

## **Highland Highlights**

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## From the Desk of Mayor Coleman

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### From the Desk of Mayor Coleman

#### **New Building Commissioner**

At a recent council meeting, I appointed Dale Grabfelder as our city's new Building Commissioner. Please join me in welcoming Dale to his new role in the city. Dale has worked as a building official for the past 28 years, most recently for Geauga County. Dale holds multiple certificates including Class I Chief Building Official, Class III Field Inspector, Electrical Safety Inspector and numerous other state certificates. I say new role because Dale has served as a part time police officer in our city for the past 23 years. His experience as a police officer gives Dale a unique insight into the city, our residents and building community. I am confident Dale will be a great asset to our city and I am excited that he has taken on this new position.

#### More Coming to The Shoppes at Alpha Place

The Osborne Capital Group announced the imminent opening of Discount Drug Mart, and future openings of Hibachi Japanese Steakhouse and Shuttler's Uniform at The Shoppes at Alpha Place. In addition, Wellington's Restaurant and Bar will be expanded featuring an outdoor dining patio, new menu, and refreshed décor.

Lance Osborne, President of Osborne Capital and Highland Heights resident commented, "The addition of Discount Drug Mart, Hibachi Japanese Steakhouse, and Shuttler's Uniform reinforces The Shoppes at Alpha Place as one of the premier retail locations on Cleveland's East Side." Mr. Osborne added, "These new additions to the tenant roster reflect our continuing efforts to enhance the customer experience for visitors to Alpha Place. Additionally, the outdoor dining patio for Wellington's will provide a very desirable warm weather casual dining atmosphere. Wellington's has been a long term tenant at The Shoppes at Alpha Place and we are pleased to continue their tenancy and expand their footprint. We are looking forward to the successful updates of the Wellington's restaurant."

Michael Collins, owner of Wellington's added "I have been honored to call Highland Heights home of Wellington's Restaurant and Bar for twenty-six years. I am looking forward to greeting our customers on the new patio this summer." Mr. Osborne further commented "The existing high-quality retailers and dining establishments have been welcomed eagerly by the community as evidenced by significant customer traffic. The addition of these new tenants with a wide variety of product offerings will only enhance the customer experience at Alpha Place."

Discount Drug Mart, Inc. is an Ohio owned and operated company, and has been in business since 1969. This new location will provide one-stop shopping for health and beauty, grocery, and general merchandise.

The Shoppes at Alpha Place is an 110,000 square foot shopping center comprised of the redevelopment of the former Alpha Plaza, an 18,000 square foot expansion and the peripheral development of a freestanding Key Bank branch. The city has also granted approval for a new 6,000 square foot two-story build-to-suit retail/office building, which will be constructed this summer.

## From the Desk of Mayor Coleman

#### **Outstanding Citizen**

This past Groundhog's Day, I was asked to speak before the Mayfield Business Alliance with the other mayors of the Mayfield School District. At that event, I was asked to choose an individual to be recognized as the Alliance's Outstanding Citizen of the Year. While so many people are certainly deserving of this recognition, I honored Joe Bourgeois and his efforts with the Helping Hands Ministry at St. Paschal Baylon.

Joe is a Deacon in residence at Saint Paschal Baylon Parish. He is a very humble man with deep compassion for his ministry. On a weekly basis, Deacon Joe and the Helping Hands Ministry travel to several areas in downtown Cleveland to feed and clothe the homeless. This group assists in food kitchens and they seek out individuals in need that may be living under bridges or on the streets. Anyone wishing to assist them in the form of clothing or monetary donations, please call St. Paschals and ask for Deacon Joe.

Deacon Joe arrived at St. Paschals 11 years ago. In addition to the Helping Hands Ministry, Deacon Joe also founded the Clown Ministry at St. Paschals. The clowns appear at many charity events and have been seen at our past Home Days parades. Many lives have been changed and hearts have been transformed by Deacon Joe and his many helpers dedication to helping others.

#### **Voting Location Changes**

As a result of the changes to occur at Wellington's, that facility will no longer be used as a voting location. With the ability to vote absentee, it was decided that two voting locations would suffice for the needs of the city. Starting with the primary election this spring, we will only have voting at Millridge Elementary School and the Highland Heights Community Center. Voting at Millridge will include those residents living in precincts 1B, 4A and 4B. Those living in Precincts 1A, 2A, 2B, 3A and 3B will vote at the Highland Heights Community Center. Please refer to the postcards issued by the Board of Elections for clarification on your voting location. If you have questions feel free to call city hall at (440) 461-2440.

As always feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

## **City Council Commentary**

### Scott Mills, Council President Council Representative at Large

#### **ALL CITY SHREDDING DAY!**

Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Service Department from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Please enter through the east side of service department garage. This is our THIRD time doing this and it keeps growing. Please bring your old taxes, files and bank statements etc. Don't worry about staples, paper clips, binders etc...ALL will be shredded. You can even watch your material being shredded. Please bring it in either paper bags or boxes. PLEASE, NO PLASTIC BAGS.

#### **PROPERTY VALUES**

REMINDER: One of the most important things we can do to improve our property values is to clean up our own properties as well as enforce the ordinances we have. In my conversations with residents, I have heard numerous complaints about property owners in our city, who may be violating our city code. Just as a reminder, the code prohibits commercial vehicles in residential driveways over night. Construction equipment such as back hoes, skid steers, chippers etc... are not to be kept in residential neighborhoods. Selling personal property such as old lawn mowers, furniture or bicycles from front lawns is prohibited. If you have any questions, concerns, or property complaints, please contact our building department at 440-461-2440 or email NEW Building Commissioner, Dale Grabfelder at dgrabfelder@highlandhts.com

#### **E-Newsletter**

After talking with many of our residents regarding better communication, I will be sending out a weekly E-Newsletter starting April 16<sup>th</sup>. Topics that will be covered are upcoming city events, things happening on the council floor and other top of mind topics. If you would like to receive these city weekly updates, please send me your email address. You will have the option to "opt" out at any time. Also if you have a topic you would like covered, please feel free to send me your ideas. Please send me your email address ASAP to get the latest information.

As always I look forward to your thoughts and ideas. Please feel free to call or email me at 440-477-9289 or smills@highlandhts.com.

### Lisa Marie Stickan Ward 4 Representative

Ward 4 Resident Meeting - To improve communication within the Ward, please join us for a resident meeting on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Highland Heights Community Center.

## Cathy Murphy Ward 1 Representative

Ward 1 Annual Meeting: Coffee and Conversation Please join me on Wednesday April 28, 7:00 P.M. at the Highland Heights Community Center. I will provide a city update. Bring your questions, concerns, or ideas.

Drainage Committee Update: Highland Road Water Main Replacement. The Highland Road Water Main was installed in 1955 and relined in 1992. The Cleveland Water Department has recorded 45 water main breaks since the 1992 relining project, and the breakage rate in recent years suggests that the water main should be replaced within the next few years. Along with interruption in water service, breaks in water mains can cause considerable damage to the area around the break including pavement, nearby underground utilities and lower elevation property. Upon the recommendation of the Drainage Committee, Council has authorized a Preliminary Engineering Study to determine potential location options, cost estimates, and construction methods for replacement of the water main. Information from this Study will also assist the city in exploring potential funding for the cost of this project, which may range from \$1- \$2 million dollars. We expect the Study to be completed later this spring. We are contacting Richmond Heights and Mayfield Village to see if they would like to participate in a similar project for their sections of the Highland Road Water Main. Joining together may create more funding options. Stay tuned.

## Leo R. Lombardo Ward 2 Representative

#### Finance Committee, Budget Update

The City had a small surplus in the completed 2009 budget. On the revenue side, the property tax was 5% above budget and the income tax was on budget. The total revenue was above budget by 1%. Total expenditures were 5% below budget. The total budget surplus for 2009 was \$270,000. The Budget Committee has completed the 2010 budget. The total revenue estimate is 12% less than last year's. This includes a 7.6 reduction in property tax and a 3.9% reduction in income tax. The expenditure estimate is 8% less than last This would yield an estimated deficit of \$340,000. This is an extremely tight budget. All of the departments have done an excellent job of reducing their budget requests to the bare minimum. Even in light of this tight budget, we are in better shape than many of the other cities in our area.

### **City Council Commentary**

## Frank J. Legan Council Representative at Large

#### Safety & Service Update

The Safety Service Committee has been busy working with the city's Chiefs and Department Heads considering their Capital requests for 2010. Our challenge has been maintaining our high levels of service with resources challenged by the current economy. Some of the highlights are our Police Department will be adding three new Cruisers and updating their server. In order to keep our snow removal services at a high level, our Service Department will be adding two new vehicles. These will replace two older trucks ('93 & '94). To save money they will reuse the boxes from the old vehicles. Our Fire Department will be replacing ½ of their Fire Fighting Gear, adding a Cardiac Monitor to their second out vehicle and a pick up truck used as a chase vehicle that allows them to more efficiently allocate their staff. We are lucky to have such a talented group of Chiefs and Department Heads leading our Safety and Service efforts.

## Bob Mastrangelo Ward 3 Representative

#### **ABERDEEN CROSSINGS**

At a December of 2006 meeting at StoneWater Grill, a seed was planted on 2 parcels of PCM land just south of the Bishop Road UPS facility. Three years later and after numerous additional informational and approval meetings, Aberdeen Crossings Assisted Living Facility was opened for business in August of 2009. Aberdeen Crossings, located at 399 Bishop Road, offers sixty-eight apartment homes, a comfortable well appointed Commons, lounges, libraries, and activities spaces, all located on spacious, architecturally landscaped grounds. Aberdeen Crossings is licensed as a residential care facility with the Ohio Department of Health. It provides each resident with weekly housekeeping, linen service, all utilities other than cable TV and telephone, three meals a day with service to the table, scheduled transportation to other health care services, and a full schedule of activities.

This unique assisted living community offers prospective residents a choice of four different styles of one-bedroom homes and studio apartments. Each apartment home includes a living room, private bedroom, kitchenette with microwave and full-size refrigerator, private bathroom with a "walk-in" shower, and a "state of the art" emergency call system customized to each resident. Each apartment has its own private entry and oversized windows with a view to the Community's grounds or the innovative, interior courtyard of the Community featuring flowering trees, plantings, a fountain, and resident patios.

Most importantly, Aberdeen Crossings provides "hands-on" personal care and health care services, including medication assistance, with trained resident assistants and licensed registered nurse care managers, all based upon an individual plan of service and care defined by the resident and their family. Aberdeen Crossings is a welcome addition to our community and will allow many of our residents to remain in Highland Heights as their living requirements change over time. For more information about Aberdeen Crossings, please call 440.460.0686 in order to schedule your personal and private visit to this unique assisted living community.

**Blue Mail Box** - Tired of driving to the Post Office on Richmond Road, dodging parking lot pot holes, planning your exit dash across 2 lanes of traffic in order to get to the left turning lane to return home, just to drop off a letter? Take heart, the blue, stand alone Post Office mail box formerly located at the corner of Highland and Miner Roads has returned and been placed at the western end of the plaza under the overhang. Your appeals to the Post Office have been heard. Mail is picked up at 9:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday.

Please feel free to call or email me with your thoughts and ideas at 440-442-2854 or rmastrangelo@highlandhts.com

## Service Department Thom Evans - Service Director

#### HOLIDAY RUBISH COLLECTION

The city's rubbish contractor will observe the **Memorial Day Holiday**. Collection the week of May 31<sup>st</sup> will be delayed by one day. The following holidays are observed by the contractor:

New Years Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving 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. Please note that there is no delay the week of July 4th as it falls on a Sunday.

#### COMPUTER ROUND UP (APRIL)

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 April. 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 5<sup>th</sup> - June 11<sup>th</sup>)

The Service Department will be conducting a spring brush collection from April 5<sup>th</sup> through June 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 461-2440 ext 162 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.

#### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUND-UP (APRIL 19TH - MAY 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, starting Monday April 19<sup>th</sup> and ending on Friday April 30<sup>th</sup>. We will also have a one day only Saturday drop off on May 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 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.

## Building Department Dale Grabfelder - Building Commissioner

#### **PERMITS**

Spring is approaching fast (hopefully). The Building Department would like to remind our residents that with warm weather approaching, when considering spring projects, permits may be required. Please contact us at 440-442-7403 to inquire if permits are needed before work is started.

#### **GAS WELLS**

The Building Department has informational packets concerning gas wells. Please feel free to stop by and pick one up during business hours of 8:00 - 4:30 Monday through Friday.

#### **EPA REQUIREMENT**

As of April 22, 2010 the EPA will start enforcing new requirements concerning lead removal in homes; churches, day care, and schools built before 1978. If you fall into one of these areas, a certified lead remover will have to perform the work. The Building Department will make sure the contractors are certified if the work requires a permit. The Building Department has some informational packets you can pick up for free during normal business hours. Or if you like, you can visit the EPA web site at www.epa.gov. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Dale Grabfelder at 440-442-7403.

## Community Center Judy Dick

#### **BIKE HELMETS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS**

It is extremely important to wear a fitted helmet while riding. If the helmet is too loose, pushed back off of the forehead, or tilted to one side, protection of the head is drastically reduced.

Greater Cleveland Safe Kids has trained Judy Dick to fit helmets to ensure maximum safety and to provide the helmets along with Bell, Inc. at the low cost of \$8.50.

Call Judy at 461-2440 from 12:30 to 3:30 on Monday through Friday to make an appointment.



## Fire Department William Turner - Fire Chief

Gas Grills - Each year, thousands of people pull out their LP gas grills at the start of "barbecuing season." But before firing up the grill, there are several safety precautions to keep in mind. You should explain to children how dangerous grills can be if they get too close. Grills get extremely hot and can severely burn a child. By following these guidelines, you'll help prevent possible gas explosions or fires. LP gas is flammable. Many accidents occur after the grill has been unused over a period of time, or after a grill's gas container has been refilled and reattached.

#### SAFETY CHECKS EACH TIME YOU USE THE GRILL

- Check venturi tube for blockage by insects, spiders, or food drippings. Clear blockage, either with a pipe cleaner or with a wire. Push any blockages through the tube to the main part of the burner.
- Check grill's hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks. Make sure there aren't sharp bends in the hose/tubing.
- Make sure hoses are as far away from the hot surface as possible. Make sure to keep hoses away from areas where grease could drip on them. If you can't move hoses, have a heat shield installed.
- Check connectors. If scratched or nicked, have them replaced; these conditions can cause leaks.
- Check for gas leaks whenever you reconnect the grill to the LP-gas container, or if you smell gas. To check for leaks, open the gas supply valve fully and apply a soapy solution (one part water, one part liquid detergent) with a brush at connection points. If bubbles appear, there is a leak. Turn off the gas and tighten the connection clockwise. (If it is the tank connection, tighten counterclockwise.) If this does not stop the leak, close the container valve and take the grill to your LP gas dealer or a qualified appliance repair person.
- If a leak is detected, don't attempt to light the grill until the leak has been stopped. If you are using the grill, turn off the gas.
- Make sure there are no lighted cigarettes, matches, or open flames near a leaking grill.
- NEVER USE A GRILL INDOORS. And use the grill at least ten feet away from your house or any building.
- DO NOT USE THE GRILL in a garage, breezeway, carport, porch, or under a surface that will burn.
- Do not attempt to repair the container valve or appliance yourself. See your LP gas dealer or a qualified appliance repair person.
- Always follow the instructions that accompany the grill.

**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 subcontractor will make the final repairs to the lawn. If you noticed, the Fire Department is in the process of changing hydrant colors to all red. Our goal is to paint 1/3 of the hydrants in the City each year. The change to all red hydrants should be completed by the summer of 2010.

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

#### Thunderstorm Facts

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—ones that produce hail at least three-quarters of an inch in diameter, have winds of 58 miles per hour or higher, or produce 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 northern states 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.	

## Police Department James Cook - Police Chief

#### **United States Census 2010**

Beginning in March, you will receive the U.S. Census Bureau questionnaires in your mail. It is important that each household accurately complete the questionnaire and return it as soon as possible. The data received from these questionnaires determines realignment of the boundaries of our U.S. House Congressional Districts and Ohio State Senate and Representative Districts. The information also determines Highland Heights' ability to receive federal financial assistance and grants for the next 10 years.

Federal law protects your privacy and keeps your answers confidential. Your answers cannot be obtained by law enforcement, tax collection agencies, used in court or requested through the Freedom of Information Act. Census data becomes public after 72 years.

Through September, 2010, Census Bureau staff will be in Highland Heights to deliver questionnaires, verify addresses and collect information from those residences that do not return their Census questionnaire. You are urged to return your Census questionnaires, filling them in completely and accurately in order to lessen the chance of a Census Bureau employee having to contact you in person.

#### **Be Cautious About Giving Info to Census Workers**

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is underway as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data.

How do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB advises that if a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge and actually read and check it before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. The Census Bureau will not ask you for your Social Security number, credit card or banking information, nor solicit donations. Anyone asking for that information is NOT with the Census Bureau. If anyone asks you for this information, you should immediately call the Police.

Remember, No Matter What They Ask, You Really Only Need to Tell Them How Many People Live at Your Address.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau will not contact you by email, so be on the lookout for email scams impersonating the Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

#### **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.

#### Dog Owner Responsibility

Dogs are unmatched in their friendship, loyalty, and devotion. When choosing to own a dog, the owner has a responsibility of being a good neighbor. The Police Department is often called when City Ordinances are not followed by dog owners. The Police respond to all dog complaints and usually try to resolve the problem with compliance from the owner whose dog is in violation of the law. Occasionally this does not solve the problem, and a citation is issued to the dog owner. The most frequent dog complaint calls are dogs running at large, barking, and creating a nuisance condition.

**Animals Running At Large**. No animal shall run at large upon any public place, or upon any unenclosed lands, or upon the premises of another.

**Nuisance Conditions Prohibited.** No dog shall trespass upon the premises of others, or destroy or damage property, disturb the peace and quiet of the City, or create offensive odors or unsanitary conditions which are a menace to health, comfort or safety of the public. This would include any animal which scratches, digs, urinates or defecates upon any lawn, tree, shrub, plant, building or any other public or private property, other than the property of the owner. The owner has a responsibility to immediately remove all feces deposited by such dog and dispose of same in a sanitary manner.

Barking Or Howling Dogs. No person shall keep or harbor any dog which by frequent and habitual barking, howling or yelping, creates unreasonably loud and disturbing noises of such a character, intensity and duration as to disturb the peace, quiet and good order of the Municipality.

Most of the above ordinances listed above are being followed by dog owners. If you own a dog, inspect your dog's leashes to ensure your dog does not escape. Be prepared when walking your dog by bringing the necessary items to clean up after your dog and remove their feces and place them in your garbage when you return home from your walk. Bring your dog indoors if it is outside and continually barking. By following these suggestions, dog complaints should decrease in the City.

If you lose a pet, you should contact the Highland Heights and neighboring city police departments to report your pet missing and to see if anyone has found your pet. All dogs are required by Ohio Law to be licensed by the county, and a licensed dog is more likely to be safely returned to its owner. Likewise, if you see a loose pet, you can call the police department to report the location of the animal.

### Miscellaneous Information

## Tri City Consortium on Aging Stacey O'Brien, Director 216-291-3901

Volunteers are needed to conduct spring yard cleanups for older adults living in Highland Heights, South Euclid, and Lyndhurst. The clean-ups will take place beginning April 1 and can be scheduled at the convenience of the volunteer. For more information, please call Corinne Dunn, Volunteer Coordinator, at 216-291-3902.

Senior Safety Funds are available for residents 62 years of age and older who meet income guidelines. These funds are available for minor home modifications that increase safety and the ability to remain independent by offering, at no charge to qualifying residents, the installation of grab bars, hand rails, smoke/carbon monoxide alarms, transition strips and carpet stretching. For an application or assistance in completing an application, contact 216-291-3902

The Cuyahoga County Recorder's Office will be at the HHCC on April 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-3:00 to answer questions about have house deeds available for interested residents. No appointment is necessary.

Zumba Gold is offered at HHCC on Fridays from 10:30-11:15. Designed for the active older adult, Zumba Gold is a low-intensity work out in which Latin styles of music and dance are used. If you are interested in participating, please contact 216-650-4029.

April Film Club Event - "I've Loved You So Long" is a film about a woman who returns to France to live with her sister and her sister's family after completing a 15 year prison sentence. The story is a moving tale about her ability to cope upon her release from prison and how she handles her new surroundings. The film is in French with English subtitles and will be shown at the South Euclid Community Center (1370 Victory Drive) at 12:30 on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Call 216-650-4029 to register.

Upcoming Trips - Call 440-473-5138 for information or to register for any of the following trips:

April 11	Cleveland Women's Orchestra	\$52
April 26	Cleveland International Tour	\$58
May 12-13	"Joseph" at Millennium Theater	\$240 double
May 18	"Amelia" & The Women's Air & Space Museum	\$34
June 16-18	Chicago, Illinois Tour	\$376
August 29	8-Day Cruise on Celebrity Summit	\$1,199 double

#### Highland Heights 50+ Social Club

celebrates its 22nd anniversary on April 20, 2010 with a fun filled afternoon including a catered lunch, entertainment and door prizes. Anyone interested in joining should call 440-442-5408 for more information.

The 50+ Social Club meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the Highland Heights Community Club. This is an opportunity for seniors to enjoy and enrich their lives by spending time together.

### Miscellaneous Information

The Highland Heights Commission on Aging Senior Health & Wellness Fair Highland Heights Community Center 5827 Highland Road Wednesday, May 5, 2010 from 1:00 to 3:00

Hillcrest Hospital/Cleveland Clinic Health System will provide Cholesterol, Blood Sugar and Blood Pressure tests (no fasting required)

Other free tests include Hearing Tests, Bone Density, Eye and Glaucoma Tests, Chair Massages, Memory Scan Exercise and Fitness Demonstrations and much more

Light refreshments will be provided along with plenty of giveaways For information on the Fair, call Mary Velotta at 440-461-2440.

The Lions Club will sell Mothers Day Carnations at the corner of Highland Road and Bishop Road and the Home Depot parking lot beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 8th.



**TRASH BAGS** - Lions Club Trash Bags for Spring and Summer Clean Up can be purchased at Bud Ley and Sons on Highland Road and Jim's Barber Shop on Bishop Road.

#### Home Day Volunteers Needed

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with Home Day this year, please contact Lisa Stickan, Ward 4 Council Representative, at lstickan@highlandhts.com.

#### 15th VETERANS PEACE MEMORIAL ANNIVERSARY EVENTS



## Event 1 "A Day of Remembrance" Dinner

Highland Heights Active Duty and Veterans of the United States Armed Forces and a guest are invited to a complimentary appreciation dinner for their service and sacrifice.

Friday, May 21, 2010
Highland Heights Community
Center
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Catering by Borally's Catering

Reservations are required.

Space is limited,
so please call early.

# Event 2 15th Annual Veterans Peace Memorial Observance

Highland Heights Municipal Center 5827 Highland Road

Monday, May 31, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Speakers \* Piper \* Color Guard \* Wreath Laying

Please join us in remembering those who serve or who have died in the service of our country.

Complimentary reception immediately following Observance in the Community

"Day of Remembrance" Dinner RSVP: Call Weert Ley at 440-461-7289 or Brent Lawler at 440-442-8444 or email: peacememorial@aol.com.



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Swim Team Members - Please note:
The swim meet schedule is every Saturday from June 26 to July 31.
The league championship meet will be Saturday and Sunday August 7 and 8.

#### SAVE MONEY AT SUMMER PROGRAM EARLY BIRD WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS

Highland Heights Community Center Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to Noon or

Pick up a form at City Hall, or Download a form from the city's web site: <a href="www.highlandhts.com">www.highlandhts.com</a>

Mail to: City of Highland Heights

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Highland Hts., OH 44143, Attention: Summer Programs

Mail Pool or Day Camp Registration Form Before April 25th to take advantage of early bird savings opportunity.