornadoes are nature’s most violent storms. Spawned from powerful thunderstorms, tornadoes can cause fatalities and devastate a neighborhood in seconds. A tornado appears as a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud that extends from a thunderstorm to the ground with whirling winds that can reach 300 miles per hour. Damage paths can be in excess of one mile wide and 50 miles long. Every state is at some risk from this hazard. Some tornadoes are clearly visible, while rain or nearby low-hanging clouds obscure others. Occasionally, tornadoes develop so rapidly that little, if any, advance warning is possible. The following are facts about tornadoes:

- They may strike quickly, with little or no warning.
- They may appear nearly transparent until dust and debris are picked up or a cloud forms in the funnel.
- The average tornado moves Southwest to Northeast, but tornadoes have been known to move in any direction.
- The average forward speed of a tornado is 30 MPH, but may vary from stationary to 70 MPH.
- Tornadoes can accompany tropical storms and hurricanes as they move onto land.
- Waterspouts are tornadoes that form over water.
- Tornadoes are most frequently reported east of the Rocky Mountains during spring and summer months.
- Peak tornado season in the southern states is March through May; in the northern states, it is late spring through early summer.
- Tornadoes are most likely to occur between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m., but can occur at any time.
If you are under a tornado WARNING, seek shelter immediately!

If you are in:	Then:
A structure (e.g. residence, small building, school, nursing home, hospital, factory, shopping center, high-rise building)	Go to a pre-designated shelter area such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar, or the lowest building level. If there is no basement, go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck. Do not open windows.
A vehicle, trailer, or mobile home	Get out immediately and go to the lowest floor of a sturdy, nearby building or a storm shelter. Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes.
The outside with no shelter	Lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands. Be aware of the potential for flooding. Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You are safer in a low, flat location. Never try to outrun a tornado in urban or congested areas in a car or truck. Instead, leave the vehicle immediately for safe shelter. Watch out for flying debris. Flying debris from tornadoes causes most fatalities and injuries.

Miscellaneous Updates

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB



SPRING HAS SPRUNG . . . and so has the Community Garden project!

After a very short and pleasant winter the Highland Heights Garden Club is back in full swing and looking forward to the launch of the new Community Garden.

The Community Garden project will provide residents a place to grow their own vegetables, save \$\$\$, and share family time. Did you know that children are more likely to eat vegetables that they have grown themselves?

At this writing all details are still being sorted out - but the plan is for residents to be able to “rent” a 6’ x 8’ garden plot for a nominal fee. The plot will be staked and tilled and ready to go on opening day. **BUT**, we need your support. If your family is interested in renting a plot you **MUST** let us know. Please call Mary Velotta at City Hall and ask her to reserve your plot - 461-2440 ext. 147 or email HHGardenClub@hotmail.com. There are a limited number of plots available - so act now!

Together the City and the Highland Heights Garden Club are becoming green partners in providing gardening space and educational opportunities. Watch for an announcement about the Garden Club’s free Saturday workshop about vegetable gardening.

In other Garden Club news, whether you love to shop an attic sale or sell some of your own “treasures” you won’t want to miss the annual

Clean Your Attic Sale

Saturday March 10, 2012

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Center

To rent tables at a cost of \$18, contact Corky Mondello at 440-449-3584.

The Garden Club will be selling doughnuts, pizza, hotdogs and beverages.

And as always, guests and potential new members are always welcome at our meetings. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month Sept-December and Feb-June at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Call President Helen Vladic for more information at 216-481-0894 or send us an email at

HHGardenClub@hotmail.com

Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District

Illegal Dumping is the improper disposal of waste at any location other than a permitted landfill or facility. Illegal dumping poses a threat to human health and the environment. Also known as open dumping or midnight dumping, illegal dumping usually happens in open areas, along roadsides, in wooded areas, streams and rivers, and frequently occurs late at night to avoid detection. The waste is dumped to avoid disposal fees or time and effort required for proper disposal. It is illegal to allow open dumping on your property. Property owners sometimes try to benefit financially by charging a fee for someone to dump waste on their property. This is illegal.

What types of materials are commonly dumped?

Construction and demolition debris like drywall, shingles, lumber, bricks, concrete and siding, large appliances and furniture, household garbage, medical waste, abandoned vehicles, parts and tires yard waste or plant materials.

Why is illegal dumping a problem?

The human health risks associated with illegal dumping are significant. Illegal dumps can be accessible to people who could come in contact with chemicals (fluids or dust) or get hurt from nails and sharp edges of materials. Illegal dumps also attract rodents and insects. For example, illegally dumped waste tires provide an ideal place for mosquitoes to breed. Mosquitoes multiply 100 times faster than normal in the warm, stagnant water collecting in waste tires. Dumps also result in a decrease in property values.

Illegal dumping can impact proper drainage making areas more susceptible to flooding when debris blocks creeks, culverts and drainage basins.

What can I do?

- If you see illegal dumping or an open dump, call your community and report it - they can direct you to the proper authority.
- If you are having a house built or remodeled, make sure the waste from your site is being properly disposed of - ask your contractor for the details.
- Recycle
- Grasscycle (leave grass clippings on lawn when mowing)
- Compost your yard waste or plant materials
- Properly dispose of solid waste

For more information, contact your community,
the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District at 216-524-6580
www.cuyahogaswcd.org.
or
the Cuyahoga Solid Waste District at
216-443-3749 or www.cuyahogaswd.org.

Seniors Scoop

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ON AGING

STACEY O'BRIEN, DIRECTOR

216-291-3902

www.communitypartnershiponaging.org.

Tri-City Consortium on Aging celebrates the New Year with a new name: **Community Partnership on Aging!** The new name is a perfect description of what we are - a collaborative partnership between communities with an expertise in the area of aging. Please join us in celebrating this milestone by contacting us to learn about the opportunities we offer, by referring a neighbor or family member, by joining our volunteer corps or by making a financial contribution to help an older adult in your community! We are offering **two new services** this year:

- Daily check-in call services for someone who lives alone, doesn't have family in the area or is feeling particularly isolated, this service provides a call to your home at a set time each day on days that we are open. The service is \$15 a month or \$120 a year. If you are interested, contact Lani at 216-291-3902.
- Grocery Shopping - We're just finalizing this brand new service which allows you to have a friendly face do your grocery shopping or errand running for you! If you are interested in learning about costs or details, please contact Robin at 216-291-0774.

Save the Dates! - Annual Volunteer Luncheon - Thursday May 17, South Euclid Community Center
Senior Day at Brush High School - Friday April 20th
Celebration of Older Americans Month - Wednesday May 30th

Stay tuned for our March newsletter - we will soon be accepting applications for **summer home projects** for those of limited financial means. The March newsletter will include information on the types of projects accepted and how to apply.

Can You "Adopt" an Older Adult ? - Young adult volunteers are still needed to assist our older residents during the winter months.

Contact Corinne Dunn at 216-291-3902 or dunnc@communitypartnershiponaging.org.

Skilled Contractors Needed! - Are you an area handyman, electrician, plumber, and/or general contractor who would like to donate a small amount of your time to assist older adults in the area? Many individuals are unable to afford to pay for even basic home repairs. Your skill could mean a great deal to someone in need. For more information, please call Corinne Dunn, Volunteer Coordinator, at 216-291-3902.

CWRU Continuing Ed Class - "The Short Stories of Alice Munro" - Alice Munro is one of the world's most outstanding short story writers! **The 8-wk. class begins Thursday, March 22 from 1:00-2:30 at SECC. Fee for the class is \$60 with registration required no later than Thursday, March 15.**

County Dance - Join Kathy Wendorff for a demonstration of Country Dancing that has benefits including improved balance, cardiac capacity and strength. The free event will take place on Wednesday April 4 at 12:30 at the South Euclid Community Center.

Tai Chi for Arthritis FREE Demo Class (MH) - Wed. March 7, 10:00-11:00AM

The gentle movements of the Arthritis Foundation's™ Tai Chi program are easy on the joints and have been proven to decrease pain and discomfort. Benefits also include relaxation of the body, mind and spirit. These exercises can be performed sitting or standing. **The regular-fee sessions will begin the following week on March 14 for a monthly fee based on \$5 per class, or a drop-in fee of \$7 per class.**

Trips - Join us for a SCENIC TOUR OF LICKING COUNTY on TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012

The tour will include a visit to the Dawes Arboretum for a four mile driving tour, the historic Davis Shai House, and The Works Museum. Cost is \$66 per person and the trip departs at 8:00 a.m. Call 440-473-5138 for more information or to sign up.

The **TAMBURITZAN CONCERT** will be held on Sunday, April 22nd at Euclid High School. It will feature energetic flair, elaborate detail to costumes. This exciting troupe will dance the fiery dances of Eastern Europe and neighboring cultures. Cost includes a preshow meal at Dubrovnik Garden Restaurant and will depart at 12:30 pm. Call 440-473-5138 for more information or to sign up.

Interested in a trip to Branson, Missouri? A fun trip is being planned for May 21-25. Contact the trip office at 440-473-5138 for details.

Mayfield Heights Commission on Aging 2012 50+ Dances:

April 14th - Bob Lubeck & The Sidemen
May 5th - Billy Kaye
August 4th - Bob Lubeck & The Sideman
September 8th - Billy Kaye
November 10th - Frank Cardone
December 1st - Frank Cardone

All dances are held at the Ross DeJohn Community Center from 7:00-10:00. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5.

AARP Tax Assistance Program at Highland Heights Community Center

Appointments are still available for
March and April.

Call Mary Velotta at 440-461-2440 to
schedule an appointment.



Highland Heights Commission on Aging Annual Picnic

Wednesday, June 13, 2012

Noon to 2:00 P. M.
Lunch and Activities

2:00 to 4:00 P. M. - Card Playing

For more information,
Call Mary Velotta at 440-461-2440.

Miscellaneous Information

JUDGE MARY KAYE BOZZA LYNDHURST MUNICIPAL COURT



On December 1, 2011 Judge Mary Kaye Bozza and her staff welcomed guests from each community in the jurisdiction, to an open house in order to showcase the new Court Annex located on the lower level of Lyndhurst City Municipal Center. As part of the celebration, Judge Mary Kaye Bozza was administered her Oath of Office as Municipal Judge by Judge Anthony J. Russo of Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Probate Division. Judge Bozza has now begun her third term in office commencing January 1, 2012. In addition to the Court tour of the new facility, Judge Mary Kaye Bozza introduced her personal security bailiff, Sophia, a four legged black and tan German shepherd. Sophia was particularly selected for Judge Bozza by the Breeder for protection.

Judge Mary Kaye Bozza continues to educate the community through her Make the Right Choice Programs, various community speaking engagements and an open invitation to any teachers wanting to schedule field trips to the Court. Richmond Heights High School teacher and Junior Class Advisor, Keith Manos took advantage of this opportunity in November and brought 60 students to the Court to observe a Court session. The students found the experience very interesting and informative. They particularly appreciated the time Judge Bozza spent at the end of the court session, answering their questions.

Judge Bozza also spoke to the senior residents of Sherri Park Apartments in November and the 32nd Club Masonic Order in December. When speaking to these groups, the Judge covers safety senior topics, informs the audience about the court room dramas and answers their questions about the law.

The next Women's Program is scheduled for Friday March 23, 2012. Both programs begin at 9:30am and are held at the Lyndhurst Community Center at 1341 Parkview Drive. The programs usually last for 3 hours and lunch is included. The topics at these meetings cover the medical, psychological and legal consequences of alcohol and substance abuse. There is no fee for these educational programs and they are open to the public. For Information call Patti at 440 461-6500 extension 205.

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS GREEN TASK FORCE JUDY DEARDON

We are an organization made up of residents of Highland Heights and our neighboring cities, striving to live a more environmentally friendly lifestyle. Please join us at a program soon!

MAKING AN IMPACT: By washing your clothes in cold water, using biodegradable laundry products, and line drying you save resources, reduce your environmental impact, and save money at the same time!

DID YOU KNOW about the Mayfield City Schools first CHEMICAL ROUND-UP in 2006?

In 2006 Mayfield City School District began to look closely at the chemicals used in various departments throughout the school district. The focus quickly turned to the number of outdated chemicals used in the science labs as well as the amount and variety of aerosol type cleaning products and pesticides. Collaboration between the Science Department Chair and the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds led to the first Mayfield Chemical Round-up. A third party company was hired to inventory and remove all the non-essential science lab chemicals as well as all the aerosols, paints, outdated cleaning products and pesticides from the school district. Today Mayfield City Schools continues to monitor the amount and type of chemicals brought into the school system and in 2007 was awarded the EPA's Tool for Schools Indoor Air Quality Excellence Award. We are proud of our contribution not only to the safety and health of our school children and staff but also our contribution to the environment as a whole.

PROGRAM & EVENT SCHEDULE FOR THE COMMUNITY:
Programs & Meetings, 1st Wed of each month, 7:00 PM,
Highland Heights Community Center

April 4th - *"Going Local, Connecting Land, People and Community"* - Speaker, Brad Masi, Oberlin College and NEOFoodWeb.org.

April 20th - Visit our table at the *Green Dream*,
Beachwood Community Center

May 2nd - *"Environmental Loads on Our Bodies"*
Speaker: Jacqui Pressley, RD, CLT, The NATURAL
Dietician

Please visit our website at:

www.highlandhtsgreen.com or email Judy Dearden
at HHGreenTaskForce@yahoo.com or call 440-646-
9820

Miscellaneous Information

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY

Saturday, March 31 from 10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.
Highland Heights Community Center at 5827 Highland Road



\$3.00 per person adults and children

Tickets will be available at City Hall

Veterans Peace Memorial Ceremony

Highland Heights Municipal Complex
Monday, May 28, 2012 at 10:00

“A Day of Remembrance”



Please join us on Memorial Day to remember those who have died in service to our country.
Free reception immediately following at the Community Center.

Highland Heights Lion Club

The Lions Club will sell Mothers Day Carnations
at the corner of Highland Road and Bishop Road and at
the Home Depot parking lot beginning at 9:30 a.m.
on Saturday, May 12.



Lions Club trash bags for Spring and Summer clean-up can be purchased at Bud Ley and Sons on Highland Road, Jim's Barbershop on Bishop Road and Postal Annex on Wilson Mills Road.

SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, August 4, 2012
Highland Heights Community Day
Community Park @ 5905 Wilson Mills**



Entertainment
Food
Lots of Fun

Contact Chuck Brunello at 440-567-7771
or cbrunello@highlandhts.com.
if you are interested in being a participant,
vendor or volunteering on the committee.

City of Highland Heights
2012 City Roster (Revised 2/6/2012)



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Highland Heights Community Pool	440-442-2423	5905 Wilson Mills Road

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Highland Heights Commission on Aging, Emil Lucarelli	440-442-5408
Highland Heights 50+ Club, Shirley Flanagan	440-442-5408
Highland Heights Garden Club, Helen Vladic	216-481-0894
Highland Heights Green Task Force, Judy Deardon	440-646-9820
Highland Heights Lion's Club, Rick Eisenberg	440-449-2119
Hillcrest Rotary	216-381-1700

MISCELLANEOUS PHONE NUMBERS

Cleveland Division of Water	216-664-3060
Cuyahoga County Auditor	216-443-7010
Cuyahoga County Board of Elections	216-443-3200
Cuyahoga County Board of Health	216-201-2000
Cuyahoga County Court House (Marriage Licenses)	216-443-8922
Cuyahoga County Mayfield Public Library	440-473-0350
Cuyahoga County Sanitary Engineering (plugged sewers, dye tests)	216-443-8201
Dominion East Ohio Gas	800-362-7557
First Energy	888-544-4877
J&J Refuse Trash Pick Up	800-201-0005
Lyndhurst Municipal Court, 5301 Mayfield Road	440-461-6500
Mayfield Board of Education District #1819	440-995-7200
Richmond Heights Post Office	800-275-8777

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER - The community center has two rooms with an adjoining kitchen available to rent for your parties or meetings. The City wants to assure that your events are everything you want them to be. To help this happen, we are asking that when children are at the event, they be monitored for their own safety and also so there is no damage done to the Community Center. The staff of the Community Center is there to make sure the building is in the best condition for your party, not for taking care of children who attend events. So, if children are present, please make sure they stay in the room where the party is taking place and that they are monitored. Please call Judy Dick at 440-461-2440, ext. 149 or e-mail jdick@highlandhts.com for more information. You can also find more information on room rentals at www.highlandhts.com.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Legislative and Finance
 Ed Hargate
 Leo Lombardo, Chairman
 Cathy Murphy

Safety and Service
 Chuck Brunello
 Bob Mastrangelo
 Lisa Stickan, Chairperson

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 Frank Legan, Chairman
 Leo Lombardo
 Lisa Stickan

City Council Meeting Schedule
 2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 8:00 p.m.

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 Call PUCO at (800) 686-7826
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HOLIDAY RUBBISH COLLECTION

Memorial Day - Monday May 28th

All routes will be delayed by one day!

The following holidays are observed by the city's rubbish/recycling contractor:

New Years Day	Labor Day
Memorial Day	Thanksgiving Day
Independence Day	Christmas Day

Any time these holidays fall on a weekday OTHER THAN Friday, rubbish collection from that day on will be delayed one day during that week.

SHRED DAYS

Saturday May 5th

Saturday October 20th

The City will be hosting Shred Days on Saturday May 5th and Saturday October 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Residents wishing to participate may bring materials to the Service Department where they will be shredded on site.

There is no need to remove clips or staples. Plastics are not accepted so we suggest that you bring your material in boxes or paper bags.