

Highland Highlights

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CPR CLASSES FOR RESIDENTS

The Highland Heights Fire Department will be offering a basic First Aid/CPR course to residents. The class will be held November 8, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fire Station. The class is limited to 20 residents, age 16 and older.

There is no cost for this class and a snack/refreshment will be included. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Fire Department at 440-442-7406.

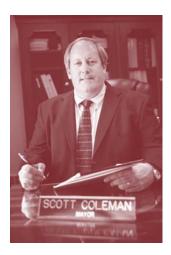
Chief William R. Turner Highland Heights Fire Department

From the Desk of Mayor Coleman

Please see inside for information on how to keep your children safe while trick or treating and information on the Highland Heights Halloween party on Saturday, October 25th.

The Fire Department is providing a wonderful opportunity for your family to tour the fire department during their annual open house also on Saturday, October 25th. The children will have the opportunity to get up close to the equipment and talk with our firefighters.

Also inside is information on flu shots for our senior citizens which will be given on Wednesday, October 22. Call Mary at 440-461-2440 to schedule your appointment



From the Desk of Mayor Coleman

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. I would like to use this newsletter to update you on several things happening in the city.

Whiteford Park

For those of you who aren't aware, Highland Heights actually has two parks, our municipal park and Whiteford Park. Whiteford Park is located in the Highland Woods subdivision where Whiteford Road and Sandhurst Drive intersect. It is a fairly large area of land that used to be the home of some very old playground equipment. A group of residents brought to our attention the deteriorating condition of the equipment. Recently the equipment has been removed and new equipment will be installed before the fall season is over.

Change of School Bus Routes

Those of you who have children who ride the bus to the Mayfield schools may have noticed a change in the routes this year. In the past, the buses stopped at every house, however, this year the routes have been changed by the transportation department at the school district. When I learned of this, I was initially concerned with the winter months. I recently had a conversation with Mayfield Schools Superintendent, Dr. Phil Price, and he assured me that on snowy days, the drivers would revert back to their old routes, stopping at every house.

Snowplowing of City Streets and Sidewalks

For years it has been the city's policy that, during a significant storm, the service department will concentrate their efforts on the main roads until they are safe and passable. Once that occurs, the snowplows will then plow the interior roads. We have historically only salted the major roads, all intersections and portions of streets that have sharp curves or are heavily traveled. We are told that the supply of road salt may be more scarce this year than it has been in previous years, however, we expect to continue salting the streets as we have in the past.

The city will continue its sidewalk plowing program which includes plowing of sidewalks on main roads and those streets near schools. We will then expand that to other interior streets once we are assured the roads are clear and safe.

Flu Shots for Seniors

Highland Heights will again be offering flu shots to our seniors on Wednesday, October 22^{nd,} from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm at the community center. This program is in conjunction with the Tri City Consortium on Aging and Cuyahoga County Board of Health. If you wish to participate, please call Mary Velotta at 461-2440 to schedule an appointment.

From the Desk of Mayor Coleman

The Shops at Alpha

I'm sure you have all noticed the construction taking place at the south eastern portion of Alpha Drive and on Wilson Mills where the old Sunoco station used to be. Shortly after the first of the year, the first new stores at the Shops of Alpha should be open. New stores will include Panera Bread and a Verizon Wireless store. The Verizon store will face Wilson Mills and will be accessible either from Alpha Drive or by westbound traffic on Wilson Mills. There will also be a Keybank branch constructed in the parking lot on Alpha. The other tenants have yet to be finalized but I am told, no existing shops will be leaving.

Stonewater Golf Club

You may have read or heard with some interest that Stonewater Golf Club has been sold and is now under new ownership. I have had the opportunity to meet with one of the new owners.

Stonewater has always consistently been one of the top rated courses in northeast Ohio. The new ownership group hopes to build on this reputation by making changes that will only enhance the facility and hopefully bring more recognition to Highland Heights. The new owners also own and run Little Mountain Golf Course in Concord. By virtue of this, membership in one course automatically gains you membership into the other course; hopefully, bringing more play and exposure to Stonewater.

I have been assured by the new owners that they welcome the opportunity to work with the City and the surrounding neighbors. They are committed to keeping the course in excellent playing condition and at the same time making improvements that will not only improve play but also improve the aesthetics to the surrounding areas.

The restaurant at Stonewater will now have a more casual, grille-like feeling to it. They've done some reconfiguring to the layout which should help you enjoy your dining experience. It will of course remain open to the public and while the menu will have some minor changes, you'll still be able to enjoy many of your favorites.

We're excited to have this new ownership as part of our growing corporate community.

From the Desk of Mayor Coleman

Know your Department Heads

Tim Paluf - Director of Law

You can find out alot about Tim Paluf just by calling his home and listening to his answering machine. The fight song from Notre Dame plays in the background as Tim greets his callers. I have never met a man who was so proud of his education and alma maters. Tim graduated from St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland in 1971. From there he went to the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana and graduated in 1975 with a Finance degree. After graduating college, Tim then attended Cleveland Marshall College of Law and graduated with a law degree in 1977. In that same year, he married his wife, Darlene, and they recently celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary. Since passing the bar, Tim has had a general practice of law for 30 years with a concentration in personal injury and worker's compensation cases.

Tim has lived in the Hillcrest area his entire life, the past 30 years in Highland Heights. While living in our city, he has served his community in many capacities, most notably as our Law Director since 1993.

As Law Director, Tim's main duties include the preparation of all legislation, interpretation of rules and city codes, review and preparation of contracts and labor negotiations. In short, he represents the city in all legal matters.

Tim and Darlene have three children who have all attended St. Paschal Baylon in Highland Heights. Their oldest child Tim Jr., followed his father's footsteps in both education and occupation, graduating from St. Ignatius High School, Notre Dame College and Cleveland Marshall Law and recently passed the bar exam. Their daughter Christy is a graduate of Yale and works in Securitized Product Sales in New York City. Ryan is their youngest child, and is also a graduate of St. Ignatius High School and currently a student at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio studying business.

Tim has a great passion for sports and is a season ticket holder for the Browns and Cavaliers. He often speaks of the great times he had coaching his boys in football and basketball at St. Paschal Baylon. Tim was also a member of the athletic association at St. Paschal's for many years and served as Athletic Director from 1996 to 2002.

Tim served on the Highland Heights Civil Service Commission under Mayor Swanson from 1989 - 1992. He is a member of the Eastern Cuyahoga FOPA lodge #270 serving as Parliamentarian. Finally, Tim is one of the co-founders of the Hillcrest 100 club, an organization formed to assist the families of police and fire fighters who are in need.

City Council Commentary

Cathy Murphy Ward 1 Council Representative

Residents have asked about...

Pedestrian Path:

The long awaited pedestrian pathway project along Highland Road begins this fall with plans to complete a stretch of the walkway from Richmond Heights to Bishop Road. Construction of the remaining portion of the pathway to the Mayfield Village border will commence in the spring of 2009.

Highland Bishop Intersection Project:

Intersection traffic is expected to be restored to 100% by late October. The final phase, installation of new black pole masts and new signals, is slated for November. Thanks for your patience - it will be worth the wait.

Aberdeen Boulevard Sidewalk Curb Ramps:

The city has been working with representatives of the Aberdeen Home Owners Association to identify 3 or 4 locations for installation of concrete sidewalk curb ramps across the tree lawn area on the north side of Aberdeen Blvd. to connect to the existing pathway. This will provide residents improved handicap access to the pathway. I look for final council approval and completion of the project this fall.

A Big Thank You:

This marks the 5th year that I have been the coordinator of our city home days parade and this year's parade was the best ever thanks to the community volunteers of the Parade Committee: Michael Caticchio and Ann D'Amico, Rob and Linda Warner, Natalie Sims, Amy Feran, Katie Comella, Mary Velotta, Scott Mills, John Murphy, water wagon volunteers: Lisa Marko, Amanda Warner, and Patty Murphy. Several hundred residents lined the streets for this year's parade. The committee wants to say thanks for coming, you all are the reason it's so much fun. Please contact me if you have any suggestions or would like to be a part of next year's parade.

The Highland Heights City Council meets every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 8:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Lyndhurst Municipal Court Report _

Judge Mary Kaye Bozza believes one of the most exciting parts of her job is her opportunity to educate the community. Recently she was a guest speaker at Chapter Two and the Western Reserve Municipal Clerks Association. She will be speaking for the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. Post #44 at the Ross DeJohn Center in Mayfield Heights and Community Options sponsored by the Jewish Community Federation at Sherri Park Apartments in Lyndhurst.

In May, Judge Bozza addressed students who participated in the 30th Annual Career Technical Recognition Dinner sponsored by the Hillcrest Rotary Club. These students were from Richmond Heights High School, Mayfield High School and Brush High School in our jurisdiction. In July, she addressed 5 scholarship recipients at the Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club Awards Night. Congratulations to Richmond Heights residents Mui D. Choi, Catherine Clampitt, Gabriel Gomes and Nathaniel Kinkoff, who graduated from Richmond Heights High School, and Megan T. Keleshian who graduated from Regina High School. These students achieved excellence throughout their high school years and were recognized with a college scholarship from the Kiwanis Club.

The Judge and her staff say goodbye to this year's summer interns. Michael will be returning to Canisius College as a sophomore and will be assuming the role of Resident Assistant in his dorm. Ryan will be returning to Miami University as a junior. Both students utilized their computer skills this summer at the Court; Michael in the Clerk's office and Ryan in the Courtroom.

Judge Mary Kaye Bozza continues to sponsor the "Make the Right Choice" community outreach program designed to address the consequences of driving under the influence. Our Women's program held on Friday, August 15th, had 56 women in attendance and was a great success thanks to the Judge's Assistant Patti, Magistrate Lisa and Probation Officer Debbie, whose hard work and dedication contributed to this outcome. Speakers Jayne Sestak, Kitty Gaines and Karen enlightened the audience through education and their experiences.

Our next Men's audience is scheduled for Friday October 24th at 9:15 am. It will take place at the Lyndhurst Community Center. The next Women's audience is scheduled for Friday, November 24th. It will also be held at the Lyndhurst Community Center at 9:15 am. Judge Bozza extends an invitation to anyone interested in attending the Court sponsored programs. Please call Patti at (440) 461-6500 ext 205 for information. These programs are part of the Court's outreach programs. There is no cost to the attendees and lunch is included.

If you are interested in attending the Court's outreach programs, planning a field trip to Court, or arranging for Judge Mary Kaye Bozza to speak to your club or organization, or completing a school project, please contact Patti Anderson at (440) 461-6500 extension 205, or visit our website at www.lyndhurstmunicipalcourt.org.

Mayfield City Schools Superintendent

First, I would like to say welcome to the 2008-09 school year. The opening of school is always such an exciting time as the school year begins to unfold. In this letter I'd like to review some of the critical elements of this year's opening, our building maintenance & renovation projects, our State Report Card score, and our revised bus routes.

The Renovation Project: 2007-2009 - This summer marked the second year of our building improvement project and I am happy to report that our schools opened on time and ready for the school year to begin. Students, staff and teachers were welcomed back to their buildings with significant improvements such as resurfaced parking lots, renovated bathrooms, and new windows. I'd like to thank our parents and community for their patience during this phase of the improvement project. I'd like to also take a moment to thank our teachers, custodial, secretarial and all of our staff for the intense effort and dedication put forth over the past few days to get the schools ready to welcome our students back.

Transportation - I realize this fall has been a major change in bus pick up and drop off for students with the institution of corner bus stops. This change has allowed the district to consolidate routes and eliminate stops, saving significant money in our fuel costs. When the snow makes sidewalks impassable, drivers will revert to pick ups at the student's house or close by as we do not want our students to walk in the street.

State Report Card - The State Report Card was released to the public on Tuesday, August 26th. Here are some facts about Mayfield's report card that you won't read in the newspapers:

Mayfield Schools improved its score from 27 out of 30 indicators last year to 28 out of 30 indicators this year which meets one of our district's 2007-08 academic goals and shows improved student learning. For the first time in three years, Mayfield Schools met AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) this year in all categories. Again, this met one of the district's 2007-08 academic goals. In the new State category of Value Added, our students scored "Above Expectation" (the three categories are below expectation, met expectation and above expectation). Again, this was a 2007-08 academic goal that we set and met. Mayfield Schools are rated Effective for 2007-08 based on achieving 28 out of 30 indicators (which computes to 93.3%, only .7% from an Excellent rating which is 94%. Our Performance Index Score was 99.9%, only .1 from the 100% needed for an Excellent performance rating.

Comments on the Effective Rating:

Mayfield Schools continue to improve as shown by moving from 27 to 28 indicators passed, meeting all AYP categories and exceeding expectations in value added criteria.

The State's rating system has become more and more complex as evidenced by the fact that there are 12 districts above Mayfield in the Excellent/Excellent with Distinction category with equal or lower indicators met.

The scores needed for Excellent have risen each year.

It should be noted again that Mayfield High School was named by U.S. News & World Report in December 2008 as one of the top 500 high schools out of 18,000 in the Nation, offering 18 AP courses which is far above other districts.

The Local Report Card is only one measure of our achievement.

Phillip G. Price, Superintendent

FINANCE DEPARTMENT ANTHONY IANIRO, FINANCE DIRECTOR

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT



What is the city income tax rate?

2% on all wages although the City offers a 100% credit, up to 2% on taxes paid to another city.

What is RITA and why do I owe?

RITA is the Regional Income Tax Agency and they act as our tax department. They collect and distribute all income tax revenues within the City. You may owe income tax if your workplace city is at a rate below 2% or if you have other taxable income in which no tax has been withheld.

What is the real estate tax rate?

The voted, full tax rate is 95.62 mills. The effective tax rate after additional rollback credits is 46.44 mills meaning that for every \$1,000 of assessed valuation, you pay \$46.44. Your assessed value is 35% of your market value. Other residents may qualify for an additional homestead exemption credit. For taxes paid in 2008, Highland Heights had the 6th LOWEST tax rate in Cuyahoga County.

How do I calculate my real estate taxes? If my house is worth "X", what are my taxes?

There are two quick methods. In the first method, simply take the market value of your home and multiply it by 1.63%. The second method is a little more involved. Take the market value of your home, multiply it by 35%. This is your assessed or taxable value. Divide this assessed value by 1,000 and multiply by 46.44. This is your annual tax liability. To each figure, you must add any special assessments on your property. The second method will be more accurate. You may check the County Auditor's website for information regarding your property at http://auditor.cuyahogacounty.us/repi/default.asp.

(Please note that if the Mayfield School District tax levy is approved in November, the total mills used for calculation will increase)

Where do my real estate taxes go?

Of your total real estate tax bill, 59% goes to the Mayfield School District, 30% goes to Cuyahoga County, 4% goes to the Library and 7% is received by the City.

Why are my real estate taxes going up?

Your taxes can increase for a variety of reasons, the most common being voted tax increases. Additionally, the County updates their property records every three years which may increase the value of your home.

What are the "special assessments" listed on my tax bill?

The City assesses for street lighting and Cuyahoga County assesses for sewer maintenance. The combined amount for these two assessments is likely under \$200 per year. These assessments are citywide and for a continuing period. Some homeowners have additional assessments relating to their specific property or subdivision. You may contact the Finance Department for further information.

How long does my assessment run?

Street lighting and sewer maintenance assessments are continual, annual assessments. If you have other assessments unique to your property, they typically run for a specific time. Please contact the Finance Department for further information.

Why am I paying for "street lighting" when my street has no street lights?

Street lighting is a benefit to all residents of the City of Highland Heights regardless if a street light is directly in front of your property or on your street. All residents are assessed a small amount each year on their property tax bill for this service.

Can I pay off my assessment early?

In most instances, the simple answer is no. When projects are assessed to an individual property, the home owner is notified of the assessment and given the opportunity to pay for the improvement; otherwise, the City pays for the improvement with bonds and uses the proceeds of the assessments to pay off the debt. For this reason, most assessments are tied to a debt schedule and not subject to payoff.

Please contact the Finance Department at 440-442-7404 for assistance with any other questions or comments you may have.

JIM AUSTIN, ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER



Have Your Furnace Checked

As the seasons change, so do the needs of our homes and properties. Before the chilly nights set in, be sure to have an annual furnace maintenance check. Without this yearly cleaning and inspection, a system can wear itself out quickly, and will stop working all together, which will be a costly repair compared to a yearly maintenance cost. Whatever type of system, don't wait until it breaks down to call for service. A clean, well-adjusted heating system will save you money and prolong service life.

Swales

The topic concerning swales and debris was discussed in my last newsletter, and needs further reminding. It is very important for all home owners to keep in mind, swales need to be kept free of leaves, tree limbs and debris. If maintenance of your swale is neglected, drainage problems are further compounded. Drainage problems then become a problem not only for you the homeowner, but also for your neighbors.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT THOM EVANS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE

PROJECT UPDATES



Highland Road Pedestrian Facility

Scope: A pedestrian path will be constructed on the north side of Highland Road from our western boarder with the city of Richmond Heights and will run the entire length of Highland Road ending at our eastern boarder at I-271.

Update: The project has been awarded to the C A Agresta Company of South Euclid, Ohio. The project will be completed in two phases. Phase one will take place between the Richmond Heights border and Bishop Road. This portion of the work will be completed this fall. Phase two will include the rest of the project which will be from Bishop Road to the freeway. Some portions of phase two may begin this year but, as we near the end of the construction season, it is anticipated that a majority of this work will be pushed into the spring of 2009.

Sponsor: Federal Transportation Fund & Highland Heights

Project award: \$634,210.70

Ridgebury Blvd Resurfacing

Scope: Asphalt resurfacing. The project will involve milling, base repairs, and resurfacing in the cities of Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, Mayfield Village and Mayfield Heights.

The project is scheduled to be bid in October of 2008. Work will be performed in two phases. Phase one, from Richmond Road to Lander will be in the spring of 2009. Phase two, which will complete the project to the east through Mayfield Village will be done in 2010.

Sponsor: Federal Transportation Fund, Cuyahoga County Engineer, & Highland Heights

Estimated cost: (Highland Heights portion only) \$574,000

Highland & Bishop - Intersection Improvements

Scope: Lengthening of turning lanes in all four directions, new traffic and pedestrian signals, new curbing, sidewalks, and ADA compliant curb ramps.

Update: The project was awarded to Tri-Mor Corporation of Twinsburg, Ohio. The project began in late May. The contractor has completed concrete work on all four corners and work in the center lanes is underway. The project will be completed in the fall.

Sponsor: State Issue I Funds & Highland Heights

Project award: \$824,628.75

Community Center Renovations

Scope: Exterior work will include the installation of perimeter drain tile around the building, tuck pointing, structural repairs to the canopy over-hang, and landscape renovations. Interior work will focus on updating décor and upgrading and repairing some of the centers mechanical systems.

Sponsor: Highland Heights

Estimated cost: \$300,000

In order to complete the interior work, the center will close on November 5th, the day after the November elections, for approximately 30 days.



HOLIDAY RUBBISH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Rubbish collection routes will be delayed one day the weeks of Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Years Day. Since these holidays all fall on a Thursday, the Thursday routes will be the only routes affected.

The following holidays are observed by the contractor:

New Years Day Labor Day

Memorial Day Thanksgiving Day Independence Day Christmas Day

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

Christmas Trees will be collected either by the service department for recycling, if weather allows or by our rubbish contractor. Please remove all decorations, stands, etc. and place the trees on the tree lawn for collection.

LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM October 13 to December 19, 2008

The Service Department plans to begin continuous curbside leaf collection on all streets beginning on October 13. Collection will be house by house and street by street. Once a cycle (all streets have been collected) has been completed, we will begin the cycle again. If your landscaper places leaves out after we have passed your house, they will be collected in the next cycle. Please do not call the Service Department to come back.

Please place leaves on the tree lawn for collection, not in the street. Leaves placed in the street can be a hazard to motorists, can block drainage and become wet and matted after a rain, which dramatically slows the collection process. Please do not mix in grass or branches with the leaves. This too slows collection.

The speed of collection and the length of each cycle depend upon how much material is put out for collection, weather, and equipment availability. We therefore are unable to give you information on when we will be on any particular street. However, in general, if the weather is favorable and equipment holds up, we hope to complete cycles during the heaviest part of the season in approximately 10 to 14 days.

The collection program will end the second week of December. The program end date is necessary to allow the service department time for equipment change over in preparation for snow removal operations.

Residents wishing to dispose of leaves beyond the cut off date may do so by composting their leaves or bagging them (40 pounds or less) for pick up by our rubbish contractor on their regular rubbish day.



POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF JAMES COOK

HALLOWEEN 2008

Halloween will be observed on Friday, October 31st from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. this year.

Here are some tips to help keep our children safe this year.



PARENTS:

Costumes should be bright and reflective. Make sure the costume material is flame retardant and short enough in length so your child won't trip over it. Instead of wearing store bought costume masks that may impair your child's vision, use nontoxic hypoallergenic face paint. Costumes that have pointed props such as a sword, canes, or sticks should be avoided, but if they are used, make sure they are made of a flexible material so in the event your child falls they will be less likely to be injured. You want your child to be highly visible when trick-ortreating so add some reflective tape to their costume and trick-or-treat bag. Also have them carry a flashlight with the light on.

Younger children should always be accompanied by an adult. Older children should go out in groups and stay together. Older children should carry a cellular phone with the Police Department's phone number (440) 442-1221 entered into a speed dial number in case they encounter a problem that requires police assistance. All children should be instructed not to enter homes or cars of any strangers. All trick-or-treaters should only go to homes that have their exterior lights on.

Always cross the street at a designated crosswalk. Use the sidewalks and don't cut across lawns. If there are no sidewalks, then walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic.

Instruct your children not to eat any candy until you have inspected it. Make sure your children have something to eat before they go out. This should decrease their desire to eat the candy they collect and it will give you a chance to inspect all the candy before it is eaten.

Immediately report any suspicious activity to the Police Department.

HOMEOWNERS

If you wish to participate in Halloween by giving out a treat, turn on your exterior lights and open your front door to welcome the children.

In preparation for trick-or-treaters, remove items such as garden hoses and bicycles, from your lawn, walkways, steps and porch that children could trip over.

Make sure your pet(s) are contained inside your home so they won't accidentally exit your home, jump on or bite trick-or-treaters.

OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

If you are traveling on the roadways during Halloween observance hours, keep in mind there are children trick-or-treating who are preoccupied with collecting candy. Slow down and be extremely cautious of children running across the street. Take extra time when turning at intersections. The Police Department will have increased patrol during the Halloween observance hours. Immediately report any suspicious activity to the Police Department.

TOP COP AWARDS

Patrolman Dennis McGrath and Patrolman Brian Dassatti were presented with the 2008 "Top Cop" awards from MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving). These awards were presented to the officers that arrest the most Operating a Vehicle under the Influence (OVI) in each police department. Patrolman McGrath and Dassatti were tied for the most OVI arrests in our city in 2007. Congratulations on a job well done.

In addition, because of the efforts of Ptl. McGrath and Dassatti, as well as all of our officers' contributions, the Highland Heights Police Department was presented with a 2008 Appreciation of Commitment to MADD award.

PRIVATE SNOW REMOVAL

Private snow removal contractors are required to obtain a Snow Removal Permit from the Police Department for each vehicle, providing us with proof of insurance and other pertinent information. In past years, residents signed contracts and paid for services not received with a local company that was not issued a permit by the City because of past practices. The Police Department suggests that great care be taken by our residents before paying money for snow removal service. Some precautions to follow:

Ask the company for references from former customers and call them to confirm that the customers were satisfied.

Deal only with known, reputable snow removal companies that have been in business for several years, have a business or home address and a working telephone number, and can provide you with proof of issuance of a Highland Heights Snow Removal Permit.

Contact the Better Business Bureau for information on the company. You can also contact the Police Department at 442-8825 to confirm that a permit has been issued.

Keep in mind that if the price sounds too good to be true, it probably is.



FIRE DEPARTMENT WILLIAM TURNER, FIRE CHIEF

Bring the kids and meet your Fire Department at the Fire Department Open House on Saturday, October 25 from 10:30 to 1:00

The fire station and equipment will be open for tours. Fire Department personnel will be available to answer your questions as well as to demonstrate services and equipment available to residents, such as:



Emergency Medical Services 12 Lead EKG

Advanced Cardiac Life Support

Fire Suppression and Rescue Ventilation Equipment Extrication Equipment Firefighter Equipment

STOP BY AND PICK UP FIRE PREVENTION INFORMATION

Information brochures and handouts about smoke detectors, carbon monoxide monitors, fire safety checklists, and exit drills in the home will be available.

FIRE SAFETY HOUSE TO HELP KIDS LEARN ABOUT SAFETY AND EXITING THE HOME

Kids will have the opportunity to learn about fire safety and how to exit the home in an emergency. If you have any questions or comments, call the Fire Department at 442-7406. With the recent Power Outages due to the Wind Storm on September 14, 2008, residents are urged to be cautious near downed lines and when using portable generators and/or candles. The National Safety Council suggests the following:

THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL URGES CONSUMERS TO FOLLOW THESE RULES FOR PORTABLE GENERATOR SAFETY:

Always read and follow the manufacturer's operating instructions before running a generator.

Engines emit carbon monoxide. Never use a generator inside your home, garage, crawl space, or other enclosed areas. Fatal fumes can build up, that neither a fan nor open doors and windows can provide enough fresh air to eliminate the build up.

Use a battery-powered carbon monoxide detector in the area you're running a generator.

Gasoline and its vapors are extremely flammable. Allow the generator engine to cool at least 2 minutes before refueling and always use fresh gasoline.

Don't refuel your portable generator around combustibles.

THE NATIONAL CANDLE ASSOCIATION URGES CONSUMERS TO FOLLOW THESE RULES FOR CANDLE SAFETY:

Always keep a burning candle within sight. Extinguish all candles when leaving a room or before going to sleep. Never burn a candle on or near anything that can catch fire. Place candles at least 3 feet away from drapes, bedding, carpets, books, paper, flammable decorations, etc. Keep candles out of the reach of children and pets. Don't place lighted candles where they might be knocked over by children or pets.

POWER COMPANIES URGE CONSUMERS TO FOLLOW THESE RULES FOR HANDLING DOWNED POWER LINES:

If you see a power line on the ground, stay at least 10 feet away from the wire and secure the area to keep others away, too. If you discover a fallen line, please call 9-1-1. Any downed wire, including phone and cable lines can and should be considered energized and dangerous. A live wire touching the ground can cause electricity to travel through the ground, radiating outward from the contact point. STAY CLEAR! DO NOT attempt to remove a tree limb or other object from a power line. Electricity can travel through limbs, especially when they are wet. When cleaning up after the storm, make absolutely sure that no power lines are near before cutting or trimming damaged trees and removing debris from your property.

TO HELP PREVENT CLOTHES DRYER FIRES

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that in 1998, clothes dryers were associated with 15,600 fires, which resulted in 20 deaths and 370 injuries. Fires can occur when lint builds up in the dryer or in the exhaust duct. Lint can block the flow of air, cause excessive heat build-up, and result in a fire in some dryers. To help prevent fires:

Clean the lint screen/filter before or after drying each load of clothes. If clothing is still damp at the end of a typical drying cycle or drying requires longer times than normal, this may be a sign that the lint screen or the exhaust duct is blocked.

Clean the dryer vent and exhaust duct periodically. Check the outside dryer vent while the dryer is operating to make sure exhaust air is escaping. If it is not, the vent or the exhaust duct may be blocked. To remove a blockage in the exhaust path, it may be necessary to disconnect the exhaust duct from the dryer. Remember to reconnect the ducting to the dryer and outside vent before using the dryer again.

Clean behind the dryer, where lint can build up. Have a qualified service person clean the interior of the dryer chassis periodically to minimize the amount of lint accumulation. Keep the area around the dryer clean and free of clutter. Replace plastic or foil, accordion-type ducting material with rigid or corrugated semi-rigid metal duct. Most manufacturers specify the use of a rigid or corrugated semi-rigid metal duct, which provides maximum airflow. The flexible plastic or foil type duct can more easily trap lint and is more susceptible to kinks or crushing, which can greatly reduce the airflow.

Take special care when drying clothes that have been soiled with volatile chemicals such as gasoline, cooking oils, cleaning agents, or finishing oils and stains. If possible, wash the clothing more than once to minimize the amount of volatile chemicals on the clothes and, preferably, hang the clothes to dry. If using a dryer, use the lowest heat setting and a drying cycle that has a cool-down period at the end of the cycle. To prevent clothes from igniting after drying, do not leave the dried clothes in the dryer or piled in a laundry basket.

Seniors in Our City

SENIOR FLU SHOTS
Call Mary at 440-461-2440
to schedule your flu shot appointment in Highland Heights
for Wednesday, October 22, 2008



Plan on participating in the Tri City Consortium on Aging Annual Garage Sale Saturday, November 1, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, call 216-291-2901.

Tri-City Commission on Aging News Stacey O'Brien, Director

Understanding Medicare - Your Options and Choices is a program being offered to the community in preparation for Medicare Open Enrollment. Semanthie Brooks will provide information on Medicare supplements, traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans. Local providers will be available with resources and to answer questions. This event is open to the public and will be held at the Lyndhurst Community Center on Monday October 27 at noon.

Senior Housing Seminar - If you are considering a move in the future, take advantage of a presentation and resource fair on October 28 from 4:00-6:30 at the South Euclid Community Center. Debbie Arntz will speak about the different types of housing available and there will be tables to visit of local resources in the housing industry.

Flu Shots will be offered in Highland Heights, Lyndhurst and South Euclid this month. Reservations should be made for shots. The following guidelines should be followed:

Highland Heights reservations can be made at 440-461-2440 October 6-10 from 8:30-3:30. The shots will be given at the Highland Heights Community Center from 1:00-3:30 on Wednesday October 22nd.

Lyndhurst reservations can be made at 440-442-2665 in person on Oct 6 and 7 from 10 am -12 and by phone October 8-10 from 12:30-4:30 . The shots will be given at the Lyndhurst Community Center from 9:00-11:00 on Thursday October 30th.

South Euclid reservations can be made at 216-291-0772 in person on October 15 and 16 from 10 am -12 or by phone on October 17, 20 and 21 from 9 am -3 pm. The shots will be given at the South Euclid Community Center from 1:00-3:30 on Monday November 3rd.

Tri-City is very pleased to announce that **Senior Transportation Connection** will begin to take all transportation reservations beginning with November appointments. This is a big change for the organization and I hope that the benefits of it will be far-reaching. I encourage you to call us with questions, comments or concerns. We do not anticipate any major changes to the service we provide in the immediate future. We will continue to accept donations, continue to have the same geographical borders and hours that we currently offer. In the future, our goal is to expand borders and hours to better meet the needs of the increasing number of riders. Beginning on **OCTOBER 20**th, reservations should be called to 1-800-983-4782 or 440-777-3772 with the EXCEPTION of lunch program reservations, which may still be called in to the Tri-City reservation number at the time the lunch reservation is made. Watch for more information on the vans!

Highland Heights Lions Club

The Highland Heights Lions Club extends its thanks to the contestants, sponsors and donors who supported the 14th Annual Hole in One Contest this year.



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Lions Club Annual Sweetest Day Rose Sale
Roses will be sold at various locations throughout the City
on October 17 and October 18.



Participate in the Lions Club Annual Lighting Contest Friday, December 19th from dusk to 10:30 p.m. A plaque will be given to one family in each ward. Winners will be advised by the Lions Club and announced in a future Highland Heights' newsletter.



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Congratulations to the 2008 Tennis Tournament Winners

	Winner	Runner Up	Consolation
12 & Under Girls	Jaime Vizelman	Hayley Lawless	Lianne Mulvihill
12 & Under Boys	Shouta Fukamachi	Kent Nakamoto	Michael Rudibaugh
14 & Under Girls	Abby Lawless	Mitsuki Fukamachi	Katie Sideras
14 & Under Boys	Vince Anzalone	Shouta Fukamachi	Colin Greig
16 & Under Girls	Joy Warner	Angie Onorato	Erin Prendergast
16 & Under Boys	Sean Klook	Alex Snelly	Jason Kalaycio
17 & Under Girls	Amanda Warner	Caitlin Lawless	Brittany Kelly
18 & Under Boys	Matt Roche	Craig Martin	Jeff DeWitt
Women's Singles	Betty Allen	Melissa Himmel	Alla Kirsch
Women's Doubles	Angie Onorado	Betty Allen	Emily Delis
	& Allison Deacon	& Liz Rudibaugh	& Sarah Grassi

DAY CAMP REPORT

This summer's Day Camp season was once again anticipated and enjoyed by all! Both campers as well as staff members left Highland Heights Day Camp with many memories! The summer started with a visit from the city's fire department where we toured the fire truck and ambulance! Each week many activities and crafts kept campers as busy as bees! Our camp carnival was once again a big hit where campers could get a hair wrap or a caricature drawn.



Other favorite guests included Outback Ray, Magician Rick Smith, Sparkles the Clown and the most exciting addition a visit from Joe Minucci and Carl Krennel of the Cleveland Gladiators! Our camp field trips have always been a major highlight of each week, but our closing field trip to Wild Water Kingdom was "the best field trip ever" according to campers! Probably the most memorable event of the summer was Camp Olympics where Team Italy took home the gold and there was a three way tie for second place! As always the talent show wowed parents and campers with many creative performances and an outstanding slide show!

Thank you to all of our camp parents for your ongoing support and commitment to Highland Heights Day Camp. Most importantly we want to thank the campers for once again making even those rainy days brighter! We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable school year and are anxiously awaiting next year's camp season!

GIRLS SOFTBALL - Tony Bondra, Commissioner

2008 proved to be another exciting and active year at the Highland Heights Park. Hopefully you were able to experience the fun of being at the park during the summer with seven ballgames all being played at the same time, with the excitement of the young children at the playground near Field 3 and with the hundreds of family, friends and neighbors milling around the park. It really is quite an experience and we thank all of you who joined us at the park to make 2008 a successful season.

All in all over 300 girls comprising 26 teams participated this year, among four different leagues. This represented a 6 team increase from 2007. Congratulations and many thanks to all those young players for their active and spirited participation in numerous practices and games. It is a pleasure to witness the teamwork and camaraderie displayed on the ball field by these young players and to see their development with the skills of the sport from the start through the finish of the season. Additionally, thank you to all the numerous other persons, all who played a key role with ensuring a successful season:

To the Recreation Department, our Team Sponsors, Finance Department and others at City Hall, for their guidance and support both before and during the season, for their timely and constant assistance organizing the details behind the scenes and for their time spent to ensure all participants were enrolled appropriately. To Mark Mazzarino and his field crew for ensuring our fields were in great condition all season long.

To parents, grandparents, friends and other fans who showed what support and commitment is all about by supporting young players in a myriad of ways - everything from driving to practices and games, carpooling, supplying the "infamous drinks and snacks", to providing enthusiastic support from the stands and managing to balance the stacked schedules all our kids contend with these days.

To our adult USSSA umpires in our Pixie, Jr. Fast and Sr. Fast Pitch Leagues and to our student umpires in our Instructional League. Their guidance, discipline and general knowledge of the game were key to ensuring a positive experience by all in attendance at games. To our young student scorekeepers at fields 2 and 3 for their timeliness and attention to detail. And, most importantly, to our team managers and their coaches, all who contributed and volunteered countless hours in an effort to create memorable experiences for our children. A special thank you to our first year managers who stepped up to the plate to take on a new challenge and to devote themselves to the girl's leagues.

Also, a special thank you to our tournament participants, parents, friends, managers, and coaches for somehow managing to find the time to contribute over and above the demands of the recreation league. As a result the Highland Heights Hot Sox will field four (4) tournament teams this year including two (2) U14 teams, a U12 team and a new U10 team. Congratulations to the following teams who won either League Champion titles or Post season Tournament Championships:

Pixie League ChampsDodgers, Managed by Carolyn Corsillo

Junior Fast Pitch League Champs Mets, managed by Dave Melito

Senior Fast Pitch League Champs Yankees, managed by Dee Dee Bondra **Pixie League Tournament Champs**Indians, managed by Bob Gephart

Junior Fast Pitch League Champs Royals, managed by Ken Pasquale

Senior Fast Pitch League Champs Red Sox, managed by Paul Byrne

Next year will be here before you know it. We are looking forward to an even greater numbers of participant players and teams. If you have any questions concerning our girl's softball program or have interest in managing or coaching one of our recreation league or travel teams, please let us know. We can be reached at 440-461-2440 extension 235.

Finally, I would like to bid a fond farewell to baseball commissioner D.J. Raposelli who is moving on to be a full time teacher and father. D.J. was always willing to answer my questions and lend a helping hand to the Girl's Softball Program. He will be missed.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE HIGHLAND HEIGHTS GIRS SOFTBALL 2008 TEAMS, MANAGERS AND SPONSORS



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Team Name Manager's Name **Sponsor** Devil Rays Mario Monastero Marshall Carpet One John Rock Timothy D. Vala DDS Royals University Suburban Health Center **Brewers** Tom Dattilo Dawn Ferrante Palumbo's Marlins W.F. Hann & Sons Cardinals Dave Irwin Orioles Dina Cannavino ControlSoft

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Events and Activities Brief

October 17 & 18	Lions Club Annual Roses Sale for Sweetest Day
October 25	Children's Halloween Party from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
November 1	Tri City Annual Garage Sale at Community Center
November 2	Daylight Savings Time Ends (Remember to turn back your clock)
November 4	Election Day
November 4	Garden Club Annual Herb, Craft & Bake Sale at Community Center, 7:00 - 3:00
November 4	Highland Heights 50+ Club Bake Sale at Millridge
Nov. 27 & 28	City Hall closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
December 13	Children's Holiday Party from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Dec. 24 & 25	City Hall closed for Holiday
January 1, 2009	City Hall closed for Holiday

COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

The Community Center will be closed from November 5 through November 30, 2008. During that time the Center will have interior work done. You will still be able to vote in the Community Center for the November Presidential Election as usual.

Please remember that the Community Center is the meeting place for the following organizations:

ORGANIZATION Garden Club 50+ Club	MEETING TIME 2 nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday, 1:00-5:00 p.m.	CONTACT PERSON Helen Vladic Shirley Flanagan	216-481-0894 440-442-5408
Lion's Club Tri-City Consortium Boy Scouts of America Cub Scouts of America Democratic Club Hillcrest Native Sons	3 rd Monday, 7:30 p.m. Every Friday, 9:00 a.m. Every Thursday, 7:30 p.m. 2 nd and 3 rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m. 1 st Thursday, 7:30 p.m. varies	Rick Eisenberg Tri City Dan Kosareo John Brosovich Mary Jane Kogan Russ Woodie	440-449-2119 216-291-3904 440-473-5317 216-570-5132 440-442-8781 216-870-3952
CLASSES Jazzercise Matter of Fitness Fitness and Exercise Body Sculpting Tai Chi	MEETING TIME Mon., Tues., Thurs., 9:30 a.m. Mon., Tues., Wed., 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 p.m. Monday, 2:00 p.m.	CONTACT PERSON Sue Cummings Sue Cummings Diana Rini Roberta Brofman www.flexcity.com Sue Cady	440-338-1407 440-338-1407 440-943-6012 440-461-6855 216-313-3539 216-932-7717

If you are planning an event and would like to use the Community Center, please call Judy Dick, at 440-461-2440, ext. 149, 12:30 to 3:30 to inquire about available dates or check the city website for information about the Center.

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Ward	Location
1A	Highland Heights Community Center
1B	Highland Heights Community Center
2A	Wellington Catering
2B	Highland Heights Community Center
3A	Highland Heights Community Center
4A	Millridge School
4B	Millridge School

Remember to install a snow shield to protect your mailbox from damage from heavy snow coming off the end of the snow plows especially if your mailbox is located too close to the road or the post in the ground is not strong.

Trick or Treating is October 31 from 6:00 to 8:00 Please turn on your lights.

