

# HIGHLAND HIGHLIGHTS

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From the City of Highland Heights

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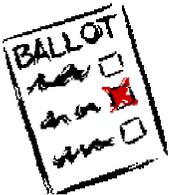
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**Remember to vote on May 2, 2006**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Precinct</b>	<b>Voting Locations</b>
1	A	Highland Heights Community Center
1	B	Highland Heights Community Center
2	A	Wellington's Catering
2	B	Highland Heights Community Center
3	A	Highland Heights Community Center
3	B	Wellington's Catering
4	A	Millridge School
4	B	Millridge School



Highland Heights Community Center is located at 5827 Highland Road.  
Millridge School is located at 950 Millridge Road.  
Wellington's is located at 777 Alpha Drive.

*For questions on your Ward Number, Precinct Number or polling location,  
please call the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections at 216-443-3200 or  
visit their web page at <http://boe.cuyahogacounty.us>.*

**Home Days: Thank You Councilman Jim Austin and Mike Hirsch**

This year's event promises to be even more exciting than the past two years. Please join me in thanking both Jim Austin and Mike Hirsch for again agreeing to chair the event. This year will feature many of the same vendors and bands, a new ride company and fireworks. We will once again have the annual parade (thanks to Cathy Murphy agreeing to take the lead on this). We will also have a craft show where several vendors will display their goods throughout the park. Home Days will be July 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> and volunteers are still needed. Once again, thank you Jim and Mike and we'll see you all in July.

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**May Ballot Issue**

**Income Tax Increase**

For the past few years, a discussion has taken place between the Mayor and Council about whether or not to ask the voters for a tax increase. Presently our current operating expenses exceed the revenue that is brought in from income and property taxes. In fact, over the last three years, our general operating expenses have exceeded our revenues by roughly \$1.1 million. Fortunately we had money in reserves to cover the shortfall, however this situation must be addressed. The simple answer would be to cut expenses to the point where they don't exceed our revenues. In 2005 City Council passed a budget of expenses that was estimated to exceed revenues by about \$600,000. In this budget, there were little, if any, capital improvements budgeted, street repairs were left to a minimum and major equipment needs for police, fire and service were postponed. Some say the answer is simple, just cut expense to the point where they don't exceed our revenues. But in my opinion, there is no simple answer to the situation. Last year, the finance committee asked me to cut more of the expenses. The only thing left to cut was personnel. Over 70% of our department's budgets consist of personnel costs. I do not support the reduction of safety forces or service personnel for our community. I believe this would have an adverse impact on the quality of services we provide our residents. It was also suggested to consider directly assessing residents for street repairs and other projects. I also do not support this concept.

This year, during our budgeting process, it quickly became apparent that we would again have operating expenses that exceeded our revenues. Like last year, Finance Director Tony Ianiro and I presented the options to the Legislative and Finance committee of how best to address the shortfall. The most common ways to bring more revenue into the City is to adjust tax rates. Basically there are three ways residents and business may be taxed in the City and they are explained below:

**Income Taxes** – Our City currently imposes a tax rate of 1.5% on wages earned by people who work in the City and residents who work in a City with a rate lower than our rate. This tax does not affect anyone on a fixed income, or seniors or other people whose only source of income is social security or retirement income. This also does not affect any interest, dividend or capital gain income. This tax has not been raised since 1981. In order to raise this tax, it would require a vote of the people in Highland Heights.

**Income Tax Credit** – Our City offers a credit to residents of 100% of the tax paid to other cities up to 1.5% of wages. What this means is if a resident earns wages in a City other than Highland Heights with an income tax rate of 1.5% or higher, they will pay no income taxes to Highland Heights. Like the income tax, lowering this credit would not affect anyone on a fixed income, or seniors or other people whose only source of income is social security or retirement income. Nor would lowering this credit affect income from any interest dividend or capital gains. Lowering this credit would also require a vote of the people.

## MAYOR SCOTT COLEMAN (continued)

**Property Taxes** – Every resident or business that owns property in the City is levied a property tax in the form of millage based on their property value. This tax currently affects anyone who owns property including seniors or others whose only source of income is social security or retirement income as well as all businesses that own their property. Currently, Council has at its discretion, the ability to raise property taxes up to an additional 9.6 mills which would equate to \$336 per \$100K per home. Raising this tax is something that Council and I agree should not be considered.

During discussions with the Legislative and Finance Committee and Council, it was very clear that an income tax increase should be considered, however Council and I agreed that we should only consider the option that would affect the least number of residents as possible. For this reason, it was decided that a ballot issue should be proposed to increase the tax rate from 1.5% to 2.0% for governmental services, capital improvements and infrastructure improvements. The issue was recommended to Council by a majority of the members of the Legislative and Finance Committee and was passed by Council by a six to one vote to appear on the May ballot.

Twenty percent of the increase would come from residents with the balance coming from other sources. Conversely, if the Mayor and Council had chose to ask the voters to lower the income tax credit, that would have affected 100% of the wage earners in the City. In addition, if Council had decided to increase the property tax millage, that would have affected 100% of the property owners in the City, both residents and businesses.

**It is important to note that if the tax increase passes, it will affect no one who derives their income solely from social security or retirement income and will not affect anyone's earnings from interest dividends or capital gains.**

If the income tax increase passes, we expect to see an increase of roughly \$2.0 million per year in revenues. We need \$500,000 to \$600,000 of that income to balance our budget annually, in addition to capital needs over the next five years of roughly \$12 million. If the tax increase is passed, we will be able to meet our capital needs, continue a balanced budget, and provide and improve the level of services residents of Highland Heights expect and deserve. We currently have capital needs over the next five years of roughly \$12 million. If the tax increase passes we will be able to meet these capital needs and continue to provide and improve on the level of services residents of Highland Heights expect and deserve.

I'm sure after reading this, many of you will have questions with respect to what projects are in our capital plans, how will this effect current and prospective businesses, etc. I would like to schedule a town hall meeting in April to discuss these and any other questions you may have. In the mean time, I welcome you to call me or Tony Ianiro at City Hall (440) 461-2440 if you have questions or would like more information.

### **Highland Road Pedestrian Path**

You may recall reading about a proposed project that would allow for the installation of a pedestrian path on the north side of Highland Road that would extend throughout Highland Heights from the Richmond Heights to Mayfield Village borders. Two years ago, I approached our Congressman, Steve LaTourette, asking him to assist me in securing funds from the federal government to help finance this project. Congressman LaTourette, through his membership on the Transportation Committee, was successful in securing \$445,536 to be used to construct the pedestrian path. Without this funding, the project could not be considered. Since this project involved many governmental agencies including the federal government and the Ohio Department of Transportation, progress will be slow but steady. We are currently in the process of interviewing engineering firms to design the project and hope to start construction sometime in 2007.

**FORMER MAYOR FEATURES**

**Mayor S. J. Sheahan (1954-1959)**

During Mayor Sheahan's term, Wilson Mills Road became a four-lane highway which was a major factor in the growth of Highland Heights. Other civic accomplishments during Mayor Sheahan's term were the extension of water lines to all streets and the formation of an auxiliary police force that provided around the clock police protection in Highland Heights for the first time. Mr. Sheahan had served two terms on Council before he was elected Mayor in 1954. And in 1965, he was again elected to Council.

Mayor Sheahan was a very popular man and was liked by many. For years, the piece of land on Bishop Road just south of Swagelok (and currently owned by Swagelok) was affectionately known as Sheahan Park. This land was the home of the annual Home Days event as well as the site of baseball and football games even though the land at the time was owned by the county.

Mr. Sheahan was an honorary life member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and belonged to St. Paschal Baylon Church and the Highland Heights Card Club. He enjoyed fishing and hiking and was an honorary member of the Cleveland Hiking Club.

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**Mayor Thomas Hughes (1980-1987)**

The third time was the charm for Tom in his effort to serve on City Council. Following two spirited campaigns in 1969 and 1971, Tom was first elected to represent the residents of Ward 4 in November of 1973 and re-elected in 1975 and 1977. He served as President of Council during his first term. In addition, he served on the Legislative, Safety/Service and Finance Committee(s) as well as Council representative to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Tom was elected Mayor in 1979 and re-elected in 1981. Following a Charter change providing a four-year term for the Office of Mayor, Tom was elected to a four year term in 1983. In addition to his service as Mayor of our City, Tom was elected to and served as a member of the Regional Income Tax Agency Board of Directors.

Former Mayor Hughes, sharing thoughts with me regarding his 14 years of public service, recalls that the 70's and 80's were exciting, prosperous and growing years for Highland Heights.....a challenging time during which the community matured and became one of the most desirable residential Cities in northern Ohio. Tom, crediting those that preceded him in office for their efforts in forming our Charter, strong building and zoning regulations, first class municipal services and our municipal park, pool and recreation programs, said "those are the people that built the foundation that makes Highland Heights what it is today. They made my job as Mayor a little easier and enjoyable."

Reflecting on some of his accomplishments, Mayor Hughes told me he is most proud of our Municipal Center Complex that was completed in 1983. He expressed thanks to the voters that approved the income tax increase that provided funds for the project. "With the support of Council, I implemented a thorough, affordable plan to retire the debt generated by the Municipal Center Project, reducing interest expense and making more funds available to meet the increasing demands of a growing City. I consider the Municipal Complex the legacy of my Mayoral service."

When Tom and I talked about the residential developments and StoneWater Golf Club located in the northern area of the City, Tom told me that every time he drives down Bishop or Miner Roads, he is pleasantly reminded of his efforts and those of the "Keep It Green Committee" in maintaining our single family residential zoning plan for that area. "That is a legacy shared by all of the residents of Highland Heights," he said.

## MAYOR SCOTT COLEMAN (continued)

For the last several years Tom has worked in the Ballot Department at the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections. With the planned implementation of electronic "touch screen" voting in the May primary election, Tom tells me he doesn't have much time to think about retirement.

He and his wife Barbara have two married children, son Geoff and daughter Holly (Long) and two grandchildren, Justin and Abigail Long. They spend many enjoyable hours with their grandchildren.

"I still keep my eyes and ears focused on our community, a community that gave me much to be proud of and the honor and privilege to serve as a Councilman and as Mayor!

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### RESIDENT FEATURE

#### **Art and Helen Pitingolo**

When Art retired from work as a carrier and carrier inspector with the U. S. Post Office in 1979, he didn't want to sit around the house and wanted to get involved in his community. Art and his wife, Helen, became active with the Tri City Consortium on Aging and also volunteered their time in many different areas.

Highland Heights was a Village and just beginning to grow when Art and Helen moved here. Art is a graduate of Collinwood High School and a World War II veteran, having participated in the Battle of the Bulge. He and his wife, Helen, have a daughter, Celeste Marie Chaloupka.

Art continues today to serve as Chairman of the Highland Heights Commission on Aging which holds events including an annual Christmas party.

Over the years, Art and Helen have assisted many elders as their needs increased including seeing many friends and family members through terminal illnesses.

Art has done everything from bringing donated loaves of bread to the luncheon site for the seniors, to greeting people as they come in, to helping to serve lunch, to leading social activities, to overseeing major fundraisers and other special events.

He has held many offices and committee chairmanships with the Tri City Consortium on Aging and is a past president of the Highland Heights 50 Plus Club and current President of the Highland Heights Commission on Aging.

Art and Helen serve as role models for other senior adults just starting their retirement careers as well as for those who still look for more meaningful activity in their lives.

In addition to everything they do for Tri City and other organizations, Art and Helen are pillars at their church, helping with special projects and fundraisers

Art has served as Head Usher, Secretary, Treasurer and Publicist for the church's Holy Name Society.

Art and Helen's primary concern has always been getting the job done. They do small tasks as well as large ones faithfully and cheerfully. Their work has significantly enhanced the quality of life for the people in their community, especially the elderly.

Thank you, Art and Helen, for all that you do to help make Highland Heights a wonderful place for seniors to live and enjoy their lives

**NOPEC NEWS**

You may have already, or soon might, receive something in the mail from NOPEC. NOPEC, the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council, is a group of 118 communities including Highland Heights that have banded together to make bulk purchases of electricCity and natural gas. NOPEC recently announced that it has reached an agreement with Dominion Retail on a 24-month contract to supply natural gas to NOPEC customers in the Dominion East Ohio Gas utility service area.

The rate for the first seven months (April through October) is set at \$9.70 per Mcf (thousand cubic feet). NOPEC intends to lock in a price for the remaining 17 months when the wholesale market is favorable.

The \$9.70 per Mcf is the price of the actual gas you use. This is the only part of your bill that is deregulated under Ohio law. Customers must also pay transportation charges and taxes which add several dollars per Mcf to the total cost. These charges are regulated and beyond NOPEC's control. All gas customers must pay these charges.

As with other offers from NOPEC, enrollment is on an opt-out basis. This means that all eligible customers will be mailed information describing the offer. If they wish to participate, they need do nothing and they will be automatically enrolled.

If they do not want to take part, they can decline by returning the opt-out card. The deadline for returning the opt-out cards is April 10.

Customers who are signed with another supplier are not eligible for the NOPEC program and will not receive the opt-out mailing.

The only way to join the NOPEC program would be to cancel your contract with your current supplier which would automatically transfer you back to East Ohio Gas. This would make you an eligible customer when NOPEC conducts its next supplemental opt-out mailing for new residents which is usually done on a quarterly basis. Before making the decision to cancel your current contract, however, remember that many suppliers charge a cancellation fee, which may be substantial. This should be considered before deciding whether it would be advantageous to switch.

The NOPEC Customer Service Line (1-866-579-9487) is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Representatives can answer any questions about the NOPEC natural gas program or the opt-out enrollment process. NOPEC's web site is [www.nopecinfo.org](http://www.nopecinfo.org).

**Other Contact Information:**

Dominion East Ohio Gas  
1-800-362-7557  
[www.dom.com](http://www.dom.com)

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)  
1-888-632-1314  
[www.puc.state.oh.us](http://www.puc.state.oh.us)

Ohio Consumers' Counsel  
1-877-742-5622  
[www.pickocc.org](http://www.pickocc.org)

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## CITY COUNCIL

### **Cathy Murphy, Council President, Ward 1 Representative**

All residents of the City are welcome and encouraged to attend Council meetings. We always appreciate your interest and involvement. Regular Council meetings, including an opportunity for public comment, are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month beginning at 8:00 P.M. Committee of the Whole (work session) meetings are held at 7:30 P.M. the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, as necessary, for Council to study pending matters. All meetings are open to the public. Can't attend? Stay informed: All Council meeting minutes are available at City hall and regular meeting minutes are posted on our City website at [www.highlandhts.com](http://www.highlandhts.com).

**Litter:** As we all experience the winter thaw, there is a noticeable amount of litter strewn in some areas of our City, especially along Bishop and Highland Roads. As far as City street litter collection, we will be participating again this year in the collaborative Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District and County Court Services Program.

In 2005, 155 trash bags of litter along our City streets were collected by work crews from this program. For our part, residents are encouraged to use trash cans with lids or properly bag all loose trash to reduce blowing or scattered litter on rubbish collection days.

**Reminder: Some residents have asked about unwanted telemarketer calls.** Stop them by registering with the National Do Not Call Registry. You can register online at [WWW.DONOTCALL.GOV](http://WWW.DONOTCALL.GOV) or call toll-free, 1-888-382-1222 (TTY 1-866-290-4236), from the number you wish to register. You only need to register once and registration is free.

**Cell Phones:** You may also place your personal cell phone number on the National Do Not Call Registry. However, FCC regulations prohibit telemarketers from using automated dialers to call cell phone numbers.

**Worth the Wait:** Welcome to our new neighbor, Hackers Pub, located at the corner of Bishop Road and Highland Road. Hours of operation are Sundays through Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight and Thursdays through Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. This fully remodeled nonsmoking restaurant has seating capacity for 100 guests. Menu: Wide range of American cuisine with daily specials and carry out for patrons on-the-go.

### **Ward 1: Coffee and Conversation**

Wednesday Apr. 26 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Highland Heights Community Center. Please plan on attending this informal gathering, where I will be available to you for questions, concerns, or ideas about our ward and City. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at: (440) 442-0377, or email: [cmurphy@highlandhts.com](mailto:cmurphy@highlandhts.com)

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### **Scott Mills, Councilman at Large**

#### **Drainage**

As the new chairman of the Drainage Committee, I invite you to let us know of any issues that you might be facing. The committee members and I, along with the City administration, need to be aware of your drainage problems. We want to be able to address these issues. Please call me at 440-442-9289 or visit the website at [www.highlandhts.com](http://www.highlandhts.com) for the forms and process for fixing these concerns.

#### **Sidewalks**

As spring and summer approach, more and more residents will be getting back to walking outside. Please remember to NOT block sidewalks with cars. Also if your trees and bushes abut the sidewalks, please keep them trimmed back as so they don't impede on foot traffic.

Enjoy the summer and as always, please feel free to contact me with any questions at my office 440-442-9289 or email me at [smills@highlandhts.com](mailto:smills@highlandhts.com).

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

**Rezoning of property located on Highland Road**

Pursuant to action taken by Council, a local municipal issue will appear on the Election Ballot for your consideration on May 2, 2006. The special issue addresses the proposed rezoning of property fronting on Highland Road and is described below in detail.

The Highland Heights Charter requires that changes to the Zone Map must be submitted to, and approved by, the qualified electorate of the City. Furthermore, the Charter also requires that a majority of the qualified electorate in Ward 3 approve the rezoning because the subject parcel is located therein. Presently, the Zone Map of the City of Highland Heights, Ohio, classifies Permanent Parcel No. 821-28-014 in Residential District (U-1). The Mayor and a majority of Council of the City of Highland Heights believe that it is in the best interest of the municipality that a determination as to whether to rezone this parcel to Automobile Parking (P) or not, be made by the residents of the City. This parcel is located adjacent to parcels which are zoned to permit local business.

Because the parcel is presently adjacent to the local businesses including Mulligan's Tavern, Rocco's Hair Design and other local business spaces, a rezoning of the lot to automobile parking would allow for future uses consistent with the businesses on the corner of Miner Road and Highland road. The Mayor and a majority of City Council felt it would be appropriate for the residents to consider rezoning the land to parking. This zoning classification would allow the use and character of the corner businesses to be improved.

Therefore, City Council recently enacted Ordinance No. 1-2006, which requires that the following question be presented on the May 2, 2006 ballot:

"Shall Ordinance No. 1-2006, which revised the Zone Map of the City of Highland Heights, Ohio by rezoning Permanent Parcel No. 821-28-014, comprising approximately .4772 acre of land fronting on Highland Road as the same is more fully described in Ordinance No. 1-2006, by Residential District (U-1) to an Automobile Parking District (P) be enacted into law?"

The foregoing should provide you with the basic information regarding this issue that will appear on the May 2, 2006 ballot. In order for this issue to pass, it must be approved by a majority of all voters both in the City, and in Ward 3.

If you have any questions, or desire further information regarding this issue, please feel free to contact any member of Council or the Mayor.

## DEPARTMENTS

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT Building Commissioner Tom Jamieson**



### **CONTRACTORS**

The magic of spring is upon us and unfortunately, along with the magic, unprincipled contractors will appear. The Building Department serves to protect residents when undertaking any home improvement project. We will help guide you through all building and zoning goals by way of our permit process, plan reviews and inspections from start to finish.

All contractors are required to be registered with the City.

Here are a few helpful suggestions:

- Be sure you obtain several competitive bids for any project.
- Ask your contractor to give you a copy of your building permit.
- Never advance funds for any project without a signed legal contract.

We are here to help and our process is designed to ensure that contractors perform in a professional and code conforming manner.

If you have any questions, please call us at 440-461-2440.

### **SERVICE DEPARTMENT Service Director Thom Evans**

### **BRUSH COLLECTION April 17<sup>th</sup> - May 31<sup>st</sup>**

The Service Department will be conducting brush collection from April 17<sup>th</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Residents are asked to observe the following guidelines:



Residents must call the Service Department at 461-2440 ext 162 in advance to schedule a pick up. During this special pick up only, 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 5" in diameter.

Stump and branches larger than 5" will need to be disposed of privately. Residents will be responsible for getting material to the tree lawn prior to collection. Please do not place materials on the tree lawn more than 24 hours prior to the scheduled pick up time.

Residents can dispose of brush and limbs year round as a part of our regular rubbish collection service. The City's rubbish contractor will accept brush and limbs that are tied in 4-foot lengths in bundles no heavier than 40 lbs. on your normal trash day.

### **COMPUTER ROUND UP April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>**

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.

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### **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE - ROUND UP MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> - MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>**

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, May 15<sup>th</sup> and ending on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

We will also have a one day only Saturday drop off on May 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Latex paint will not be accepted.** Latex paint is not considered hazardous waste.

It should be dried and disposed of in a solid state.

For information on drying latex paint please contact the Service Department or visit our web site.

For more information, contact the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District at (216) 443-3749 or log on at [www.cuyahogaswd.org](http://www.cuyahogaswd.org).

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## HOLIDAY RUBBISH COLLECTION

The Memorial Day holiday will be observed on Monday May 29<sup>th</sup>. Rubbish and recycling during that week will be delayed by one day.

The City's rubbish collection contract observes the following holidays:

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.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF ED BENCIN



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR A MASS INOCULATION/POINT OF DISPENSING TEAM

The Cuyahoga County Board of Health has designated Mayfield High School as a "Mass Inoculation/Point of Dispensing" site for the Mayfield School District area.

The Board of Health is working in conjunction with our local Communities to coordinate a Public Health Emergency Program, which will be responsible for serving an estimated 40,000 residents. In the event a Mass Inoculation or Medication Distribution becomes necessary, over 400 volunteers are needed to make the plan work. Volunteers are needed for a variety of duties, from administering inoculations to forms distribution, and many other tasks in between. As a Volunteer, you will receive basic instruction and training; your services would be needed only in the event of an emergency.

To learn more about this program, an informational meeting will be held at the Mayfield Village Community Room, 6621 Wilson Mills Road on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please call or e-mail the MI/POD Chairperson Cheryl Garinger at 440-461-1208 x 151 - [cgaringer@mayfieldvillage.com](mailto:cgaringer@mayfieldvillage.com) to reserve your spot.

Volunteer Registration Forms are available at City Hall and the Fire Department.

## Outdoor Grills

Before you use your outdoor grill this season, check the condition and tightness of all connections and hoses. We strongly suggest that you place your grill a minimum of 15 feet from any structure including overhangs. Do not store your grill with its cylinder or your space cylinder in your house, basement or attached garage. It is dangerous and prohibited by the Ohio Fire Code.

## Home Fire Escape Plan

When the weather breaks is a good time to practice your Home Fire Escape Plan. If you don't have a plan, the Fire Department has literature to assist you in making a plan.

## Address Numbers

Spring is a good time to make sure that your address is visible from the street when traveling in either direction. Numbers should be at least 3-1/2" high.

## Smoke Detectors



If you forgot to change your smoke detector batteries, when you changed your clock this month, be sure to change them now. Make the first Tuesday of the month test day for your detectors. Install a smoke detector on each level of your house and inside sleeping areas. Sleep with your bedroom doors closed. Smoke Detectors save Lives.

**Aluminum Can Recycling is still conducted at the rear of the fire station.**



**Proceeds benefit the Aluminum Cans for Burned Children Organization.**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
POLICE CHIEF JIM COOK**

**Internet Safety - Keeping  
Our Children Safe**

Using computers to access the Internet has become common for shopping, research and entertainment. However, as parents you should be aware of what your child is doing online to keep them safe from the dangers and pitfalls in cyberspace. We all work hard to protect our children from the dangers in the "real world" and we must make the same effort to ensure their safety in cyberspace.

Below are a few points to keep in mind. Remember that no matter how close you are to your children, they will still be curious; they may find new friends in cyberspace that you don't know, and they don't realize how dangerous sending personal information to a stranger can be. Even the most sensible teen can find meeting someone online to be exciting, secretive and dangerous.

Facts are from the booklet: Internet Safety. What You Don't Know Can Hurt Your Child, printed by the Ohio Attorney General's Office, web site is:

[www.ag.state.oh.us](http://www.ag.state.oh.us)

- Millions of children under the age of 18 are using the Internet every day.
- 1 in 5 youths between the ages of 10 and 17 has received unwanted solicitations online.

- 1 in 4 youths has been exposed to sexually explicit pictures without seeking or expecting them.
- 1 in 17 youths has been threatened or harassed online.
- 1 in 33 youths has received an aggressive solicitation to meet somewhere.
- The Internet makes it easy for predators to locate potential victims.
- Any child can be vulnerable to a predator's enticement, including those who perform well in school and socialize with a good crowd of friends. If you believe your child cannot fall victim to a child predator on-line, such thinking can lead to a false sense of security about your child's safety.
- For some teens and preteens, the apparent privacy of a chat room is comforting and safe. However, adults seeking children use the veil of anonymity to observe, approach and then groom their victims.
- Predators can be extremely convincing. They know what to say and do to gain their trust.
- In chat rooms, predators can use screen names to track down a child.

**Warning Signs to Watch For**

- Your child spends large amounts of time online, especially at night.
- You find pornography on your child's computer.

- Your child receives phone calls from someone you do not know or is making calls, sometimes long distance, to numbers you do not recognize.
- Your child receives mail, gifts or packages from someone you do not know.
- Your child hides what they are doing on the computer.
- Your child is using another e-mail account.

**What Parents Can Do**

- Control access to chat rooms--children who are allowed into chat rooms need additional supervision.
- Keep screen names anonymous - make sure their screen names do not include personal information such as name, age, address, birthdates or school name. Tell your child not to complete online profiles.
- Access your child's e-mail - check it frequently. A computer is different from a diary or journal. Your child should be reminded that computer use is not confidential and they should not have the expectation that what they do on the computer is personal and confidential. E-mails, chatting and instant messaging on a computer are an open window to your child's life.

- Place the computer in a common area, preferably in a central room of the house in order to monitor what your child is doing online. The computer screen should face so it is easy for you to see.
- Develop a list of family rules for using the Internet and post it next to the computer.
- Use your computer's parental controls.
- In a calm manner, tell your child what is dangerous about the Internet, including legal or financial harm to the family. Teach them about the differences between pretend and reality on the Internet.

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**National Alert Registry  
Safety Council  
Teaching Your Child to  
Say No to Strangers**

You need to teach your children not to do anything they might be asked by a stranger.

Time and time again we tell our children never to speak with strangers, never to open the door to strangers, never to get into a car with strangers and never to follow strangers. Our children listen carefully and nod their heads. They promise us that they would never talk to a stranger or open the door if a stranger came knocking. They mean what they say, and intend to keep their promise. But...

The evidence tells us that children usually DO follow the instructions of strangers. And when you think about that, it's not so surprising. We tell our children to respect and listen to adults. We tell them to do as they are told by teachers at school.

Is there something you can do to REALLY make sure your children stay out of harm's way? Yes, there is.

We recently went out into communities and found out how children would react. Working with a TV station we filmed a variety of live situations, where our actors posed as tradesmen, store clerks and friends - and approached children. In almost every case, the child did as our actors asked.

But here's the good news...We also worked out a teaching system that really works and REALLY makes children remember what to do - WHOEVER that stranger may appear to be.

We have put together a special web page where you can find out more about that film and how to get a copy for yourself. Go to: <http://www.SafeFromHarmVideo.com>.

Remember, finding out if there are registered sex offenders in your community is just the first step. The second essential step is to educate your children on staying out of harm's way, every time.

"Safe from Harm" is available in DVD format. It includes the teaching system you need to make sure your children are never lured away by a sexual predator. Find out more here... (<http://www.SafeFromHarmVideo.com>)

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**Residents with Special Needs**

Our Communications Center, which dispatches for the police, fire and paramedics, has the capability to immediately access pertinent information from our CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) System about a residence prior to sending safety personnel to your home.

This would include information about anyone that may have a disability, illness, hearing or speech loss, or requires medical equipment, etc. This information would remain confidential and secure for safety forces personnel only. Having access to this information can help police officers and paramedics serve you better in an emergency situation when dealing with your special needs.

Please call the Police Department at 442-8825 with this information, or if you prefer, we can send an officer to your home to assess your special need.

## **Residential & Business Alarm Service**

Our 24-hour Police Communications Center has the ability to monitor residential and business security systems.

If you have a fire and/or intrusion security system, we can monitor burglary, panic and fire alarms directly without having the alarms go through a third party Alarm Company.

This service saves valuable time in emergencies, when time is critical. Cost is a minimal \$180.00 per year plus a one-time \$120.00 connection fee.

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## **Care Call Program**

We conduct scheduled health and welfare checks on residents who request assistance, either due to illness, age disability or any other medical need.



At a predetermined day and time, our Police Communications personnel will call any resident who signs up for this service to ensure that they are all right. If they cannot be reached by phone, for whatever reason, one of our Police Officers will personally check the welfare and safety of the resident.

## **Residential Security Survey**

Our department offers a free service providing safety and security surveys to assist residents in protecting their homes from intrusion. The survey includes an inspection of the exterior and interior of the premises.

Experienced crime prevention officers provide this service, which includes a comprehensive inspection, and provide you with a copy of their findings and suggestions to make your home more secure. Please call our department at 442-8825 for additional information or questions.

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## **Vacation House Watch**

Residents away from their home for a period of time can notify the Police Department prior to leaving, and we will conduct security checks of the premises at intermittent intervals. If you prefer that an officer not check your property, we can also just take information on a phone number to reach you or someone else in case of an emergency.

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## **LYNDHURST MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE MARY KAYE BOZZA**

### **Make the Right Choice**

The next Make the Right Choice presentation is scheduled for Friday, May 5, 2006 at 9:15 a.m. at the Lyndhurst Community Center at 1341 Parkview Drive. There is no charge for the presentation and lunch will be served. The presentation is designed to educate the community about the serious consequences of driving under the influence. As a response to the increase in alcohol related offenses involving women, Judge Bozza is in the process of designing a special "Make the Right Choice Women's Workshop". It is planned for Friday, June 2, 2006 from 9:15 a.m. until noon.

It's graduation time for seniors and the Court extends a warm welcome to Jennifer from Brush High School; Jenna, John and Stephanie from Mayfield High School and Michelle from Beaumont. These students will be participating in Judge Bozza's Senior Internship Program the month of May to satisfy their senior project obligations.

For additional information about the Lyndhurst Municipal Court, its community outreach programs, or to invite Judge Bozza to be a guest speaker at your favorite group or organization, please call Patti Anderson at 440-461-6500, extension 205 or visit our website at [www.lyndhurstmunicipalcourt.org](http://www.lyndhurstmunicipalcourt.org).

**RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT  
DIRECTOR DAVID IANIRO  
440-461-2440, Ext. 158**

**Summer Program  
Walk-In Registrations**

**Highland Heights  
Community Center**

**Early Bird Registrations  
Saturday, April 29  
9:00 a.m. to Noon  
Wednesday, May 3  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Registration forms are also available at City Hall. Highland Heights' residents can save money on pool and day camp fees by taking advantage of early bird registration now through May 3.

**HIGHLAND HEIGHTS  
POOL**

**Pool will be open Saturday  
and Sunday, June 3 & 4**



Pool will be closed June 5 through June 8 and opens for the regular summer season on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Pool closes for the season on Monday, Sept. 4 at 5:00 p.m.

**Resident  
Season Pool Fees**

<b>Resident</b>	<b>Early Bird</b>	<b>After May 3</b>
Family	\$100	\$120
Individual	\$ 45	\$ 50
Senior (60 & up)	\$ 35	\$ 40

*There is no charge for children up to and including 3 years of age.*

**Resident Pool Fees  
½ Season**

June 3-July 15 or July 16-  
Sept. 4  
Family \$60  
Individual \$25

**Non-Resident Pool Fees  
(Residents of Gates Mills,  
Mayfield Hts. & Mayfield  
Village)**

Family \$185  
Individual \$90

**Senior Residents** can swim free from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on weekdays. Please be prepared to provide proof of residency.

**Highland Heights  
Hurricanes Swim Team**

Please register during Walk-In Registrations at the Community Center on:  
Saturday, April 29  
9:00 a.m. to Noon  
Wednesday, May 3  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Resident Swim Team Fee  
\$75  
Resident (includes Mayfield School District residents)  
Non-resident Team Fee \$90

**SWIM TEAM  
PRACTICE HOURS**

June 5 Evenings only & beginning June 14, Mornings and Evenings through August 5.

Mondays through Fridays  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call Karen Hostoffer at 440-460-0881 or e-mail her at [k.hostoffer@directway.com](mailto:k.hostoffer@directway.com) or call Rick or Dorin Kopp at 440-646-9624 or e-mail them at [tkopp@aol.com](mailto:tkopp@aol.com).

The season ends with a championship meet on Saturday and Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup>.

All Swim Team Members must purchase a Highland Heights Pool Pass.

Individual pool passes can be purchased by Swim Team Members at the Resident Individual Pass Rate.

## SUMMER POOL PARTIES Reserve the Pool



Highland Heights' residents may reserve the pool on Saturdays and Sundays for a group of 50 or less, if there is no home swim meet, by contacting the Pool Manager. The rental fee is \$200 for 2 hours from 9:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

- Available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- A \$50 deposit is required to hold your date.
- Full payment must be made 48 hours prior to your party or you will forfeit your deposit. A refund will be made if inclement weather occurs.

## HIGHLAND HEIGHTS 13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TENNIS CLASSIC

Highland Heights will host the Tenth Annual Open Singles Tennis Tournament on Saturday, August 5 and Sunday, August 6 at the Highland Heights Municipal Park. This event is open to boys and girls who are 18 years or younger. There are separate divisions for boys and girls with bracketing by ages.



The entrance fee of \$20 includes a T-shirt for each entrant and a trophy for the winner and runner-up in each bracket. Deadline for entries is August 1, 2006. Applications are available at City Hall. Spectators are welcome. Join us and see some great tennis.

## 2006 TEAM TENNIS

A.C.E. Tennis, which runs the Highland Heights Tennis Program, will be offering Team Tennis in the afternoons again this summer as a supplement to instruction. Team Tennis is strictly match play for all juniors looking for healthy competition. Players will be placed on teams which compete against each other in a ladder format. High School participants will play on Mondays & Wednesdays from 1:00-2:30 and all players who are in Grades 8th and under will play on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1:00-2:30. The dates for Team Tennis coincide with the instructional junior program set forth in the Summer Sizzler. All players who are interested please contact Brian Smallwood at 440-942-2700, ext. 8.

## HIGHLAND HEIGHTS DAY CAMP



Highland Heights Day Camp 2006 will begin on June 12<sup>th</sup> and continue for eight fun weeks with the program closing on August 4. Please make a note to take advantage of the early bird fees by registering your camper before the early bird deadline of May 3<sup>rd</sup>. For more information, please call Day Camp Director Toni DiLillo at 440-461-2440, extension 217.

### Notice Day Camp Parent Orientation



Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 to 9:00 p.m.  
Highland Heights  
Community Center

## 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. One rental is permitted per year per family. The pavilions are not available to be reserved during the Day Camp Program and the Tennis Classic. Please remember that no alcoholic beverages are permitted in the park. A \$100 deposit is required in advance. A \$70 refund will be mailed to you after the pavilion has been inspected and found to be in good condition.

An additional \$40 will allow 10 of your pavilion guests to enjoy themselves at our City Pool during our regular pool hours for that day. This fee must be paid along with your deposit for the pavilion. 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 the day of your reservation and are only sold when accompanied by a Pavilion Swim Pass properly dated.

To reserve a pavilion between May 1 and October 1, call Mary Velotta at City Hall at 440-461-2440.

### Community Center Rooms

If you are planning an event, you may want to use the Community Center for your gathering. For information and rental fees, please call Judy Dick at 440-461-2440, extension 149 or visit the web site at [www.highlandhts.com](http://www.highlandhts.com).



**TO:**

**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS  
RECREATION SUMMER SIZZLER  
ADVERTISERS**

**Thank you to the companies and  
individuals who advertised in the  
Summer Sizzler Publication:**

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Alloy Bellows & Precision Welding, Inc.  
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**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS  
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL &  
T-BALLSPONSORS**

**Thank you to all those who have already  
paid sponsor fees:**

**Anthony J. Bondra, ESQ  
Mayor Scott and Martha Coleman  
CDT Custom Homes  
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## SENIOR AND OTHER NEWS

### Thank You to the Hillcrest Rotary

A special thanks to the Hillcrest Rotary for its donation of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) to the City of Highland Heights.

### HIGHLAND HEIGHTS COMMISSION ON AGING 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR

Highland Heights Community Center  
5827 Highland Road  
Free Admission

Wednesday, May 3, 2006  
1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sponsored by:

Highland Heights Commission on Aging  
Hillcrest Hospital/Cleveland Clinic Health Systems

Activities include Health & Home Care Booths

Healthy Heart Clinic	Blood Pressure Tests
Blood Sugar Tests	Cholesterol Tests
Eye Screenings	Hearing Tests
Bone Density Tests	

We hope you will join us for this special event.  
For more information, call Mary Velotta at  
440-461-2440, ext. 147.

### TRI CITY CONSORTIUM ON AGING

**Van Service** – Open to all residents age 60 and over in Highland Heights, Lyndhurst and South Euclid. To register, call 216-291-3902 and talk to an Outreach Social Worker who will make an appointment with you to explain the service and complete the registration process. There is a suggested donation of \$1.00 each way for shopping trips (groceries or the mall) and \$1.50 each way for medical and special appointments. These donations are only used to help to cover the cost of providing the service. The shopping schedule is listed in the newsletter each month.

**Fundraising** - This month, Tri City will begin a fundraising campaign in an effort to strengthen our ability to maintain and provide all of the programs and services that are so important to our senior residents. Our cities continue to be very supportive and provide the largest part of our funding. However, our cities cannot do it all alone. Significant decreases in federal and state funding over the past few years have made it imperative that we seek additional resources. We hope that you will respond as generously as possible. For more information, call Bernice Harel at 216-291-3902.

### Babes of 1916

Softball League for men age 65 plus is now signing up players for the upcoming season. For more information, call Gil Novak at 440-248-3983 or Tom Cannon at 440-248-9910.

### Highland Heights Garden Club



The Highland Heights Garden Club thanks the community for their generous support of its Clean Your Attic Sale on Saturday April 8, 2006 at the Community Center. Your purchases help fund our Civic Beautification projects among other things. We hope you have noticed the work on the garden area that we continue to develop between the Community Center and City Hall. We welcome guests to our meetings and encourage anyone interested in becoming a member to join. Our meetings take place the second Wednesday of the month except for January, July and August. We meet at the Community Center at 6:30 p.m. The May 10 meeting will be all about basic recycling presented by the Kurtz Brothers, Inc. and new and better ideas for growing in containers (upside down growing). Hope to see you at these meetings.

For more information, please call Roxana Moore at 216-526-9360.

## 2006 LEGISLATION SUMMARY

### Ordinances

#1 – An Ordinance revising the Zone Map of the City of Highland Heights so as to amend the use classification of Permanent Parcel Number 821-28-014, comprising approximately .4772 acre of land fronting on Highland Road from Residential (U-1) to an automobile parking district (P), submitting the amendment to the voters.

#2 – An Ordinance amending the first sentence of Section 111.0501 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Highland Heights, Ohio, by increasing the rate of the Municipal Income Tax to two percent (2.0%) per annum, providing for submission of the amendment to the electors as required by law.

#4 – An Ordinance amending Section 1505.01 of Chapter 1501 of the codified Ordinance of the City of Highland Heights pertaining to the Ohio Fire Code.

#6 - An Ordinance establishing compensation for the Recreation Director of the City of Highland Heights for 2006.

#7 – An Ordinance establishing compensation for the position of Mechanic/ Serviceman for the year 2006.

#9 - An Ordinance approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of Highland Heights.

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### Resolutions

#1 through 5 – Resolutions of Appreciation for Virginia Swanson, City Council President, John Nawarskas, City Councilman, Ann D'Amico, City Councilwoman and Roberta Brofman and James Dauterman for their service on the Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan Committee.

#6 – A Resolution accepting the donation of \$200 from the Highland Heights Fifty Plus Club.

#7 – A Resolution authorizing James G. Zupka, Inc. to assist the City in preparation of its Basic Financial Statements (GPFS) in accordance with GASP Statement 34 for the calendar years 2005 and 2006.

#8 – A Resolution establishing compensation and other terms of employment for the Police Prosecutor.

#9 – A Resolution establishing the terms, conditions and compensation for the Law Director's services.

#10 – A Resolution providing for the employment of Engineer and establishing the compensation of the City Engineer for 2006.

#11 – A Resolution authorizing the improvement of Highland Road by constructing a Pedestrian facility.

#12 - A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to renew the Inter-Agency contract with the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court to continue a Community Diversion Program for first time juvenile offenders.

#13 – A Resolution of appreciation to Gary Fatica, City Councilman.

#14 – A resolution of Appreciation to Anne Zigli for her years of service on the Commission on Aging.

#15 – A Resolution declaring Parrfection Cleaning Services as lowest and best bidder for Cleaning Services for the Municipal buildings, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Parrfection Cleaning Services.

#16 – A Resolution declaring Miracle Recreation as lowest and best bidder for the Community Park Playground Equipment Replacement Project, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Miracle Recreation, not to exceed the sum of One Hundred Seventy Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty Two Dollars.

#19 - A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with James G. Zupka, C.P.A., Inc. for audit services for the biennial period ending December 31, 2005.

## EVENTS

### MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION VETERANS PEACE MEMORIAL



**Municipal Complex**  
**Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

Please join us on Memorial Day to perpetuate the memory of those whose lives were sacrificed in defending our country.

There will be a reception at the Community Center immediately following the ceremony which will include free refreshments.

### SUMMER PROGRAM EARLY BIRD SIGN-UP AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Take advantage of early bird reduced fees for pool and day camp programs  
Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon &  
Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



### BIKE HELMETS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Call Judy Dick at 440-461-2440, extension 149 Monday - Friday between 12:30 and 3:30 to make an appointment or stop by the Community Center during Summer Program Registration sign-up on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to Noon



**DAY CAMP PARENT/GUARDIAN  
ORIENTATION JUNE 8, 7:30 TO 9:00 P.M.**  
Highland Heights Community Center

**FAMILY FUN NIGHTS AT THE POOL WITH A  
DJ, GAMES, PRIZES AND MORE**  
Sunday, June 25, July 9, July 16 and Aug. 13.

### HIGHLAND HEIGHTS HOME DAYS JULY 21, 22 AND 23.

Please consider becoming a sponsor of this wonderful annual community event by completing the form in this booklet and mailing it with your check to the City of Highland Heights, 5827 Highland Rd., Highland Hts., OH 41443



### HIGHLAND HEIGHTS MOVIE IN THE PARK - June 11, 2006

For more information, call 461-2440.

### AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S RELAY FOR LIFE – JULY 14 & 15, MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

For more information, call Maria Tornincasa at the American Cancer Society, 216-377-2620 or  
E-mail Marie at [maria.tornincasa@cancer.org](mailto:maria.tornincasa@cancer.org).

### SUNDAY BAND CONCERT AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL – August 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 9:00

Carmelina & The Masquerade  
at the Highland Heights  
Community Center Grounds



### ANNUAL TENNIS CLASSIC – Aug. 5 & 6.

For more information, call Brian Smallwood, Tennis Director at 440-942-2700, extension 8.

### HIGHLAND HEIGHTS POLICE ANNOUNCE FIFTH ANNUAL BIKE RODEO

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2006  
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON  
MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT  
FREE BIKE INSPECTIONS  
LEARN BIKE SAFETY  
DOOR PRIZES  
BIKE HELMETS AVAILABLE - \$8.00  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL NANCY  
STONEMAN AT 440-442-8825.

### CLASSES OFFERED AT COMMUNITY CENTER

**Body Sculpting, Inc. 216-313-3539**

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30

**Exercise - Roberta Brofman, 440-461-6855**

Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.

**Kuk Sul Do - Barb Schroyer, 440-289-0389**

Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

**Jazzercise - Debbie Fekeshazy, 440-473-6759**

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

**Tai Chi - Sue Cady, 216-932-7717**

Mondays at 2:00 p.m.

**Baton - Molly Koch, 440-886-2436**

Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

# CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS 2006 HOME DAYS



Dear Highland Heights Resident,

Our Highland Heights Home Days this year are scheduled for July 21, 22 and 23, 2006. There will be various activities such as rides, games, raffle prizes, entertainment, fireworks, and a variety of music plus the wonderful parade on Sunday. We are pleased to announce that we have added arts and crafts vendors this year.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this annual community event, please call City Hall at 440-461-2440. Volunteers are really needed to help with the planning and also to help with events during Home Days.

We would also like to give you the opportunity to be a "Home Days Resident Sponsor" to help with the success of this year's Highland Heights Home Days. A special thank you to all our sponsors and volunteers will appear in the fall newsletter.

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### "Yes, I would like to become a Resident Home Days Sponsor."

Resident Sponsor levels (Please check one):

			<b>Amount</b>
_____	Platinum	(\$100.00 or more)	_____
_____	Gold	(\$ 75.00 or more)	_____
_____	Silver	(\$ 50.00 or more)	_____
_____	Bronze	(\$ 25.00 or more)	_____
_____	Patron	(\$ 10.00 or more)	_____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Highland Heights Home Days and mail this form and your check to:

City of Highland Heights  
5827 Highland Road  
Highland Heights, Ohio 44143  
Attention: Diana Lydic

# Highland Heights Art Walk



**NEW**

***Dear Artists and Crafters:***

***The Highland Heights Home Days Committee 2006 has decided to expand the festival activities with an art walk. This festival has been in existence for over 20 years and due to many requests, we feel it is necessary to expand even more!***

***Our Home Days has experienced record attendance the past few years...offering our community live entertainment, a fabulous fireworks display and much more.***

***This art walk will be held on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you are an artist or crafter and would like to be included in this event, please contact:***

**Maria Austin @440-446-9779/ [MAJAI23@sbcglobal.net](mailto:MAJAI23@sbcglobal.net), or  
Dina Cannavino@ 440-449-8614/ [dina383@aol.com](mailto:dina383@aol.com)**

***We would be honored to include you in this exciting event.***

***Please contact us as soon as possible.***

***Thank you and continued success with your business.***

Highland Heights Home Days Committee

**BUSINESS FEATURES**

**Norman Noble**

Congratulations to Norman Noble Inc., a Highland Heights 700 employee medical device manufacturing company on being featured in Crain's Cleveland Business this year.

Norman Noble is a family owned company. The company's shareholders are members of the Noble family. The company was founded in East Cleveland in 1946 by Norman Noble who is father to Chris Noble, a current Vice President of the company.

During the past 60 years, this Highland Heights Company has grown into one of the region's largest manufacturers of specialized medical equipment. Norman Noble deals in confidential contracts with major health care companies. It is positioned for growth and plans to hire up to 125 new employees by the end of 2006. The company previously added 100 employees in 2005.

Norman Noble runs 24 hours a day, six to seven days a week, producing millions of medical devices per year for the world's biggest health care companies. Its products include stents, which are used to repair clogged arteries; components for endoscopes; a tool for extracting plaque from arteries; and parts for orthodontic braces.

Driving much of Norman Noble's growth is the booming business for stents, which are mesh tubes slightly wider than a toothpick that help keep blood vessels open in patients with damaged arteries.

When Chris's father, Larry Noble, became president in the 1980s, the company began focusing on using lasers to make tiny medical devices. Larry Noble's four sons, including Chris, are now vice presidents with the company.

We wish Norman Noble continued success.

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**The Legend Financial Group**

I am happy to report that this new corporate citizen broke ground in February for their new 35,000 square foot office complex and construction is currently underway.

I had approached Paul Rodak around the end of 2004 hoping to entice him to relocate his business to Highland Heights.

The Legend Financial Group is the first tenant in the Aberdeen Business Park. This state of the art facility located on Golf View Lane will be their new headquarters and will feature a stunning view of the golf course.

Legend Development Group, LLC, which is owned by residents Paul Rodak, Lochlainn Ohaimhirgin and Mike Miozzi is the development arm of the Legend Financial Group. Legend Financial Group offers a variety of financial planning and insurance related services. You can visit them at their website at [www.legendfinancial.com](http://www.legendfinancial.com).

On behalf of City Council and all of Highland Heights, I want to welcome The Legend Financial Group to Highland Heights.

# PRESS RELEASE

**Highland Heights, OH**-Legend Financial Group, Ltd., one of Northeast Ohio's leading Wealth Management firms, is proud to announce their partnership with the Nationwide Tour and Sherwood Forest Charities. Formerly the Cleveland Open, The Legend Group Golf Classic is scheduled for August 28 through September 3, 2006, at StoneWater Golf Club. Paul Rodak, Chief Executive Officer, and Lochlainn O'Haimhirgin, President, are pleased to announce their collaboration with the Tour for the second year.

Paul and his wife, Carole, and family have made Highland Heights their home for 21 years. Lochlainn and his wife, Susan, and four children have resided in the city since the year 2000. Both Paul and Lochlainn are conscious of the changing needs of their clients and of the community's residents. Their continued efforts will be greatly facilitated by a modern complex where charitable and social events, workshops and educational programs will be planned. They are proud to be able to offer unique services superseding typical financial firms' standard of care.

Legend Financial Group's contribution to the community is advancing. Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new 35,000 square foot office complex were held on February 25th and construction is currently underway. This state-of-the-art facility, located in the heart of Highland Heights on Golf View Lane, will be their new headquarters. The grounds will be adjacent to the 9<sup>th</sup> fairway at StoneWater Golf Club, in the Aberdeen community.

Encompassing the site will be a complete wellness facility, including a future luxury spa and professional medical building. Located in the main office building will be a state-of-the-art theatre, seating 70 comfortably. Two golf simulators, like those used by Tiger Woods and Donald Trump, will also grace the lower level. Golf outings, self help and wellness presentations are just a few of the unique programs that will be offered. Legend's philosophy may be new to some, but not to the Legend family. Everyone in the firm shares Paul and Lochlainn's basic principle: "Clients are always our foremost concern." Paul, Lochlainn and everyone on the Legend team are looking forward to working directly with city leaders and the community, continuing to make the city shine.



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2006 Highland Heights Home Days Parade  
Sunday, July 23 at 1:30 p.m.  
This year's theme is "Come to the Circus Parade"  
Grand Marshalls: St. Paschals Clown Rascals

**2006 Parade Committee Members:**

Cathy Murphy, Coordinator  
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Joyce Tyler  
Mary Velotta

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