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HIGHLAND HEIGHTS HOME DAYS JULY 24, 25 AND 26 HIGHLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PARK

The Home Day Committee would like to welcome everybody to come and enjoy this year's weekend event. Home Days will be hosted on July 24, 25 and 26, fireworks will be held on Saturday July 25 and our parade will be held on Sunday July 26. A new event this year is an All-star game with participants from our summer leagues along with bringing back a tug-of-war contest we had a few years ago. There will be a pie eating contest with some surprising contestants. We are also in the process of signing up a variety of new food vendors to add to the current list of vendors. Please contact the Home Days Committee if you would like to participate as a vendor at 440-442-7403 ext.157.

Home Days Parade 2009 "All for Fun, Fun for All"

The Parade this year is on Sunday July 26 at 1:30 p.m. The Parade Committee is seeking volunteers, parade participants, and nominations for the grand marshal to lead our parade. Contact Cathy Murphy by phone at 442-0377, or email her at cmurphy@highlandhts.com.

From the Desk of Mayor Coleman

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Community Park during our summer programs and also during our Home Days Event on July 24, 25 and 26. Have a great summer.

See inside for my comments on the 2009 Budget, corner of Bishop & Wilson Mills, Shoppes at Alpha and the Tri City Consortium on Aging's Transportation Service.



From the Desk of Mayor Coleman

2009 Budget

By March 31st of each year, every city in Ohio is required to file an annual budget. Prior to the start of the calendar year, a temporary budget is put in place that allows the city to operate for a short period of time. This temporary budget is passed by City Council, usually in December. Typically it does not include major purchases or infrastructure improvements.

During the first few months of the year, City Council and I work on the annual process of budgeting our revenues and expenses for the year. This year, this has been a particularly challenging process, mostly due to the uncertainties of our present economy. Each day we read about businesses laying off workers, cutting back on capital expenses and many other business woes. Many surrounding cities have been forced to lay off people or cut city services. While we expect our revenues to either remain constant or possibly decline slightly, we will not need to lay off any city employees, nor do we anticipate any change to city services. Like last year, I expect to present to council a budget where the revenues for our general fund will exceed our expenditures.

One of my goals when I took office was to not allow the city to incur any new interest bearing debt. We have been able to achieve that goal for at least the last five years and as a result, our reserves have grown accordingly. With this new budget, we again are not proposing any new debt. We will be able to meet our current expenses and infrastructure improvements with cash on hand.

While our business community is very sound, we are not without fiscal challenges. For instance, this is the final year of our contract with our refuse hauler. We asked contractors for bids with several different scenarios. The scenarios included limiting the amount of refuse to containers provided by the city to different ways of collecting recyclables. My goal in this was to, at a minimum, maintain the current level of service offered to residents in the most cost effective way.

In the end, the option that made the most sense was with our current contractor with no change to the way we collect rubbish. This was also the most economical option but it was at an increase of roughly 30% over last year's cost.

From the Desk of Mayor Coleman

Update on the corner of Bishop and Wilson Mills

As we all know, the property at the northeast corner of Wilson Mills and Bishop has been vacant for many years. If you recall, a few years ago, the voters passed a ballot issue that changed the usage of this property from a Motor Service district to a Local Business district. Prior to the zoning change, only a motor service use (gas station, oil change, muffler shop, etc.) could occupy the corner. Over the past several years, there have been many projects brought to the property owners. Since the size of the property is limited, the projects proposed have been mostly small fast food operations. Most notably, a combination Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins was considered. This concept, however, did not fit in our current zoning because our city does not allow for drive through windows on food establishments. The most recent proposal has been a small drive through coffee shop called Bear Creek Coffee. When the idea was brought to the planning and zoning committee, it was determined that due to the drive through nature of the business, it would not be permitted in our current zoning. Neither city council nor our Planning and Zoning commission have the authority to grant permission for projects prohibited by our current zoning. It is possible that the owners of the property may ask the voters to consider a change to the zoning to allow for these types of establishments.

Shoppes at Alpha Update

Three new stores will soon be coming to Highland Heights at the corner of Wilson Mills and Alpha Drive. Verizon Wireless and a branch of Keybank are expected to open on or around April 1st. Highland Heights will also soon be home to Panera Bread with an expected opening day of May 1st.

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA)

I am happy to have been reappointed to the Board of NOACA for 2009 as the Hillcrest area representative. NOACA is a federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization directed by a 38 member Governing Board. Its chief functions are to perform long and short range transportation planning, transportation-related air quality planning, and area-wide water quality management planning. If you would like more information on NOACA, visit their web site at www.noaca.org.

Tri City Consortium on Aging Transportation Service

I encourage all seniors to explore the many programs offered by the Tri-City Consortium on Aging. Highland Heights partners with the cities of Lyndhurst and South Euclid in providing many different services to the senior residents of these three communities. Some of these services include transportation to and from the lunch program, individual errands, medical appointments, and group shopping and many other activities. The vans are wheelchair accessible. There is a suggested donation of between \$1.00 and \$2.00 each way that is dependent upon the service requested. Please call their office at (216) 291-3902 for more information or to schedule transportation.

City Council Commentary

Cathy Murphy Ward 1 Council Representative

Ward 1: Coffee and Conversation

Wednesday April 29 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Highland Heights Community Center. Please plan on attending this informal gathering, where I will provide a city update and be available for questions, concerns, or ideas about our ward and city.

Welcome to our new neighborhood business: Edje Art School is located in the Bishop Plaza near the corner of Bishop and Wilson Mills. The operators, Edie Mellen and Jennifer Douglas will offer art lessons to school-age children. Watch for their Open House in May.

Highland Road Pedestrian Path Update:

This project is expected to resume this spring with an early summer completion date. Concerns about pathway slopes and grade variations have been discussed at council meetings and brought to the attention of the city engineer, who is working with the pathway designer to address these matters.

Leo Lombardo Ward 2 Council Representative

Finance Committee, Budget Update

The City had a surplus in the completed 2008 budget. On the revenue side, the property tax was 13% below budget and the income tax was 10% above budget. The total revenue was below budget by less than 1%. Total expenditures were 2.8% below budget. The total budget surplus for 2008 was \$1.6 million. This surplus was in spite of the unbudgeted expenses for the cost of the structural damage to the Community Center and the purchase of a new sidewalk snowplow/blower. Although this seems like a lot of money, it is small compared to the \$10 million backlog of road, water and sewer projects that were deferred in previous years due to the lack of funds. The Budget Committee is currently preparing the 2009 budget. The revenue estimate is 7% less than last year's and the expenditure estimate is 4% less than last year's. This would yield an estimated surplus of \$500,000. At this time these are not firm numbers and may change when the budget is finalized. By the time you read this the 2009 budget will be in place.

Scott Mills, City Council President Councilman at Large

ALL CITY SHREDDING DAY!

We are sponsoring a community wide paper shredding program. In today's environment, to make sure your identity is safe we decided to offer our residents a secure way to dispose of ALL those old records. ALL OHIO SECURE SHREDDING is bringing one of their self contained shredding trucks to Highland Heights. They will shred your papers while you watch. This will take place on **APRIL 4th from 10am - 2pm** at the service department located behind the fire station on Highland Road. This is a **FREE** service to our residents. Any questions please call Scott Mills at 440-477-9289 or email smills@highlandhts.com

Construction Update:

As you can see "The Shoppes at Alpha Place" are coming along. In the plaza, there will be a Verizon Store and Panera Bread so far. Watch for more information.

The law director is also reviewing the option of allowing a "Coffee Hut" type store for the corner of Wilson Mills & Bishop. I will keep you posted.

We are still waiting on news of the former Catalano's property.

Noise Ordinance:

With summer coming, I would like to remind our residents of our noise ordinances.

337.30 NOISE DISTURBANCE FROM MOTOR VEHICLES.

For purposes of this section "noise disturbance" means any sound which:

- (1) Endangers or injures the safety or health of humans or animals;
- (2) Disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensibility; or
- (3) Endangers or injures personal or real property.
- (b) No person shall operate, play or permit the operation or playing of any radio, tape player, CD player or similar device in such a manner as to create a continuing **noise** disturbance at fifty feet from such device, when operating in or on a motor vehicle on a public right-of-way or public space.

City Council Commentary

Ed Hargate Councilman at Large

Safety/Service Committee

Over the last six months, City Council's Safety/Service Committee has worked with the Administration to provide our community with superior city services.

We have supported the following:

- Service Department Salt Storage Building
- 2008 GMC C-4500 Truck with equipment, hydraulics and snow plow package for the Service Department
- FEMA grant for the purchase of a breathing air compressor for the fire department
- Safety Forces emergency recording systems
Five digital in-car video system units with collision sensor
- Police Department interior renovations
- Mobile Data Terminals for the Police Department

This Spring, we will be considering:

- 3/4 ton pickup with plow for the Service Department to replace 1987 truck
- American Road Machinery Leaf Collector to replace the 1991 model
- Replacement gear for the Fire Department's Protective Clothing
- MARC 800 Mhz radios for the Fire Department
- Three 2009 Police Cruisers
- MDT 911 Mapping Computers and hardware for police cruisers
- Digital car cameras for the police cruisers

Commission on Aging

I'm excited about being selected as the council representative to our Commission on Aging for the year 2009.

Cuyahoga County Home Safety Grant for Seniors Program

This county program assists low income seniors in the installation of adaptive assists-grab bars, railings, etc. to their homes. Residents will have to provide demographic and financial information. Please call the Tri City Consortium on Aging at 216-291-3902 for more information.

Frank J. Legan Councilman at Large

Financial Sustainability

I don't know that there is a more relevant topic to write about in today's economic climate than Financial Sustainability. For the city of Highland Heights this indicates our ability to meet our financial responsibilities now and over time. We have been proactive as a city in our attempt to keep our expenses in check and our revenues growing.

Several new businesses have chosen to relocate to our community, including Cynergies Solutions, Legend Financial and we are pleased to welcome the new Shoppes at Alpha. The city has also benefited from the success of Philips and their continued commitment to our community.

We recently changed health care providers, saving the city \$115,000 annually. The city has not taken on any new debt in at least 5 years. Additionally, most of our department heads have been successful in applying for and receiving grant money for equipment and programs. As a city we have applied for and received Federal, State and County dollars for Road, Sewer and Infrastructure Improvement projects.

Financial Sustainability is an issue that challenges public and private institutions at every level. Revenues and expenditures draw equal attention and provide us with potential solutions to the current challenges we face.

We are committed to searching for innovative and cost effective ways to deliver our city services while selling our city to prospective new businesses.

We are living through extraordinary times in an extraordinary place. I am pleased to call Highland Heights my home.

Please feel welcome to share your thoughts or suggestions. You may e-mail me at flgan@highlandhts.com.

Lyndhurst Municipal Court Report

Looking at 2009, Judge Mary Kaye Bozza has begun her 10th year on the bench for the community of the Lyndhurst Municipal Court Jurisdiction.



The Court continues to educate in many ways such as participation with the schools, guest speaker for civic organizations and senior groups, outreach programs for drug and alcohol offenders and through Courtroom adjudication.

In December, Judge Mary Kaye Bozza and staff presented the family of former Judge Robert J. Grogan with a framed proclamation commemorating his 19 years of service to our community as Judge from 1980 to 1999. Judge Grogan passed away in 2008. Accepting this gift from the Court was his daughter Jane and her three children Timothy, Kaitlyn and Sean.

Judge Bozza recently addressed Mayfield Village Seniors on January 7th, the Jewish War Veterans Post 44 at the Ross DeJohn Center in Mayfield Heights on January 22nd, the Richmond Heights Seniors at the Kiwanis Lodge on February 11th and she will be addressing senior safety tips at DeVille Apartments on June 10th. Judge Bozza will be speaking at the 5th Grade D.A.R.E. graduation in March at the Mayfield Middle School. Each year, St. Paschal Baylon schedules field trips to Court. It is not too early to reserve a spot for Senior Projects. We look forward to having any students from Mayfield or Brush High Schools interested in our senior project during the month of May.

Judge Bozza's Women's "Make the Right Choice" program was held on January 23rd and the next one is scheduled for June 26th.

For anyone interested in a field trip to the Court as part of a school or civic group activity, the Court's schedule is as follows: Mondays commencing at 8:30 a.m. Lyndhurst cases are heard. Tuesdays commencing at 8:30 a.m., Mayfield Heights cases are heard. Wednesdays commencing at 8:30 a.m., Richmond Heights cases are heard. Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m., Highland Heights cases are heard and Thursday commencing at 8:30 a.m. Mayfield Village and Gates Mills cases are heard. Fridays are reserved for civil matters.

For further information, please contact Patti Anderson at (440) 461-6500 ext. 205 or visit our website at www.lyndhurstmunicipalcourt.org.

14th ANNUAL VETERANS PEACE MEMORIAL CEREMONY



"A Day of Remembrance"

**Veterans Peace Memorial at the Highland Heights Municipal Complex
Monday, May 25, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.**

Speakers

Piper

Color Guard

Wreath Laying

Taps

**PLEASE JOIN US ON MEMORIAL DAY TO REMEMBER
THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY**
A free reception will follow the service at the Community Center
(In the event of rain, the ceremony will be held in the Community Center)

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY

APRIL 4, 2009 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

Highland Heights Community Center at 5827 Highland Road



\$3.00 per person

Games

Prizes

Free Photo

Treats

Face Painting

**Tickets are available at City Hall
For more information, call Mary at 440-461-2440.**

FINANCE DEPARTMENT ANTHONY IANIRO, FINANCE DIRECTOR



With the tax filing deadline quickly approaching, there may be some questions regarding municipal income taxes.

We utilize the services of the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) to act as our Income Tax Department. RITA provides services to over 100 communities in the area in the collection of municipal income taxes. All residents earning a wage are required to file a return with the Regional Income Tax Agency. If you use a short form which allows RITA to calculate your liability or refund, the return is due no later than March 31st. All other filers must have their returns in by April 15th. This requirement applies even if you do not owe any tax at year end.

You may also access the RITA website 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at www.ritaohio.com to e-file your return online free of charge, download paper forms, and research frequently asked questions. You can also download the Auto Calculate Form 37 (requires Excel) to complete your return and mail it in. If you use the Auto Calculate Form 37, please be sure to review the instructions before starting.

Basically, the City of Highland Heights authorizes a municipal income tax at a rate of 2% on all salaries, wages and other compensation earned by residents of the City or non-residents working in the City. Net profits earned by local businesses are also subject to our tax provisions. Residents enjoy a 100% tax credit for taxes paid to another municipality, so employment taxes paid to your work city will be used as a direct offset to your liability in Highland Heights up to 2%.

For example, if you work in Cleveland, where a tax rate of 2% also applies, the taxes withheld from your wages there would be credited to the 2% liability in Highland Heights resulting in no tax due. This applies to all localities where the tax rate is 2% or greater. If however, you should work in Mayfield Village, where the tax rate is 1.5%, you would owe the City of Highland Heights .50% after credit is given for your workplace wages.

If you do owe tax, you are required to make estimated payments throughout the course of the year. 80% of your estimate must be paid by January 31st of the following year, that is, 80% of your 2008 tax liability is to be paid by January 31, 2009. Billing reminders are sent by RITA to those affected taxpayers. You may also remit payments directly to RITA should your individual circumstances change.

Tax forms are available at City Hall or you may contact RITA directly at 440-526-0900 to have them mailed directly to your home or business. Of course, you may always contact the Finance Department at City Hall with any questions you might have.

Department Updates

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

JIM AUSTIN, ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER

With the winter behind us and as we look forward to the upcoming spring I would like to inform you of a change regarding the requirements of contractor registration in the Codified Ordinances. This year Tree Service Companies will be required to register as a contractor to perform any work in the city limits. The requirement will assist the building department in determining if the contractor is insured. This will, in the end, help safe guard our property owners and neighboring properties. It is the property owner's responsibility to make sure any work on their property is properly permitted through the Building Department, please call the building department with any questions regarding this process.

The building department would like to introduce three new tenants for the newly constructed Shoppes at Alpha, Panera Bread, Verizon Wireless and Mediterranean Bistro along with a branch office for Key Bank. These places our located at Wilson Mills and Alpha Drive. Please support these businesses along with all our other businesses in the community.

COMMUNITY CENTER

JUDY DICK, COMMUNITY CENTER COORDINATOR

The Community Center has reopened after being closed for three months for repairs and interior renovations. All rooms in the building have been painted, room partitions were replaced and new window treatments have been installed. Tuck pointing, waterproofing and landscape work was done on the exterior of the building. I hope that everyone who uses the Center will enjoy the improvements. We continue to have classes at the Center and encourage you to use the Center for your parties. Please visit the web site at www.highlandhts.com for rules and regulations. To check availability of the Center, please call Judy Dick at 440-461-2440, extension 149, Monday through Friday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

ORGANIZATION

Garden Club
50+ Club
Lion's Club
Tri-City Consortium
Boy Scouts of America
Cub Scouts of America
Democratic Club
Hillcrest Native Sons

MEETING TIME

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
1st & 3rd Tuesday, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Every Friday, 9:00 a.m.
Every Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
2nd and 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
varies

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CLASSES

Jazzercise
Jazzercise
Fitness and Exercise
Body Sculpting
Tai Chi

MEETING TIME

Mon., Tues., Thurs., 9:30 a.m.
Mon., Tues., Wed., 6:30 p.m.
Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 p.m.
Monday, 2:00 p.m.

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SERVICE DEPARTMENT

THOM EVANS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE

BRUSH COLLECTION (April 6th - June 12th)

The Service Department will be conducting a spring brush collection from April 6th through June 12th. Residents are asked to observe the following guidelines: Collections will be made Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. 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. Please contact the Service Department for more information.

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 disposal and recycling.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUND-UP (APRIL 20TH - MAY 2ND)

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 20th and ending on Friday May 1st. We will also have a one day only Saturday drop off on May 2nd 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.

DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE

With spring just around the corner, the need for maintenance of drainage swales becomes a very important part of our city's over all storm drainage system. While the Service Department can do its part to keep our storm sewers running freely by cleaning roadside catch basins and sweeping streets, we need the help and assistance of our residents to maintain roadside swales and swales on private property in rear and side yards. Maintenance of rear and side yard swales are, in general, the responsibility of the property owners although in some cases a homeowners association may have some role in maintenance. It is important to note that even if you don't have a catch basin in your yard, grass clippings, leaves, and debris that gather in the ditches and swales can block the flow of rain water and create trouble for your neighbors. Please help your friends and neighbors by being good stewards of our storm sewer system.



Harvest for Hunger
Donations may be
dropped off at the
Service Department at
5827 Highland Road
through March 27th.

FIRE DEPARTMENT WILLIAM TURNER, FIRE CHIEF



Since 9-11 our lives have changed. One of the positive aspects to come out of this tragedy is the spirit of our nation *“neighbors helping neighbors”*. Our greatest generation experienced this during World War II....rationing, being prepared and the willingness to serve within their own community.

Many of you may remember the, August 12, 2003, massive electrical power outage that affected 55 million people throughout the Northeast. Nation-wide, there were no riots, looting or increase in crime. Instead, people came together to provide care, comfort and compassion for their neighbors.

Preparation, as a nation for such events, whether it’s man made or an act of nature begins within each community. Our community continues to prepare for such emergencies: planning, training and evaluating in order to respond to any incident in a quick and efficient manner. County-wide, cities are forming C.E.R.T. teams (“Community Emergency Response Team”). These teams can be put into action quickly, already trained in the basics of disaster mitigation.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

The communities of Mayfield Village, Mayfield Heights, and Highland Heights are pleased to announce the newly formed Tri-Community CERT Team. Volunteers will be the key to its success. If you are interested in volunteering please contact me at the number listed below. Upon completion, you will receive a CERT backpack with the necessary tools needed to assist yourself, family and neighbors.

There is an application and hold harmless agreement that will need to be completed. In addition, all volunteers must pay \$22.00 for a background check. If interested, please contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,

Chief William R. Turner
Highland Heights Fire Department
440-442-7406

Department Updates

FIRE DEPARTMENT WILLIAM TURNER, FIRE CHIEF

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 Lightning

- Lightning's unpredictability increases the risk to individuals and property.
- Lightning often strikes outside of heavy rain and may occur as far as 10 miles away from any rainfall.
- "Heat lightning" is actually lightning from a thunderstorm too far away for thunder to be heard. However, the storm may be moving in your direction!
- Most lightning deaths and injuries occur when people are caught outdoors in the summer months during the afternoon and evening.
- Your chances of being struck by lightning are estimated to be 1 in 600,000, but could be reduced even further by following safety precautions.



Lightning strike victims carry no electrical charge and should be attended to immediately.

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.

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. Before a tornado hits, the wind may die down and the air may become very still. A cloud of debris can mark the location of a tornado even if a funnel is not visible. Tornadoes generally occur near the trailing edge of a thunderstorm. It is not uncommon to see clear, sunlit skies behind a tornado.

The following are facts about tornadoes:

- They may strike quickly, with little or no warning.
- They may appear nearly transparent until dust & debris are picked up or a cloud forms in the funnel.
- The average tornado moves Southwest to Northeast, but tornadoes may 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 on to land.
- Waterspouts are tornadoes that form over water.
- Tornadoes are most frequently reported east of the Rocky Mountains during spring and summer.
- 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. Be alert to changing weather conditions. Listen to [NOAA Weather Radio](#) or to commercial radio or television newscasts for the latest information.
- Look for approaching storms and look for the following danger signs:

Dark, often greenish sky

Large hail

A large, dark, low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating)

Loud roar, similar to a freight train.

If you see approaching storms or any of the danger signs, be prepared to take shelter immediately. 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. |

Seniors in Our City

Tri City Consortium on Aging

The Tri-City Consortium on Aging is pleased to announce the introduction of a free, community-based vision rehabilitation and assistive technology training program, EnVision Independence East, at Villa Serena in Mayfield Heights. The program is being offered in partnership with the Cleveland Sight Center and the corresponding cities of Highland Heights, Lyndhurst and South Euclid, in addition to neighboring Mayfield Heights. The participating communities have agreed to make transportation available to residents within those cities with advanced registration.

The program, modeled after a highly successful pilot program Cleveland Sight Center launched in Lakewood in 2007, is interactive in nature and is provided free of charge through a grant from The Kelvin and Eleanor Smith Foundation. Area senior citizens who are blind as well as those who are visually impaired due to macular degeneration, glaucoma, and other eye diseases, and who have not been involved with the Sight Center in the past, are encouraged to participate.

Each program session will last seven weeks, with the first session beginning on Thursday, March 26th. The classes will be held on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and on Fridays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., with up to seven participants at a time. Licensed social workers and rehabilitative professionals, including rehabilitative specialists who are blind, teach the classes. The apartment at Villa Serena will be furnished with special adaptive equipment and low vision aids, such as desktop video magnifiers and talking clocks. Each participant will receive a customized recommendation for specific low vision/vision rehabilitation aids, and will have the option to request in-home follow up. For information, contact Tri-City Consortium on Aging at 216-291-3902 and ask to speak with an Outreach Worker.

The Tri-City Consortium on Aging is also excited to be partnering with Fairhill Center to bring the **Matter of Balance** Program to South Euclid. Did you know that one in three adults over age 65 falls each year resulting in moderate to severe injury in 20-30% of those people? Falls make it harder for someone to move around and more difficult for them to live independently. The program is for anyone who is concerned about falling or wants to decrease their risk of falling. The series will educate participants how to control falls, initiate exercise to build strength, and decrease risks associated with falling in the home environment. The first week of this 8-week series is scheduled for **April 2nd from 1:00-3:00**. To register contact Therese at 216-650-4029.

Tri-City Consortium on Aging, which serves older adults in Highland Heights, is presently seeking community volunteers of all ages. There are many ways that you can be of help to individuals in need including errand running, care calls, friendly visits, outdoor yard work, and simple home repairs. In addition, weekend volunteer group projects can also be arranged.

If you are interested in more information, please call **Corinne Dunn, Volunteer Coordinator**, at **216-291-3902** or email her at dunnc@tri-cityseniors.org.

Senior Health & Wellness Fair 2009

You are invited to attend the Senior Health Fair on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Highland Heights Community Center. Free Admission and light refreshments will be available. The Fair will offer a variety of tests for men and women as well as information on home health care services, county agencies, education, fitness and finances among others. Call Mary Velotta at 440-461-2440 for details.

The 50+ Club

All senior residents are welcome to join the 50+ Club on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 1:00 P.M. at the Highland Heights Community Center.

The Club provides opportunities for seniors to enjoy and enrich their lives by being a part of the Club. Business meetings are held along with a variety of other programs which include entertainment, fun activities, education health presentations and much more.

Congratulations to the Highland Hts. Commission on Aging 2009 Officers

Chairman Clarence Brichacek
Vice Chairman Raymond Hrvatin
Secretary Frances Sichko

The Highland Heights Garden Club
Thirteenth Annual
Clean Your Attic Sale
Highland Heights Community Center
5827 Highland Road
Sunday March 21 from
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Tables for rent are still available.
Call Corky at 440-449-3584

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



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

FYI

Harvest for Hunger Donations may be dropped off at the Service Department at 5827 Highland Road

Recreation Report

Cleveland Baseball Academy
2009 Summer Baseball Camp Schedule
Highland Heights Community Park at 5905 Wilson Mills Road
For more information, call 216-691-0222 or 440-602-4000 ext. 225
or visit www.clevelandbaseballacademy.com

The Cleveland Baseball academy will be offering summer baseball camps at Highland Hts. Park for the third consecutive year. The CBA, established in 1993, will be instructing young baseball players on the fundamentals of the game along with live baseball action at Highland Hts. Park in June. Greg Sidoris, director and owner of the academy, will be lead instructor during the week long camps. This camp is for baseball players of all levels with the focus on hitting, fielding, catching, throwing, pitching, catcher's techniques, base running, rule interpretations and more along with live competitive instructional baseball games. This camp has been a players' choice favorite for over 15 years. The camp schedules are:

Camp "A" Summer Baseball Camp Ages 9-12, June 22 - June 26, Time 8:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Fee \$199

Camp "B" "LIL' SLUGGERS" Ages 7-8, June 23 - 26, Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., Fee: \$99.00* (4 days)

Camp "C" Last Chance "Be Ready" Ages 11-14, June 29, 30, July 1, 2, Time 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Fee \$144

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS PARK PAVILION RENTAL

Park pavilions may be reserved by residents, businesses, and schools located in the City of Highland Heights. Proof of residency is required at the time of completing the contract and only one rental is permitted per year per family. The pavilions are not available during the Day Camp Program and Recreation Department authorized events. No alcoholic beverages are permitted in the park. A \$100.00 deposit is required in advance from which \$70.00 will be refunded to you after the pavilion has been inspected and found to be in good condition. For an additional \$40.00 paid at the time you pay your deposit, you may have 10 of your pavilion guests enjoy themselves at our City Pool during our regular pool hours that day. You will not be able to purchase this Pavilion Swim Pass on the day of your reservation.

Extra passes are available at the rate of \$4.00 per person on the day of your reservation and will be sold when accompanied by a Pavilion Swim Pass properly dated. To reserve a pavilion between May 1 and October 1, 2009, call Mary Velotta at City Hall at 440-461-2440.

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 \$8.00. Call Judy at 461-2440 from 12:30 to 3:30 on Monday through Friday to make an appointment.



**A BIG THANK YOU TO THE SPONSORS OF THE
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**Mayfield Wildcat Youth
Football and Cheerleading 2009 Registration
Saturday, May 2nd, 9th and 16th. 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
Pool Side Lobby - Mayfield High School Field House**

Fees: Football Players

1st Child \$150 - includes two banquet tickets (\$20 value) and one TV raffle ticket (\$10 value). 2nd child's fee is \$100.

Cheerleaders

1st Child \$90 - includes two banquet tickets (\$20 value) and one TV raffle ticket (\$10 value). 2nd child's fee is \$60

To request additional information and registration forms, visit the Wildcat Youth Football Club website: www.mayfieldwyfc.com Registration forms will also be available at the Field House during walk in registration.

Events and Activities Brief

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| April 4 | Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at Community Center |
| April 6 to June 12 | Brush Collection |
| April 1 - 30th | Computer Round Up |
| April 10 | Good Friday - City Hall will be closed |
| April 20 - May 2nd | Household Hazardous Waste Roundup |
| April 22 | Early Bird Walk-In Registration from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. |
| April 25 | Early Bird Walk-In Registration from 9:00 to Noon |
| April 25 | Early Bird Fees for Day Camp and Pool End |
| April 26 | Regular Fees for Day Camp and Pool Begin |
| May 9 | Lions Club will sell carnations for Mothers Day at Bishop and Highland Roads |
| May 11 | U. S. Postal Service First Class Stamps will cost \$.44 |
| May 13 | Highland Heights Commission on Aging Health and Wellness Fair |
| May 23 | Baseball Pictures taken at Community Center |
| May 25 | 14th Annual Veterans Peace Memorial Ceremony |
| May 25 | City Hall Closed in Observance of Memorial Day |
| May 29 | Summer Program Registration Deadline except for Pool |
| June 11 | Day Camp Parent Orientation - Community Ctr. 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. |
| June 12 | Pool Opens & ½ Season Pool Pass Begins |
| June 15 | Day Camp Starts, Swim Lesson First 4-Week Session Starts |
| June 15 | Tennis Lesson First 3-Week Session Starts |
| June 21 | Family Fun Night at the Pool |
| July 12 | Family Fun Night at the Pool |
| July 19 | ½ Season Pool Pass Starts |
| July 13 | Swim Lesson Second 4-Week Session Starts |
| July 13 | Tennis Lesson Second 3-Week Session Starts |
| July 24, 25 & 26 | Highland Heights Home Days |
| August 7 | Day Camp Ends |
| August 7, 8 and 9 | Highland Heights Annual Tennis Tournament |
| August 1 & 16 | Family Fun Night at the Pool |
| September 1 | Pool Closes |
| September 7 | Pool Closes |
| October 24 | Children's Halloween Party |
| December 12 | Children's Holiday Party |

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Donations may be
dropped off at the
Service Department at
5827 Highland Road
through March 27th.

The Highland Heights Fire Department will be offering a basic First Aid/CPR course to residents on April 4, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. There is no cost for this class and a snack/refreshment is included. The class is limited to 20 residents, age 16 and older. Please call the Fire Department at 440-442-7406 for more information.



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Cleveland Division of Water 216-664-3060
Cuyahoga County Auditor 216-443-7010
Cuyahoga County Board of Elections 216-443-3200
Cuyahoga County Mayfield Public Library 440-473-0350
Cuyahoga Cty. Sanitary Eng. (plugged sewers, dye tests) 216-443-8201
Dominion East Ohio Gas 800-362-7557
First Energy (Power Outage) 888-544-4877
First Energy 800-589-3101
J&J Refuse Trash Pick Up 800-201-0005
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. Please call Judy Dick at 440-461-2440, extension 149 or e-mail jdick@highlandhts.com for more information. You can also find more information on room rentals at www.highlandhts.com.

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SAVE MONEY AT SUMMER PROGRAM EARLY BIRD WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS

Highland Heights Community Center
Wednesday, April 22nd from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 25th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon

**Pick up a form at City Hall, or
Download a form from the city's web site: www.highlandhts.com**

Mail to: City of Highland Heights
5827 Highland Road
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.**

*Please remember that City Hall is closed on Monday, May 25
in observance of Memorial Day.*