



Highland Heights Community Day
Saturday, August 6, 2011
Highland Heights Community Park
5905 Wilson Mills

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From the Desk of Mayor Coleman

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

I'm happy to report that through May, the City's financial picture continues to look very solid. I was pleased to present to council a budget that included over \$1M of necessary capital improvements this year for equipment purchases, road repairs, and building maintenance. We have been able to make these purchases without increasing our debt and by maintaining a general fund balance of roughly \$5.8 M. Our legislative and finance committee did an excellent job reviewing the budget with me and our finance director. This year's budget also included an estimated general fund surplus of roughly \$100,000 for the year's activity. To date our General Fund revenues are running about 6% ahead of our estimates and our expenditures are about 4% less than anticipated.

My approach to budgeting has always been to be conservative on expected revenues and budget expenses at the most likely scenario. This method seems to have worked well the past several years. We're also privileged to be able to provide, maintain and enhance our services to the community without interruption. I will continue to closely monitor our budget and if necessary, make the appropriate adjustments to keep the City on solid financial ground.

EXPANDING BUSINESS ON ALPHA DRIVE

For the past several years, Alpha Drive has been the home of a fascinating company, Cleveland Crystals. In 1973, the founders of Cleveland Crystals developed techniques for growing crystals which have a variety of uses including military applications such as sonar and missile domes. In this highly technical industry, Cleveland Crystals has become one of the world leaders in the growth and fabrication of these specialized crystals. I am very pleased to report that, because of their success, they recently announced plans for their expansion on Alpha Drive. They will soon be occupying part of a vacant building on Alpha Drive. They plan to consolidate their operations from their California plant to Alpha Drive sometime this fall. As a result, roughly 20 to 25 highly technical jobs will be joining their Highland Heights workforce.

OUR COMMUNITY CENTER EMPLOYEES

Hopefully many residents have had the opportunity to use our community center for parties or other events. The Community Center provides a convenient space for weddings, birthdays, graduation parties, events and community meetings year-round. City residents and businesses may reserve the Buckeye Room (72 guest capacity) or the Highland Room (200 guest capacity) for a rental fee. Both party rooms have access to the Center's kitchen. Many Highland Heights civic and community groups use the Center to host monthly or weekly meetings.

The community center is serviced by a staff of four outstanding, dedicated individuals. Judy Dick serves as the city's Community Center Coordinator and also works part time as Secretary for the Service Department. Judy has worked for the City since April 1996 and has been the Community Center Coordinator since January 1998. Judy and her husband Curt are proud residents of Highland Heights. They have lived in Highland Heights since childhood and have one daughter and one son. Our Community Center is serviced by a staff of three. Bill Amato is our Community Center Manager who works days and evenings during the week. Bill was hired in July 1994. Bill has lived in Highland Heights for 37 years and has two sons and four grandchildren. Jim Altomondo is a part time custodian who works Friday nights and Saturday events. Jim was hired in November 2007. Jim and his wife Sandy have lived in Highland Heights for 25 years and have one daughter and four grandchildren. Sam Belfiore is our other part time custodian who works Thursday evenings and Sunday events and was hired in December 1998. Sam and his wife Theresa have lived in Highland Heights for 20 years and have three sons.

From the Desk of Mayor Coleman

These four individuals provide an invaluable service to our residents coordinating the activities and the maintenance at the Community Center. Their collective goal is to make sure that any parties or events that are held at our facility meet or exceed the expectations of our residents. I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to Judy, Bill, Jim and Sam for all their efforts in making the events at the community center a success.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Charter Review Committee is a group of nine residents, chosen by the Mayor, to review the City Charter every five years. Our Charter contains Articles which govern our municipality. The purpose of this committee is to suggest changes that should be considered by the voters.

A committee has been appointed by me, with Council confirmation (as per the Charter) and has been meeting since February. The purpose is to review and recommend possible alterations, revisions, or amendments to the Charter. Any recommended change will soon be submitted to Council and placed before the voters in the next November election. The committee has been working very hard the past few months reviewing and analyzing our city's constitution. At the present time, the committee is studying language regarding Council terms, qualifications to run for Council and qualifications to run for Mayor. Detailed proposals will be communicated to residents at a later date. I would like to thank the following individuals for volunteering to serve on this committee: Dan Dombeck - Chairman, John Nawarskas, Linda Citraro, Ray Caporale, Janet Dannemiller, Sherry Tighe, Ron Fornaro, Pam Hawkins and Carol Ganser.

POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES

Chief Cook has done an outstanding job of staffing his department with hard working, dedicated public servants. Congratulations to Dennis McGrath and Joseph Stella on being promoted to sergeants in the police department and welcome to Andy Lessick, a part time police officer who has now been hired as full time. Best wishes to retiring Policemen Gary McGee and Mark Hoehnen who leave their employment with the city with our sincere appreciation and gratitude for their many years of service to the city. See Chief Cook's article for more details,

I also want to express special appreciation to the following residents:

Weert Ley - for the very touching Memorial Day Ceremony he organized again this year. I have enjoyed attending and participating in this ceremony for many years, both as Council President and Mayor. This event is put on by volunteers. In addition to Weert and his family, special thanks goes out to the Lawler and Hess families for their hard work which helps make this event an annual success.

Chuck Brunello for volunteering to be chairman of the Community Day Committee again this year. Chuck has assembled a group of volunteers to help with this year's event. Chuck and his committee have been working very hard to make this another great family day at our community park on August 6, 2011. See the insert for the schedule of events for that day.

I hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable summer. As always, feel free to contact me at city hall at (440) 461-2440 or by email at scoleman@highlandhts.com if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

City Council Commentary

CATHY MURPHY
WARD 1 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

“Please Don’t Eat the Daisies”

We all appreciate the frustration of residents who experience deer ravaging their flowers and gardens. I hope you find the suggestions below helpful to discourage deer from snacking on your plants and flowers.



Landscaping-Do’s and Don’ts.

Deer love: hosta, rhododendron, evergreen azaleas, burning bush, arborvitae, yews, mountain laurel, Japanese holly, tea rose and tulips. Deer are not attracted to prickly type plants like barberry, coral-bells, juniper, and hawthorne.

Deer do not like plants with strong aromas so try planting some herbs in your beds. Top deer deterrent herbs: rosemary, lavender, bee balm, Russian sage, and yarrow.

While deer reportedly have no fear of humans, they are afraid of things that confuse them. For example, carefully strung nylon fishing line around plants or shrub will confuse deer because they can feel the line, but they cannot see it. Deer have poor depth perception vision and if they can’t get a clear look into your yard they may hesitate to enter it. Consider using natural fencing like hedges and island tree plantings to block the view into your yard.

Repellents - Various repellents, such as Liquid Fence and Plantskydd have been reported to be successful for both deer and rabbit control. In using a repellent for vegetable gardens, it is especially critical to make sure it is safe for your produce.

For more tips and other yard and garden questions, contact the OSU Extension Service Hotline for Cuyahoga County at (216) 429-8200 ext 235, Mondays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

FRANK LEGAN
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Economic Development Update

Council has recently been considering options for reviewing our current Economic Development process. With the help of the newly formed Economic Development Committee, which is made up of residents, members of the administration and a council representative, we are working towards a self assessment of our current program.

The assessment would help us evaluate the efficiency of our processes by analyzing things like how efficiently we issue permits and communicate with current and prospective businesses. It would also look at how we market ourselves and partner with our neighbors in telling our story to the business community.

We have enjoyed many successes with our current program but are constantly striving to be better. We would love to hear from you if you have any thoughts or suggestions.

BOB MASTRANGELO WARD 3 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Power Outages

On Wednesday, June 8 around 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon, a very loud buzz was heard in the Williamsburg area. Even the traffic noise coming from I-271 could not drown it out. Shortly thereafter, the power cycled off several times before finally just quitting, causing a blackout for numerous residents living on Miner and in the Williamsburg area. A power line had shorted and caught fire, scorching nearby trees and the grounds where the flaming line fell. By now you are probably wondering where I am going with this since this is old news. With the power loss, all electrical appliances were now useless, including the numerous portable phones typically found around the house. Luckily, we still have an old rotary dial phone which still works when all else fails. I wonder what I could get for it on e-bay?

Since most residents now have at least one cell phone in the house, losing power and your land line may not seem like much of an issue, unless you forgot to charge your cell phone. But it can be if there was an emergency situation in the city which required residents to be notified.

CodeRED

Are you aware that the city has a CodeRED Emergency Notification System, sometimes referred to as a reverse 911 system? It can and has been used in case of emergency situations or critical community alerts which require immediate actions such as boil alerts, severe weather alerts, Amber alerts, gas leaks, etc. Alerts are sent out to all residents over the land lines of our local phone companies. If power is lost and you do not have an “old relic” corded phone, you will not get the message. You can correct this situation by adding your cell phones to the call list in one of 2 ways:

Access the city website www.highlandhts.com., select Department, Police Department then scroll down to the CodeRED section and follow the prompts. If you do not have a computer, you can contact Nancy at the Police Department at 440-442-8825 and she will register your additional phones.

If you have a privacy manager on your home land line, CodeRED will not be able to contact you unless you have registered an alternate number that will accept the call. Don't hesitate, register those alternate phones today and be connected.

TAI CHI

Did You Know: Qi Gong/Tai Chi is a centuries-old Chinese martial art practice designed to exercise the mind and body through a series of gentle, flowing postures that create a kind of synchronized dance and is known to increase stamina, strength, balance and concentration skills. Interested? Complementary 1 hour Tai Chi exercise sessions are offered at the Tzu Chi Foundation Center, 1076 Ford Road, (parking lot accessed off Ridgebury) on Wednesday and Saturday mornings promptly at 10:30AM.

Please do not hesitate to call or email me with your thoughts and ideas at 440-442-2854 or rmastrangelo@highlandhts.com.

City Council Commentary

SCOTT MILLS

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

As you may have read, council revamped our Economic Development Committee. We now have residents from our community serving on the Committee. Our meetings are open to the public and I invite all residents to attend. Watch the Highland Hts. website for meeting times and dates, usually on the third Thursday of the last month of every quarter.

GREEN SPACE

After several years and a lot of community input, we finally have a new large green space adjacent to city hall. We have already heard from many community groups interested in participating to make this a great place including, the Lion's Club, Garden Club and our city Green Task Force. Several residents have also come forward with ideas. By the time you read this, we should have finalized plans for the new gazebo, which will be the first phase of development of the new green space. We are planning on the community gardens getting started this year, however because of the weather, the first planting will be next year. Here is where I need your help now and you don't even have to leave your house. **WHAT SHALL WE NAME THE GREEN SPACE?** I am looking for ideas on what we call our new area, i.e. the community center front lawn, named for the first settlers in Highland Heights or just call it Gazebo Park? Please email or call me with your thoughts and ideas. I am hoping that we will have an opening day event at the green space area later this fall.

SHRED DAY!

I am pleased to report that our last shred day was a new record for us and we shredded over 10,000 pounds of paper. Remember the Do's and Don'ts of paper shredding: **DON'T** need to remove staples, binder clips, and paper clips. **DON'T** put in plastic bags, they clog the machine. **DON'T** be shy, bring all you have. **DO** put in boxes or paper bags. (We will even give you the boxes back). **DO** come early; note the new time 9 am - 1 pm. **DO** remind your friends and neighbors. Start gathering up **ALL** the old tax returns, bank statements, etc. We will be having our next shred day on October 1st 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. at the service department.

ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS

As part of my job as your council President and councilman at large, I really enjoy meeting the city's residents and discussing their concerns and ideas in one-on-one meetings. I welcome any and all opportunities to meet with any city resident to discuss any matter. If you wish to schedule a meeting with me, please feel free to call me or email me.

E-NEWSLETTER

In order to promote improved communication, I have created an E-Newsletter to share city events, and important matters pending before council. Please feel free to join the mailing list by sending me your email address.

As always I look forward to your thoughts and ideas. Please feel free to call or email me. 440-477-5883 or SMills@highlandhts.com.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT THOM EVANS, SERVICE DIRECTOR

JEFFERSON DRIVE PROJECT TO BE RE-BID

The Cuyahoga County Sanitary Engineers Office has announced plans to re-bid a sewer project on Jefferson Drive. The project is a major step towards reducing basement flooding to affected homes downstream. The County through testing has determined that the Inflow and Infiltration (I and I) of storm water from the Williamsburg area is causing an overload of the sanitary system downstream, which has resulted in basement flooding to some homes along Highland Road, located at the lower end of the system. The County has also determined that the largest percentage of I and I in the Williamsburg area is coming from the sewers on Jefferson Drive.

Bids received by the County for this work in 2010 exceeded their estimate and budget for the project and were rejected. The County is in the process of re-designing the project in an attempt to receive better bid pricing for the work. The project is targeted for re-bidding in the fall with construction targeted for early 2012.

HIGHLAND ROAD

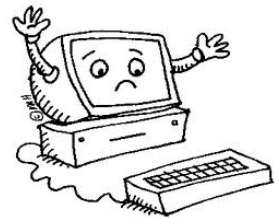
As a temporary means to prevent flooding to residents along Highland Road, the County and City are studying the feasibility of installing backflow devices on the sanitary laterals of affected homes in that area. When the evaluation is complete, those residents will be notified and provided with details of the work. Notifications and meetings with residents are anticipated to begin in July.

RADFORD AREA

The City is working with the County to solve basement flooding problems to homes along Radford Drive. The County has completed a majority of the field work necessary to fully understand the causes of the problem and to begin design work on a number of solutions. The City and County are working to develop a detailed plan of action as quickly as possible and by no later than the end of summer. Residents will be notified regarding the details of planned repairs as they develop.

COMPUTER ROUND UP (AUGUST)

The City will once again be partnering with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District to recycle computers, monitors, keyboards 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 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the month of August. The Service department will package the items for delivery to the County for proper recycling and disposal.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUND-UP (September 5th - September 17th)

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, starting Monday September 5th and ending on Friday September 16th. We will also have a Saturday drop off on September 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 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.

Department Updates

POLICE DEPARTMENT JAMES COOK, POLICE CHIEF

RETIREMENTS

On March 18, 2011, Detective Sergeant Gary McKee retired from the Police Department after 33 years of service. On May 21, 2011, Sergeant Mark Hoehnen retired from the Department after 33 years of service. Both of these officers served with the Highland Heights Police Department during their entire careers with dedication and professionalism to the community, and they will be missed. We wish them both well in their retirement and future endeavors.

PROMOTIONS

Joseph Stella was promoted to the position of Sergeant on April 26, 2011. Sergeant Stella has been with the Department for 11 years and has been assigned the duties of our Jail Administrator. In addition, he previously served as a police officer in the City of Akron.

Dennis McGrath was promoted to Sergeant on May 24, 2011. Sgt. McGrath has been with the Department for over 18 years. Along with supervising his shift, he also is the Department's Certified Taser Instructor.

Sergeants Stella and McGrath completed an extensive written promotional exam and assessment center in February and March in which they were ranked first and second respectively on the final results. Congratulations to both.

NEW PATROLMAN

Andrew Lessick was appointed to the position of Patrolman on April 26, 2011. Prior to this appointment, Patrolman Lessick was a Highland Heights Reserve Officer since November, 2009, after ranking in the top five of the 2009 Patrolman's Examination. Officer Lessick previously served as a police officer in the City of Richmond Heights.

HOME SAFETY AND TIPS FOR RESIDENTS

We are very pleased to report that Highland Heights was recently ranked as one of the top ten safest cities in Northeast Ohio by Cleveland Magazine. We continually strive to provide a safe and comfortable environment for all residents and businesses. We are also pleased to report that the number of burglaries has reduced this year over last. While a few burglaries have taken place in random neighborhoods throughout the City, most have taken place during the day, while residents are not at home. Residents who have alarm systems are advised to activate your alarm system during hours when you are not at your residence, day or night.

If you observe anything that you believe is suspicious activity by a person or vehicle, immediately call the Police Department and report it. Residential burglaries (break-ins) are usually a crime of opportunity. Do not become complacent. Always close your overhead garage door and keep your front and back doors secured and locked. 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT JAMES COOK, POLICE CHIEF

RESIDENTIAL SECURITY PROGRAM & ALARM BOARD MONITORING SERVICE

We encourage residents to call the Police Department and take advantage of the Residential Security Program and Police Department's Alarm Board Monitoring Program. The Residential Security Program is a free service where a crime prevention officer conducts a survey making recommendations to assist residents in protecting their homes. The Alarm Board Monitoring service has the ability to monitor residential and business security systems. This service is provided to residents and businesses that wish to have their alarm system directly monitored by the Police Department. The service saves valuable time in emergencies when time is critical.

IDENTITY THEFT

We have had many inquiries regarding Identity Theft. Identity theft occurs when a criminal obtains and uses your personal information such as credit card numbers, bank account numbers, insurance information and Social Security numbers to purchase goods or services fraudulently. Identity theft is a crime at both federal and state levels. Ohio law makes it unlawful for someone to use another person's identifying information with the intent to fraudulently obtain credit, property or services. It also takes into account computer and Internet technology, and makes it a crime to aid or abet another person in securing this personal identifying information.

IF YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE A VICTIM OF IDENTITY THEFT, CONTACT OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FILE A REPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. An officer will assist you and provide information on filing an Identity Theft Verification Passport, a program provided by the Attorney General's office. This program provides victims of identity theft with a method of demonstrating that their identity has been stolen. For more information about identity theft and this program, visit the Attorney General's web site at www.ag.state.oh.us.

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 permits issued at the Police Department.

Department Updates

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

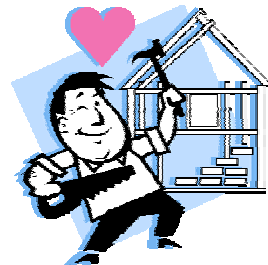
DALE GRABFELDER, BUILDING COMMISSIONER

With the wet spring turning into warmer weather, the building department has been busy with tall grass and high weed complaints. I would like to remind everyone that the City indeed has an ordinance which requires the department to send a notice to the registered property owner. This is a one time notice. If the grass or weeds are not cut within the 5 day compliance period, the city service department can cut the grass with the cost being billed to the owner. If the grass is not maintained, then the city may cut it without further notice.

We have also experienced a large number of calls pertaining to water runoff and drainage. Most of the properties in the city have rear yard swales. These swales were installed to allow water runoff from properties to catch basins. It is up to each property owner to maintain the swale and to clean the basins to allow for smooth runoff of water. Over the years, owners have added flower beds and landscaping that have not allowed the free flow of water. Please take a minute to check your property to make sure you are not disturbing the flow of water causing a problem for your neighbor.

In March, the department adopted the International Property Maintenance code. This new code will help strengthen our existing property maintenance code.

Just a reminder that before you start any type of work, please make sure that either you as owner or the contractor has secured the necessary permits. The codes are to ensure that all work is done properly, to protect the residents and character our city.



The 2011 sidewalk program is underway. The city engineer has inspected all the sidewalks north of Highland Road. If you see a mark on your sidewalk, this means it has been determined it needs to be repaired and or replaced. You will only be notified if the sidewalk in question is your (the owners) responsibility. You as the owner will need to fill out the form and return it. Please remember that if the sidewalk is not repaired by the time the city starts our repairs, we will replace the walk at a cost to you. If you do not receive a notice, then the block marked will be replaced by the city at no cost to the owner. If you have any questions concerning the sidewalk program, please feel free to contact either Brian Mader Assistant City engineer at 216-731-6255 or myself at 440-442-7403.

Hope everyone has an enjoyable summer. Please take a minute to check your house address. It is important that the address can be seen from the street. The letters should be at least 4 inches high. This helps our Police and Fire Departments find your house in case of an emergency.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the building department at 440-442-7403. The staff is always willing to assist in any way we can.

COMMUNITY CENTER JUDY DICK, COORDINATOR

The Community Center provides a convenient space for weddings, birthdays, graduation parties, events and community meetings year round. City residents and businesses may reserve the Buckeye Room (72 guest capacity) or the Highland Room (200 guest capacity) for a rental fee. Both party rooms have access to the Center's kitchen. Many Highland Heights civic and community groups use the Center to host monthly or weekly meetings.

A variety of exercise classes are also held at the Center. Jazzercise meets Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. Call Sue Cummings at 440-338-1407 for more Jazzercise information. If you are interested in Body Sculpting, the class meets Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Call 440-729-3463 for more information. Tai Chi meets Monday at 2:00. Sue Cady is the instructor and can be reached at 216-932-7717. We have a variety of new classes for the little ones - Communities in Motion on Monday. Call 1-800-734-1545 for class descriptions and times or check out the website: ww.communitiesinmotioncleveland.com.

If you would like more information about the Center or to check on the availability of a date for your event, call Judy Dick at 440-461-2440 ext 149. Office hours are Monday thru Friday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Highland Heights 50+ Social Club Activities Highland Heights Community Center All events and meetings start at 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 19	Ice Cream Social
Tuesday, August 16	Annual Picnic
Tuesday, October 18	Horseracing Day
Tuesday, November 15	Thanksgiving Dinner
Tuesday, December 20	Christmas Dinner

For more information, call Emil Lucarelli at 440-442-5408.

Department Updates

FIRE DEPARTMENT

WILLIAM TURNER, FIRE CHIEF

The communities of Mayfield Village, Mayfield Heights, and Highland Heights continue to seek volunteers for the Tri-Community CERT Team. The mission of the Tri Community CERT is to provide assistance to the Public Safety Departments in our communities and be prepared to deploy to other communities when needed. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact:

Jody Widmann, Administrative Assistant to the Chief, C.E.R.T. Liaison
Mayfield Heights Police Department
6154 Mayfield Road
Mayfield Heights, OH 44124
Phone (440) 442-2323 Ext. 221 and Fax (440) 442-5589
JodyWidmann@MayfieldHeights.org



WHAT IS EXTREME HEAT?



Temperatures that hover 10 degrees or more above the average high temperature for the region and last for several weeks are defined as extreme heat. Humid or muggy conditions, which add to the discomfort of high temperatures, occur when a "dome" of high atmospheric pressure traps hazy, damp air near the ground. Excessively dry and hot conditions can provoke dust storms and low visibility. Droughts occur when a long period passes without substantial rainfall. A heat wave combined with a drought is a very dangerous situation.

DID YOU KNOW...

In a normal year, approximately 175 Americans die from extreme heat. Young children, elderly people, and those who are sick or overweight are more likely to become victims. Because men sweat more than women, men are more susceptible to heat illness because they become more quickly dehydrated. Sunburn can significantly slow the skin's ability to release excess heat. People living in urban areas may be at a greater risk from the effects of a prolonged heat wave than people living in rural regions. An increased health problem can occur when stagnant atmospheric conditions trap pollutants in urban areas, thus adding contaminated air to excessively hot temperatures.

TO PREPARE FOR EXTREME HEAT, YOU SHOULD:

- Install window air conditioners snugly; insulate if necessary.
- Check air-conditioning ducts for proper insulation.
- Install temporary window reflectors (for use between windows and drapes), such as aluminum foil-covered cardboard, to reflect heat back outside.
- Weather-strip doors and sills to keep cool air in.
- Cover windows that receive morning or afternoon sun with drapes, shades, awnings, or louvers. (Outdoor awnings or louvers can reduce the heat that enters a home by up to 80 percent.)
- Keep storm windows up all year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT WILLIAM TURNER, FIRE CHIEF

FIREWORKS SAFETY MESSAGE FROM THE OHIO FIRE MARSHAL

The only types of fireworks that can be legally purchased and discharged in Ohio are trick and novelty devices. These include items that smoke, sparkle, snap and snake.



- Handle and discharge trick and novelty devices only under adult supervision.
- Appoint one adult to be in charge. This person should know the hazards of each type of firework being used.
- Carefully read and follow the label directions on the trick and novelty device packaging.
- Light only one sparkler at a time and hold it away from your body and others.
- Sparkler wires, which can burn up to 1800 degrees, should immediately be placed in a bucket of water to avoid injury as they remain hot for a few minutes after burnout.
- If someone gets burned, run cool water over the wound for two or three minutes and seek medical attention when necessary.

FREE SMOKE ALARMS

The Fire Department has a limited supply of photoelectric smoke alarms available for residents. The smoke alarms will be installed by the Fire Department.

For more information, and to verify eligibility, please contact the Fire Prevention Officer at (440) 442-7406.



Department Updates

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE 2011 Baseball/Softball and T-Ball Sponsors

All Sweep, Inc.
Allergy/Immunology Associates Inc.
Bella Stone Custom Granite Countertops
Claudia Minadeo-Fox, DDS
College Planning Network (2)
Community Reinvestment
ControlSoft Inc.
Crostata's Pizzeria
David E. Nager (3)
David Irwin
DiStefano's Italian Deli
Docman Technologies (3)
Dr. Timothy D. Vala, DDS
Fantasy Candies
Fast Signs Lyndhurst
First Federal Credit Control, Inc.
Frate Landscaping
Great Lakes Billing
Harden Auto Body, Inc. (2)
Hershey's Ice Cream
Industrial Ventilations Systems, LLC
La-Vera Party Center Inc.
Liberty Ford Maple Heights
MCR, Inc. (2)
Michael Christopher's Salon (2)
Nino Capp Net Products, LLC
Ohio Real Title (2)
Palumbo's
Pat O'Brien Chevrolet
Pizzazz Pizza
RMS Investment Corp.
Scott Mills
Spectators
Snow Bros. Appliance
Tech Recovery
The Fedeli Group
Tradesmen International
Trattoria, Inc.
University Suburban Health Center
Vicchiarelli Funeral Home
Wilson Mills Marathon



RECREATION DEPARTMENT
DAVID IANIRO, RECREATION DIRECTOR

Family Fun Nights at the Pool from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

(Dates subject to change)

July 24

August 7

August 21



Pool Hours: 1:00 - 8:00 p.m. until August 8, then 11:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Pool Closed August 6 and August 7

Beginning Week of August 24, open on weekends only

Pool Closes on Labor Day

Games Music Prizes Lots of Fun!!!!



HIGHLAND HEIGHTS ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT AUGUST 5, 6 AND 7
DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER BY JULY 31 FOR
THE ANNUAL HIGHLAND HEIGHTS TENNIS CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

2011 Events

Boys 12 and Under

Boys 14 & Under

Boys 16 & Under

Boys 18 & Under

Girls 12 & Under

Girls 14 & Under

Girls 16 & Under

Girls 18 & Under

Women's and Men's Open Singles and Doubles

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Highland Heights Community Day

Saturday, August 6, 2011 at the Community Park at 5905 Wilson Mills, Noon-11:00

Please Note: Schedule Times and Entertainment are Subject to Change.

First Ever Apple Pie Bake Off. Space is limited to the first 30 contestants

(Contact Sue Meola for more details at 440-442-1508)

All Day:

- DJ, Karaoke, & Green Screen special effects photography brought to you by Billy James Disc Jockeys
- Inflatables and Games for children of all ages
- Pony Rides
- Food and Beverages

Activities:

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| 12:00-2:00 p.m. | Family and senior bingo |
| 1:00-3:00 p.m. | Pool Party, free admission for Highland Heights Residents - Fun, Games, and Music |
| 2:00-3:00 p.m. | Home Depot Workshop for Kids - Build a Craft |

Total ID Solutions, offering Child Identification Cards (all proceeds go to the Ronald McDonald House)

Entertainment and Attractions Presented to you by Flower Entertainment

1:00-5:00 p.m. Balloons 4:00-8:00 p.m. Face Painting 5:00-9:00 p.m. Walk around Magic

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| 1:00-5:00 p.m. | Come get your picture with "Miss Italia Of Ohio", Christina Selvaggio Stickan |
| 1:00-4:00 p.m. | SPAN (Suburban Police Anti Crime Network) Bomb Squad and Swat Team |
| 2:00-4:00 p.m. | Cleveland Clinic Life Flight Helicopter Landing (tentative, weather permitting) |
| 2:00-5:30 p.m. | Rocket Ship Car Rides |
| 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Jungle Terry |
| 5:00-6:00 p.m. | Magic and Illusions by the American Magician Rick Smith Jr. |
| 5:00-7:00 p.m. | Air Brushed Tattoos |
| 6:00-6:30 p.m. | K-9 Demonstration by Mayfield Heights Tony Mele, K-9 Patrolman |
| 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Hot Air Balloon Rides (weather permitting) All proceeds will go to the Children's Miracle Network, and The Up Side Of Downs of Northeast Ohio |

10:00 p.m. **Fireworks, Bigger and Better than last year**



Live Music From:

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| 12:30-1:30 p.m. | Broken Wheels Square Dance Club |
| 2:00-4:00 p.m. | Carmelina Band |
| 5:00-7:00 p.m. | Sight and Sound |
| 8:00-10:00 p.m. | Dive Bomb |



Great Food from Local Favorites:

- Harry Buffalo
- Hershey's Ice Cream
- La Vera
- Mulligan's Tavern (Food and Alcohol)
- Naya Bistro
- Zeppe's

Information Booths: Board of Elections, Key Bank, Highland Heights Green Task Force, Lions Club, Garden Club, Traditional Family Dentistry and many more.

If you have any questions, please contact Chuck Brunello at 440-567-7771 or Lisa Stickan at 440-759-1106.

Miscellaneous Information

Highland Heights Garden Club

Highland Heights Garden Club wins the Garden Club of Ohio

Best Standard Flower Show Award and Garden Club of the Year Award.

The Highland Heights Garden Club (HHGC) Big Blue Marble Standard Flower Show on September 11, 2010 was a spectacular success for members and the community. But on April 12th the show was awarded the First Place Award for Best Standard Flower Show in the State of Ohio.

In addition to the first place award for Best Standard Flower Show HHGC took home 41 additional awards for Civic Beautification, Horticulture Education, Beautification of a Public Building, Tree Award, Garden Club Youth Award, Photography Awards and awards for programs sponsored at Mayfield elementary schools including the Smokey Bear / Woodsy Owl Poster Contest and Poetry Contest. The accumulation of 42 Garden Club of Ohio awards resulted in the Club being named Garden Club of the Year in Ohio.

HHGC was founded in March 1964 when the City was a Village. In the early years the Club assisted in the planting of approximately five hundred trees in the village. When the Village became a City the HHGC introduced and adopted a designation of the Flowering Crab Apples as the Official City Tree and naming HH as a Bird Sanctuary. (About 1970)

Eventually the Garden Therapy committee was established with the objective to teach gardening and its related crafts and activities to the special education students at Lander School. This is still done today along with poster and poetry contests in Millridge and St. Paschal Baylon schools.

Over the past 10 years HHGC has created a beautiful Memorial Garden and provided additional landscaping around the Community Center and areas between Community Center and our City Hall Complex. Last year the Club was responsible for planting 7 trees and is currently leading an effort to install a community garden near City Hall.

New members are welcome to attend a meeting for free. The Club meets September-June on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Highland Heights Community Center. Throughout the summer, members take tours and convene for special projects. Please call Club President Helen Vladic if you would like additional information: 216-481-0894.



Miscellaneous Information

Highland Heights Green Task Force

You can have a positive impact on the Earth by learning how to take small and big steps in the direction of environmental stewardship. A grass-roots movement is afoot in Highland Heights and we want you to be a part of it. As Kermit so eloquently said “green’s the color of the world” so whatever shade you and your household represent, we welcome your involvement and encourage you to join us at an informational program soon.

Our meetings and educational programs are the first Wednesday of each month at the Highland Heights Community Center in the Buckeye Room. The schedule for August and September programs:

August 3 - Business Meeting

Topics: Community Day August 6—Green Vendor Fair and Highland Heights Green Task Force Table, discuss Free Cycle event. Speaker: R.J. Campbell from Cell Phones for Cancer, information on his electronics recycling and discussion on the possibility of the city having a one day electronics round-up event.

Documentary: “the Story of Stuff” or “The Story of Electronics” (Designed for the Dump)

September 7 - Alternative Transportation Options

Speaker: Tim Cole, Alternative Fuel Director from Ohio Technical School, Cleveland Discussion. Tim will discuss the new technologies in the automotive industry and alternative fuel sources. He will give a pros and cons discussion that should help us better understand the cars on the market today, as well as those for the future. Tim also plans on bringing an alternative car with him for us to inspect.

The success of this group depends on each of us taking the first step so please call or email Judy Dearden if you are interested in becoming a member/volunteer. HHGreenTaskForce@yahoo.com or call 440-646-9820. Also, please visit our website at www.highlandhtsgreen.com.



RESIDENT RECYCLING BINS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT

18 gallon bins are now available for recycling. Bins may be purchased at the Service Department, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 am. and 12:00 pm. for a cost of \$7.50. Bins are not required for recycling. Residents may continue to use the blue bag system.

You may also download the form from our website at highlandhts.com., and mail your form and check to the Service Department. We will deliver your bins to your home!

For more information, please contact the Service Department at 461-2440 ext 162.

Highland Heights 2011 Calendar of Events

July 11	Swim Lesson Second 4-Week Session Starts
July 11	Tennis Lesson Second Session Starts
July 18	½ Season Pool Pass Starts
August - All Month	Computer Round Up at Service Department 8:00 - 3:30
August 5, 6 & 7	Annual Tennis Tournament
August 5	Day Camp Ends
August 6	Community Day at Highland Heights Community Park
August 7	Swim Team Meet
September 14	Commission on Aging Picnic at Community Center from 12:00 - 2:30
September 5 - 16	Household Hazardous Waste Collection at Service Department 8-3:30 (weekdays)
September 17	Household Hazardous Waste Collection at Service Department 9:00 - 2:00 (Sat.)
October 1	Shred Day from 9:00 to 1:00
October 22	Children's Halloween Party
December 7	Commission on Aging Seniors Holiday Celebration
December 10	Children's Holiday Party



HIGHLAND HEIGHTS ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT AUGUST 5, 6 AND 7
 DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER BY JULY 31 FOR
 THE ANNUAL HIGHLAND HEIGHTS TENNIS CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

2011 Events

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| Boys 12 and Under | Girls 12 & Under |
| Boys 14 & Under | Girls 14 & Under |
| Boys 16 & Under | Girls 16 & Under |
| Boys 18 & Under | Girls 18 & Under |
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**City of Highland Heights
2011 City Roster**



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

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Tri City Consortium on Aging, Stacey O'Brien	216-291-3902
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 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	800-589-3101
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

Leo Lombardo, Chairman
Cathy Murphy
Lisa Marie Stickan

Safety and Service

Frank Legan
Bob Mastrangelo
Edwin Hargate, Chairman

Drainage

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City Council Meeting Schedule

2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 8:00 p.m.

For utility rate information

Call PUCO at (800) 686-7826

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