HIGHLAND HIGHLIGHTS

From the City of Highland Heights

September 2005



Remember to vote on November 8, 2005

Ward	Precinct	Voting Locations (Please note changes)
1	Α	Highland Heights Community Center
1	В	Highland Heights Community Center
2	Α	Wellington's Catering
2	В	Highland Heights Community Center
3	Α	Highland Heights Community Center
3	В	Wellington's Catering
4	Α	Millridge School
4	В	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



Please see pages 4 and 5 for important information on ballot issues.

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.

MAYOR SCOTT COLEMAN

Every time I think about what to write in the newsletter. I toil over what the residents would like to hear. It is always a challenge to choose issues and anecdotes that would be both interesting and meaningful. This time, every city issue seemed quite trivial when I compared them to what the residents and city officials of the areas that were devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have to deal with. I have been asked by several residents and local groups if there is anyway Highland Heights can help those areas. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to help financially and do not have legislation that would allow us to send money or supplies. We don't have equipment that could be spared without drastically impacting the services we provide our residents. We were, however, asked to help in one way and Highland Heights did respond.

Shortly after Katrina hit, FEMA made a countrywide request to all cities to send up to 1,000 two person teams to help with the recovery effort in the south. I am very proud to announce that Firefighters Scott Hahl and John Zehe immediately volunteered to be dispatched to help. Initially they were to fly to Atlanta for training and would then be sent to help directly with the recovery effort. They were told they would be away from home for a minimum of 30 days. My heartfelt thanks go out to Scott, John and both their families for this magnificent act of kindness. I would also like to thank the other members of the Fire Department who will be picking up the extra work shifts in their absence. The city will be reimbursed by FEMA for all their travel and salary expenses.

BALLOT ISSUES

This fall, in addition to the seven city council races, voters will be asked to consider five separate ballot issues. Three of the issues came as recommendations from the Charter Review Committee and the other two came as a result of a unanimous vote from city council and approval by the mayor.

First let me once again thank the members of the Charter Review Committee: Chairman Leo Lombardo, Tom Cannell, Raymond Caporale, David Corrado, Dan Dombek, James Pilla, Mary Ann Richman, Tom Rudibaugh, and Sandy Turner. I also want to thank Sharon Daviso who provided minutes of the meetings and assisted Chairman Lombardo.

These individuals carefully examined our city charter over the course of several months and recommended that the following issues be considered by the voters:

- 1. Change the term of members of council from two years to four years with staggered terms.
- Change the number of votes needed by members of council to change the municipal income tax rate from a super majority of five of seven members to a simple majority of four of seven members.
- 3. Eliminate the Master Plan Capital Improvement Plan Committee.

The fact that these issues are appearing on the ballot does not necessarily mean the Charter Review Committee recommends these changes. It simply means the voters should consider whether the changes should be made.

Two other issues will appear on the ballot as a result of actions taken by council and me. Both issues have to do with our current Park, Commercial, Light Manufacturing (PCM) zoning. This would affect Alpha Drive, Avion Drive, the new Aberdeen Business Park and the land on Bishop Road, north of Aberdeen Business Park which are all currently zoned PCM.

The change in zoning would allow for the issuance of conditional use permits in PCM districts for assisted living facilities as well as for lodging and conference facilities, restaurants and fitness centers. Council and I felt that these changes would enhance the ability to further develop and service these areas as well as add functionality to our business parks. Law Director Tim Paluf has added a more descriptive and legal description of these proposed changes found later in the newsletter.

In addition to the Community Center and Millridge Elementary School, we will have a third site for voting this year. Wellington's owner Michael Collins has offered his party center as a new voting venue. As a result, two precincts will be voting there. Highland Woods East and Northeast subdivisions and most of the Williamsburg subdivision are the main areas that will vote at Wellington's. The board of elections will be sending postcards to all the households affected by this change.

HOME DAYS

Once again we had a very successful and fun filled Home Days this past July. The three day event came under budget largely due to the generosity of our many sponsors and individual donations. I would like to extend a very sincere thanks to all our sponsors including Snow Bros. who sponsored the food tent and a raffle prize and our other raffle sponsors Calvetta Bros. Floor Show, Catalano's, StoneWater Golf Club, Fowler's Mill Golf Course, and Michael Christopher's Salon.

Our main sponsor, Calvetta Bros. Floor Show, in addition to donating the 1st prize for the Raffle, contributed \$7,500 for the second straight year which was the total cost of the fireworks display. The Floor Show is located at 23860 Miles Road in Bedford Heights, Ohio and offers carpeting, hardwood, laminate, tile and rugs from nearly 50 different manufacturers.

This year's event was also a success due to all the volunteers, in particular the committee which was composed of Council members Ann D'Amico, Cathy Murphy and Scott Mills.

Once again, a special thanks to Mike Hirsch and Jim Austin who co-chaired the event for the second consecutive year. Thanks also to Mike and Jim's families for allowing the city to steal them away during the weekend and the days leading up to the event. Hopefully, they will agree to chair the event again next year. I'm pretty confident we can coax Jim Austin since he will be a member of City Council next year (Jim is unopposed in the Ward 4 council race). With your help, maybe we can convince Mike to do it again. How about it Mike, one more time?

THANK YOU TO SERVICE AND SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

I would like to extend a sincere thanks to the service department for the maintenance efforts in our city park this year. Also, I have received several compliments on the flower baskets I asked to be installed on several of the corners in the city. The baskets required daily watering with the very hot weather this summer.

Thank you again to the service department employees for helping to spruce up the corners of the city.

A special thanks to all the police and fire personnel who helped make the Cleveland Open at StoneWater Golf Course such a success. I was told by a league official that the tournament's attendance was much greater than expected.

BUSINESS FEATURE - THE MILL TAVERN

The Mill Tavern located at 5547 Wilson Mills Road has been in Highland Heights for over 50 years. In fact according to Weert Ley, "The Mill" is the oldest business in the city. It was originally located in a house type setting on the land which is now the parking lot of its current location at the corner of Bishop and Wilson Mills. Bishop Road was named after the Bishop family who were the first owners of the Mill Tavern.

Joe Piunno is the current proprietor and has owned the Mill Tavern for approximately 15 years. One of the first things Mr. Piunno did after purchasing the Mill Tavern was to remodel and improve the kitchen.

The majority of his clientele are families and sports fans. He says he has worked to create a sports environment in the tavern. Lunch is served up to 2:30 and dinner is served from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Large crowds often gather on Friday nights to eat delicious fish fries, visit with friends and enjoy whatever sports are on the four televisions that broadcast Ohio State and Youngstown State football games, Indians and Browns games.

The wall next to the bar features a picture of Joe with Ohio State football coach Jim Tressell. There are food specials like hot dogs and wings and give aways during the games.

The Mill Tavern is run mostly by family which includes Mr. Piunno's brother, sister, nieces and brother-in-law. Mr. Piunno has watched the area change from being mostly locally owned establishments to now being mostly franchises. The Mill Tavern is one of the few family owned taverns in the area now. Joe has been a most generous sponsor of many baseball and softball teams as well as civic events in the city. Thank you Joe for being such a valued member of our business community.

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

As you may have read recently in the Plain Dealer, during the City of Highland Heights' Bicentennial Celebration on July 4, 1976, the city buried a time capsule in the community park and commemorated it with a giant boulder and a bronze plaque.

After reading the article in the paper, Mrs. Negrelli sent me some information about how the city obtained the huge stone. Roy Mayes was the Mayor during the time the capsule was buried.

What you may not know is that the giant boulder which sits on the spot where the time capsule is buried was given to the city by the Richard Negrelli family from Mayfield Village.

Mayor Mayes ran a notice in the newspaper asking for a large rock that could be placed in the City Park under which a time capsule would be buried.

At the time, Pat Negrelli was on City Council in Mayfield Village and was the Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee of the Village. Pat told Mayor Mayes that they had a large rock in front of their house near the street.

Well, moving it to the park turned out to be quite a challenge. The service department took one look at it and decided they could not possibly move it by themselves and arranged for help to move the rock.

A big flat bed truck moved the rock to the City Park where it now marks the spot where the time capsule, which will be opened in 2076, is buried.

FORMER MAYOR FEATURES

Mayor George Rau (1930 - 1936)

Mayor Rau was the fourth person to hold the office of Mayor of Highland Heights. Like many of the early mayors, not much is known about his administration but thanks to the History of Highland Heights, published in 1976, we know the following:

George Rau was the son of a Pennsylvania legislator and was a man of many talents. He was co-owner of the Ferro Steel Products Company in Cleveland for several years and later was a partner in Rau and Rau Associates which was an engineering and architectural firm. Mr. Rau was an accomplished painter and had three children, Howard, Marion and Frances.

During his tenure as mayor, he instructed the Village Engineer to construct a street layout of the Village for city council's approval. This plan hung on the wall of the old city hall for many years. If this original plan had been used, the city would have a drastically different appearance. Bishop Road and Wilson Mills would have a circle with all streets leading to the circle, similar to Fairmount and Shaker circles.

Mayor Michael Schneider (1936 – 1939)

The fifth person to be elected Mayor of Highland Heights, Mayor Schneider was born in Germany in 1875. He moved to the Cleveland area at the turn of the century and worked as a bookkeeper for the American Fork and Hoe Co. His family raised sheep and grew many vegetables on his property in Highland Heights. Mayor Schneider also volunteered his services in the Spanish American War.

During Mayor Schneider's term, together with city council, he entered into an agreement to purchase the old Highland Road School to be used as a Village Hall. The site was the home of City Hall until the construction of the current Municipal Complex in 1984. Mr. Schneider's administration was also responsible for the dedication of Ridgebury Blvd. as a city street.

LAW DIRECTOR - TIM PALUF SPECIAL NOTICE - ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 8, 2005

The Highland Heights Charter requires that amendments thereto must first be submitted to, and approved by, a majority of the qualified electorate of the City. The City's Charter Review Committee has met and determined that three (3) amendments should be made and, therefore, will appear on the General Election Ballot for your consideration on November 8, 2005. The special issues are as follows:

ISSUE 48

The increase in term length for City council representatives. Currently, members of council serve two (2) year terms. Moreover, the ward representatives and at-large representatives are all elected in the same election year which means that all council positions come up for election at the same time. The proposed Charter amendment would act to not only extend a member's term from two (2) years to four (4) years, but would also stagger elections of council members so that not all seats would be elected in the same year. In order to accomplish the goal of staggered elections, the at-large members of council would be elected to four (4) year terms beginning in the year 2007, and ward council members beginning in the year 2009. Therefore, in light of the Charter Review Committee's recommendation, the City has certified the following question to be presented on the November 8, 2005 ballot.

"Shall the Charter of the City of Highland Heights, Article IV, Section 4.01, be amended to require that all Council members be elected to four (4) year terms instead of being elected to two (2) year terms, with at-large council members beginning with the November, 2007 election and ward council members beginning with the November, 2009 election?"

ISSUE 49

The elimination of the Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan Committee. Currently, Charter Section 6.07 states that a Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan Committee shall make recommendations to City Council as part of the budgeting process as well as for inclusion in the Mayor's annual state of the City report. The members of the Charter Review Committee have determined that the Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan Committee is unnecessary and has recommended its termination. Therefore, in light of the Charter Review Committee's recommendation, the City has certified the following question be presented on the November 8, 2005 ballot.

"Shall the Charter of the City of Highland Heights be amended to delete Article VI, Section 6.07, so as to eliminate the Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan Committee?"

ISSUE 50

The number of affirmative City council representative votes needed to submit an Ordinance related to the increase of municipal income tax rate or reduction of the municipal income tax credit to the citizens for a subsequent vote. Currently, Highland Heights Charter Section 11.02 states that in order to increase the Municipal Income Tax rate to more than one percent (1%) or to reduce the Municipal Income Tax credit rate to less than one hundred percent (100%) by ordinance or resolution, an affirmative vote of five (5) council members is required to enact the legislation. Section 11.02 further requires that such legislation be submitted to the electors of the City to be voted on by the electorate. The proposed Charter amendment would allow a proposed tax increase, or tax credit reduction, to be presented to voters for a vote if agreed upon by four (4) council members instead of five (5). Therefore, in light of the Charter Review Committee's recommendation, the City has certified the following question be presented on the November 8, 2005 ballot.

"Shall the Charter of the City of Highland Heights, Article XI, Section 11.02, be amended to provide that no ordinance or resolution increasing the rate of income tax to more than 1%, or reducing the credit allowed for income taxes paid to other communities to less than 100%, be enacted except by the affirmative vote of not less than four (4) members of council, instead of five (5), in order to submit the ordinance or resolution to the electorate of the City for their approval or rejection?"

The foregoing should provide you with the basic information for the issues that will appear on the November 8, 2005 ballot. If you should have any questions, or desire further information regarding these issues, please feel free to contact any member of Council or Mayor Coleman.

LAW DIRECTOR - TIM PALUF SPECIAL NOTICE - ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 8, 2005

Pursuant to action taken by City Council, two (2) local municipal issues will appear on your General Election Ballot for your consideration on November 8, 2005. The special issues address the addition of (1) assisted living facilities, and (2) lodging and conference facilities, restaurants, and fitness centers to the schedule of uses permitted by conditional use permit in Park-Commercial-Light Manufacturing (P-C-M) districts.

Section 1109.03 of the Highland Heights Codified Ordinances currently contains a list of specific uses for properties that are permitted only upon the issuance of a conditional use permit by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The two (2) ordinances described herein, Nos. 25-2005 and 26-2005, would amend the Planning and Zoning Code so as to additionally allow for the issuance of conditional use permits in P-C-M districts for assisted living facilities as well as for lodging and conference facilities, restaurants and fitness centers.

The Highland Heights Charter Section 8.02.02(4)(c) requires that any ordinance amending the permitted uses of land within any zoning district must first be submitted to, and approved by, the qualified electorate of the City. The Mayor and the 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 expand the schedule of property uses that may be granted conditional use permits in the Park-Commercial-Light Manufacturing (P-C-M) Districts, be made by the residents of the City.

Therefore, City Council recently enacted Ordinance Nos.: 25-2005 and 26-2005 which require that the following questions be presented on the November 8, 2005 ballot, respectively:

ISSUE 51

"Shall the Ordinance amending the Highland Heights Planning and Zoning Code, Part 11, Chapter 1109.03, Conditional Use Permits, adding a new subsection (g) 'Lodging and Conference Facilities, Restaurants, and Fitness Centers' to the schedule of uses requiring conditional use permits in all P.C.M (Park-Commercial-Light Manufacturing) Districts, be approved?"

ISSUE 52

"Shall the Ordinance amending the Highland Heights Planning and Zoning Code, Part 11, Chapter 1109.03(d), Conditional Use Permits, so as to permit Assisted Living Facilities to be included in the schedule of uses requiring conditional use permits in U-3 (Residential) and P.C.M. (Park-Commercial-Light Manufacturing) Districts, be approved?"

The foregoing should provide you with the basic information for the issues that will appear on the November 8, 2005 ballot. If you should have any questions, or desire further information regarding these issues, please feel free to contact any member of Council or Mayor Coleman.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

FINANCE DIRECTOR - ANTHONY IANIRO

The City of Highland Heights & NOPEC

The City of Highland Heights is a member of NOPEC (Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council) which was formed in 2000. The basic idea behind NOPEC is to allow the aggregation of utility customers in member cities to form one large buying group for electricity and natural gas.

NOPEC is currently in negotiations with a natural gas supplier, so at the moment, there is no supplier of natural gas under contract.

For other current offers, you can visit the website of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio at:

http://www.puco.ohio.gov/puco.cfm.

and follow the natural gas link to the "Apples to Apples" chart for natural gas suppliers. Please take advantage of the *interactive calculator* to properly compare costs. You may also call the PUCO at (800) 686-PUCO (7826).

Regarding NOPEC's electricity contract, Green Mountain Energy provides lower electric rates to eligible residential customers living in NOPEC communities.



The contract with Green Mountain runs through December of 2006. All eligible customers in member communities are automatically included in the program unless you opt out. The savings offered with Green Mountain pertain only to the generation portion of your electric bill.

For further information on NOPEC, visit their website at:

http://www.nopecinfo.org/

or call them at (866) 519-9487.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - CHIEF COOK

Private Snow Removal - Private snow removal contractors are required to obtain a Snow Removal Permit from the Police Department providing them 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, 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.

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 in your household that may have a movement disability, is ill, has a hearing or speech loss, requires medical equipment, etc. This information would remain confidential and secure for police and paramedic 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.

In a major power outage, we can also determine residents that may require assistance, either by phone or in person. 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.

Care Call Program - We conduct scheduled health and welfare checks on residents who request this service, either due to illness, age disability or any other medical need. At a predetermined day and time, our Police Dispatcher calls 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 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.

Motorized Scooters and Mini-Motorcycles



Calls are being received from residents with questions concerning the legality of motor scooters as well as minimotorcycles on city streets and on private property.

Apparently there is a great deal of pressure being placed on parents by their children to purchase these items for personal use.

Most motorized scooters and mini-motorcycles that are being sold are not street legal. Therefore they cannot be legally driven on city streets or on city sidewalks. The only location the motorized scooters and mini-motorcycles can be driven legally is on private property with the property owner's permission.

Remember that as parents you are legally and civilly responsible for the actions of your children under the age of eighteen.

For those motor scooters and mini-motorcycles sold that may be legally driven on the street, they must meet the following requirements. They each must contain a proper brake light, turn signals, horn, rearview mirrors and headlights.

You, as the owner, must go to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and obtain a title for the motor scooter or mini-motorcycle. The cost of the title is \$5.00. After the title is obtained you must then register the motor scooter or minimotorcycle. The annual registration fee is \$28.50, plus a permissive tax, if required, and any new license plate fees. The scooter or minimotorcycle will be issued a motorcycle plate which will have to be affixed to the vehicle.

To operate the scooter or mini-motorcycle on the street the driver must be at least 16 years of age, and have a valid driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement. Then prior to riding the licensed motor scooter or mini-motorcycle on the street you must have proper insurance coverage and the driver will be subject to financial responsibility suspensions if the proper insurance is not maintained.

Alarm Board - The Police Department provides service for residents and businesses to a Security Alarm Monitoring Board. The Alarm Monitoring Board is located in the Police/Fire Communication Center and provides direct alarm monitoring for residents and businesses into the Center on a 24/7 basis.

If you already have a fire and/or intrusion security system (or are thinking of having one installed), you can now have the alarm directly connected into the Communication Center where we can monitor burglary, panic and fire alarms directly without having the alarm go through a third party alarm company. This service saves valuable time in emergencies, when time is critical.

The cost is \$120.00 per year to the company that provides the alarm board, \$60.00 per year payable to the City and a one-time installation fee of \$120.00. If you need further details, call Nancy Stoneman at 442-8825 at the Police Department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - CHIEF BENCIN

Incinerators - The Highland Heights Fire Department has received several complaints from citizens stating that during the night time hours, they smell smoke from an incinerator in their neighborhood.

The usage of an incinerator is illegal as per Codified Building Code Ordinance 1328.02, which was put into effect on June 22, 1993. Whoever violates any provisions of Section 1328.02 can be fined up to \$500 per occurrence.

If you should witness someone using an incinerator in your neighborhood, contact the Fire Department at 442-7406 and we will investigate the complaint immediately.

If you have any questions about the incinerator ordinance or any other fire prevention matters, please feel free to contact Lieutenant Lee Molnar in the Fire Prevention Bureau at 442-7406.



Fire Department Open House Saturday, October 22, 2005 from 11:00 to 1:00

The fire station 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.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT - THOM EVANS Leaf Collection Program October 17 to December 16, 2005

The Service Department plans to begin continuous curbside leaf collection on all streets beginning on October 17. Collection will be house by house and street by street. Once a cycle of all streets 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.

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. 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 for pick up by our rubbish contractor on their regular rubbish day.

OLD PAINT AND PESTICIDES ROUND UP

This fall, the city will once again be conducting a paint and pesticides collection program in cooperation with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. Residents wishing to participate in the program may bring unwanted paints and pesticides to the Service Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, starting Monday October 10th and ending on Friday October 21st. We will also have a one day only Saturday drop off on October 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. LATEX PAINT WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED.

LATEX PAINT DISPOSAL – CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

To dispose of latex paint, solidify and place in your curbside trash. Leave the lid off the can so the waste collector can see the paint is hardened. For more information, contact the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District at (216) 443-3749 or log on at WWW.cuyahogaswd.org.

TRASH - Some residents are putting their trash out too early and not bringing their trash cans in immediately after the trash collection. The City has an ordinance stating that trash cannot be put out until 6:00 p.m. the evening before your trash collection day. Please remember to promptly retrieve your garbage cans. The contractor observes the following holidays:

New Years Day Independence Day Memorial Day Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

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

Please note we have only a few cartons of blue recycling bags left. Due to significant cost increases, we will not be able to reorder these bags.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT - DAVID IANIRO, RECREATION DIRECTOR

BOYS BASEBALL - D. J. RAPPOSELLI

The Mighty Mite Division showed us that there is no need to worry about the future of H.H.B.B. The Highland Heights community was treated with an unbelievable battle between two of the league's top teams.

The Championship game was a match between the Angels and Giants. The Angels took the lead in the top of the 5th inning. The Giants came to bat in the 5th inning knowing that this was their last chance. The Giants didn't falter. They spread the ball around and brought in enough runs to become the first champion of The Mighty Mite Division Double Elimination Tournament.

In the Minor Division, the Cubs and Twins shook up the winner's bracket! Both teams struggled to win games during the regular season. As easy as it may be to call it quits, neither team decided to take that approach. Both teams won their first two games of the tournament. The Cubs were the 11th seed out of 12 teams. They ended up making it to the Tournament Championship before getting knocked off by the Athletics.

The Cubs suffered a huge loss to their shortstop during the championship game, but the team stuck together and gave the Athletics a tough game. They remind me of a team that we are all hoping turns out to be the Wild Card Winner! The Athletics' consistent pitching and timely hitting proved to be the difference maker, as they became champion of the Minor Division Double Elimination Tournament.

The Major Division proved to be the best illustration of "A Tale of Two Seasons". The Athletics struggled to get their first win during the regular season and ended the year 0-10. Most teams would lose hope.

The Athletics were determined to get it right during the playoffs. They were the last seed and had to face one of the league champions in the first round of the tournament. The Padres were a team to be reckoned with. The Athletics showed no sign of intimidation.

They brought their "A" game and gave the Padres their first loss of the tournament. Excitement was running wild! The Athletics played some unbelievable baseball and finished the year off by getting two wins during the end of the season tournament. They taught us the importance of never giving up and always believing in your teammates.

The Cardinals faced the Giants in the Championship game. Rain came and went that Friday night. It looked as if the game would be suspended. With the assistance of umpires and the Cardinals coaching staff, the start time was delayed one hour. The field couldn't have looked better! The Cardinals were coming into this game as the favorite. They shared the regular season championship with the Padres.

Although the Cardinals were the favorite, the Giants saw themselves as having a great opportunity to win. The Giants fought their way through the winner's bracket and played solid ball to grab a hold of the Major Division Tournament Championship.

The Pony Division took a stride forward. The division was lucky to have six veteran managers of H.H.B.B. These men have been a part of H.H.B.B. since the Mighty Mite Division. They showed their continuous love for the game by managing a Pony team. It seems that many managers lose interest once their child reaches the Pony Division. These guys showed nothing but dedication and commitment to their sons, team, and the strength of Highland Heights Boys Baseball.

The Pony players competed for two weeks against the South Euclid Boys Baseball League. The South Euclid teams were consistently overmatched by the knowledge and skill displayed by our talented players.

The league has a chance of being really strong next season. Two thirds of the league consisted of thirteen year-olds who were well coached during their younger years. If we get everyone back, we can look forward to another great season of competitive baseball!

The season was capped off by a double elimination tournament full of surprises. Early projections saw the Padres and Tigers facing off in the championship. These teams shared the Pony Regular Season Championship Trophy. The Cardinals and Giants had other plans. Both teams showed why they belonged in the final game by slapping singles, going from station to station, throwing strikes, and playing solid defense. The Giants ended up being crowned victors in a hard fought battle.

Overall, I have to say the year was quite successful. The season kicked off with full cooperation from Mother Nature. We were one day shy of playing a complete month of baseball without a rainout! Parents and grandparents cooperated with their managers and gave assistance and encouragement both on and off the field.

The field crew spent countless hours ensuring that every puddle was swept, every dugout was clean, every piece of grass was mowed, and every field was dragged and lined.

The scorekeepers showed their diversity by scoring games like they did when the "Babe" played and then learning how to operate the new scoreboard system. The umpires were very reliable and continued to hone in on their skills.

And most importantly, every manager dedicated an innumerable amount of time to create a baseball experience from which each child will look back on and learn.

Girls Softball - Jim Austin

First off, I always feel a need to thank the parents of all the players for teaching their kids what commitment is all about. Without your help and support of this baseball league, there would be no baseball.

The season was also a great success due to the number of parents that stepped up to manage and coach. A manager or coach is essential to teach the girls the game. Thanks to every one of you that sacrificed your time for our kids.

Next year, we have big changes to look forward to. The number of our Highland Heights Girls Travel teams has grown and hopefully will continue to grow and become more competitive. One exciting new change will be Tony Bondra taking our U12 Girls Team.

This year, we could not have asked for better weather. Many hot nights at the ball park and there's no better way to spend a summer night than being at the park with the kids.

A special thanks to Marc Mazzarino and his crew for always keeping our fields in great condition. It was always reassuring to know that once the rain stopped, I could count on them to get the fields ready to play ball. Thank you, Marc.

Congratulations to the following teams for your hard fought games. You are all Champions.

Jr. Fast Pitch League ChampsMarlins managed by Rose Gype

Jr. Fast Pitch Tournament Champs Cardinals managed by Mickey Iliano

Pony Tail League ChampsCardinals managed by Doug Steele

Pony Tail Tournament ChampsA's managed by Dante Citraro

Pixie League Champs

Diamondbacks managed by Laura Pugel

Pixie Tournament Champs

Angels managed by Mike Harden

Thank you to each and every individual who played a role in making this season a most memorable one.

Day Camp - Toni DiLillo



This summer was full of laughter, cheers and fun at Highland Heights Day Camp. From the first day, the young staff was energized and ready to have an exciting and safe summer. We worked very hard to make sure that each child was safe and enjoying their camp experience.

Each week, we would travel to one of our great field trips which included a Captain's Game, Dover Lake, and new this year, The Great Lakes Science Center. Both the staff and campers enjoyed our camp wide activities. Some favorites were, Outback Ray, Slip and Slide, and Highland Heights Idol. One major highlight was the Camp Olympics and no one will forget the rivalries and competition of that week.

We would like to thank the campers for once again giving us a summer that we won't forget and also the parents for entrusting their children in our care. We are highly anticipating next summer and hope to see you with us again.

Thanks again and have a safe school year

Congratulations to the Highland Heights Hurricanes for a great season that included setting new League Records

Men's 13-15 100 Meter Back Stroke Men's 13-15 100 Meter Free Style Women's 9-10 100 Meter Individual Medley Women's 9-10 100 Meter Free style Old record 1:06.06 - New record 1:04.45 Chris Nemeth Old record 55.61 - New record 55.22 Chris Nemeth Old record 1:22.82 - New record 1:21.39 Carrie Bencic Old record 1:11.19 - New record 1:10.32 Carrie Bencic

Championship First Place Results:

8 AND UNDER

Women's 25 Meter Backstroke - Anna Kolesa Men's 25 Meter Backstroke - Lee Sterle Men's 50 Meter Freestyle - Zachary Hostoffer

9 - 10 YEAR OLDS

Women's 50 Meter Breastroke - Carrie Bencic Women's 100 Meter Freestyle - Carrie Bencic Women's 100 M Indiv. Medley - Carrie Bencic Men's 50 Meter Free Style - Henry Senkfor Men's 50 Meter Butterfly - Henry Senkfor Men's 100 Meter Indiv. Medley - Henry Senkfor Men's 50 Meter Backstroke - Len Sterle Men's 50 Meter Breastroke - Joey Cerer Men's 100 Meter Free Style - Joey Cerer

11 - 12 YEAR OLDS

Women's 100 Meter Indiv. Medley - Antonia Kopp Men's 50 Meter Backstroke - Kevin Stang Men's 50 Meter Butterfly - Kevin Stang Men's 100 Meter Indiv. Medley - Kevin Stang

13 - 15 YEAR OLDS

Women's 200 Meter Free Style - Meghan Stang Men's 50 Meter Free Style - Chris Nemeth Men's 100 Meter Backstroke - Chris Nemeth Men's 100 Meter Free Style - Chris Nemeth

Congratulations to Coach Brendan Conway who was named East Suburban Swim League Coach of the Year and Congratulations to Hurricane Coaches Melisa, Brendan, Chris and Alex who swam to a first place finish over all the other coach teams in the final event of Championships.

Congratulations to the Highland Heights Twelfth Annual Open Singles Tournament Winners

GIRLS 12 AND UNDER SINGLES

Winner Jennifer Castell Runner up Kristina Snyder Consolation Winner Taylor Smith

GIRLS 14 AND UNDER SINGLES

Winner Erica Douglas Runner up Amanda Warner Consolation Winner Danielle Demian

GIRLS 16 AND UNDER SINGLES

Winner Pamela Quigley Runner up Amanda Lawless Consolation Winner – TBA Ashley Miozzi and Katie McGraw-Match

GIRLS 18 AND UNDER SINGLES

Winner Jen Snyder Runner up Leslie Douglass Consolation Winner Mandy Bartok

BOYS 12 AND UNDER SINGLES

Winner Vince Anzalone Runner up Jon Kovacic Consolation Winner Ben Molnar

BOYS 14 AND UNDER SINGLES

Winner Steven Kovacic Runner up Matt Roche Consolation Winner Nick Falzone

BOYS 16 AND UNDER SINGLES

Winner Daniel Lubarsky Runner up Bobby Brown Consolation Winner Steven Kovacic

BOYS 18 AND UNDER SINGLES

Winner Sean McPhillips Runner up Jim Kucera Consolation Winner Kreig Skidmore

A special thanks to all the sponsors of the Tennis Tournament:
A. C. E. Tennis, Adler's Team Sports, Catalano's, Club Ultimate,
Mayor Scott Coleman, Minotas Trophies & Awards, and Pepsi Americas

COMMUNITY AND SENIOR NEWS

LYNDHURST MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE MARY KAYE BOZZA

Court Field Trips - Judge Mary Kaye Bozza encourages the local schools to schedule field trips to the Court.

Senior Projects Spring 2006 - The Court will select four High School students for the Senior Projects in the Spring of 2006. It would be prudent to inquire and reserve a spot by January 2006 for Senior Projects to be completed by May 30, 2006.

Court Efficiency - The Lyndhurst Municipal Court is in the beginning stages of establishing an electronic link with Highland Heights Police Department for importing and exporting data relating to new cases and their adjudications. Lyndhurst Court expects to be linked by October 2005 and the Court is confident that the other departments will follow shortly thereafter.

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 the website at www.lyndhurstmunicipalcourt.org.

MAYFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mayfield City Schools welcomes residents of their school communities, including senior adults, to share their time and skills by volunteering. There are many volunteer possibilities including clerical duties in offices and libraries; remedial and/or enrichment tutoring in English, Math and Science; helping teachers in preschool and elementary classrooms; and tutoring English to foreign-born students.

Some volunteers make a weekly commitment to provide consistency in the school environment while other volunteer positions last only as long as the project requires.

If you are in your 70's or 80's and have a recollection of some interesting facts related to your own school days, such as the school building, classroom, supplies and books that were used, or your teachers, classmates,

transportation, etc., you may be interested in assisting with the "Old Schoolhouse" new history program this year for elementary students, using the historical former schoolhouse at Wilson Mills and S.O.M. Center Roads.

The needs within the school district change throughout the school year. Please consider contacting Susan Olson, Adult Volunteer Services, 440-995-7596, to discuss which volunteer position would best suit you.

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB



The Highland Heights Garden Club was named Ohio Garden Club of the Year for 2005. This award is given to the club whose work has been outstanding in the greatest number of award classifications.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month (except for January, July and August) at 7:00 p.m. at the Highland Heights Community Center. On November 8, Election Day, they will hold their annual Herb, Craft and Bake Sale at the Community Center from the time the polls open to 3:00 p.m. Come and see all the great wreaths, arrangements, herbs and goodies. For more information, call Judy Joseph at 216-360-8305

Hillcrest Women's Club meets at 7:30 in the Lyndhurst Community Center, 1341 Parkview Road. On Monday, October 24 at 6:30, there will be a Potluck Dinner.

Please call Dianne Austin at 440-461-4509 by Friday, October 22 for reservations. At 7:30, the speaker will be Jude Johansen who is a puppy raiser for Canine Companions. The Annual Holiday Craft Festival will be held on Monday, November 28, 2005.

For membership or program information, please call Dianne Austin at 440-461-4905 or Sara Dvorin at 216-382-6077 or visit their website at www.angelfire.com/pro/hillcrest50.

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS 50 PLUS CLUB

You are cordially invited to join the Highland Heights 50+ Club to take advantage of an opportunity to be among new friends and neighbors who enjoy life by being active. The purpose of the club is to provide opportunities for making life more worthwhile for senior men and women by bringing them together for friendship, entertainment, education and creative interests. The club holds meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. with refreshments after the meeting. We welcome all 50+ seniors. For more information, call Larry DeMaria, President, at 440-442-0470.

LIONS CLUB ANNUAL HOLE IN ONE CONTEST

The **Highland Heights Lions Club** thanks the following supporters who helped make the 11th Annual Hole in One Contest a success.

All funds raised from this event go towards fighting blindness by supporting eye research and assisting visually and hearing challenged people.

Andy Chevrolet Attorney Timothy Paluf Catalano's Colony Printing Congressman Steven LaTourette Councilwoman Ann D'Amico Councilwoman Cathy Murphy County Auditor Frank Russo DiStefano's Italian Foods Gale's Garden Center Hillcrest Hospital/Cleveland Clinic J. B. Dollar Stretcher Publication **KFC Restaurants** Mayor Scott Coleman McDonald's Mayfield Heights Nationwide Credit Services (NCS) Top Flite Golf Company University Suburban Health Center Walt's BP

The Lions Club Holiday Lighting Contest will be held on Friday, December 22, 2005. Please have your lights on from dusk to 10:00 p.m. One family per ward will be selected. Last year's winners are not eligible this year.

If you are interested in joining the Lions Club, please call Rick Eisenberg at 440-449-2119.

LIONS CLUB SWEETEST DAY ROSES



The Lions Club will conduct its annual Sweetest Day Roses sale on Friday, October 14th and Saturday, October 15th near Denny's in the Home Depot Shopping Center on Wilson Mills and also at Bishop and Highland Roads.

Profits from the sales are used for eye research as well as assisting the visually and hearing challenged.

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS FLU SHOTS FOR SENIORS



Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2005 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Highland Heights Community Center

Call Mary Velotta at 461-2440, extension 147 beginning on Monday, October 10 through Thursday, October 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to schedule your appointment.

The cost is \$18 for those who do not have Medicare Part B or Qual Choice Prime.

Please bring your cards with you.

EVENTS

Highland Heights 50+ Club Annual Bake Sale Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at Millridge School.



Highland Heights Garden Club Annual Herb, Craft & Bake Sale November 8, 2005 Highland Heights Community Center

Children's Halloween Party (free) - Saturday, October 22, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Community Center.



Halloween Trick or Treating is Monday, October 31, 2005 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please turn your porch lights on.

Children's Christmas Party - Saturday, December 10, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 at the Highland Heights Community Center.



Highland Heights Commission on Aging Seniors Holiday Celebration

Wednesday, December 7, 2005 from 12:00 to 2:30 at the Community Center. For reservations, please call Mary at 461-2440. Cost is \$2.50 per person.

MARC 28th Annual Art Show

Through October 29, 2005 Mayfield Regional Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

For more information or to become a Patron or Sponsor, please call Kathy Maxwell at 440-951-4088 or Kay Vincent at 440-473-7936.

Tri City Consortium on Aging Trips

For more information or registration, call 440-473-5138.

November 6 - Midieval Fest Riverside Inn in Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania November 30 - Holidays at Cathedral of Learning at University of Pittsburgh, Church Brew Works

3rd Annual "Gifts from the Heart"
Holiday Boutique
Sunday, November 20, 2005
10:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Executive Caterers Landerhaven
6111 Landerhaven Drive
Admission \$4.00

This annual event directly supports the "Drew's Beads" program of courage at the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital Cancer Center.

The festival will feature a gathering of 85 fine arts and crafts persons presenting exquisite gifts of glass, jewelry, floral, pottery, wood, clay, photography, fiber, watercolor, clothing and more. Two of the artisans, Susan Begin and Robin Nunes, were recently featured on HGTV's new hit television show "Crafters Coast to Coast". For more information, call Michele Kline at 440-357-6978 or view the show website at www.webspawner.com/users/giftsfromthe/index.html.

THANK YOU TO THE 2005 HOME DAYS SPONSORS

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LEGISLATION - SUMMARY

Ordinances

- #12 An ordinance authorizing an agreement with Norman Noble, Inc., providing for a project and tax exemption pursuant to the State Urban Jobs and Enterprise Zone Program.
- #15 An ordinance amending Section 4.01 of the Charter of the City of Highland Heights, Ohio, pertaining to the election of the members of council, providing for submission of the amendment to the electors as required by law.
- #16 An ordinance amending Section 6.07 of the Charter of the City of Highland Hts., OH, pertaining to the Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan, providing for submission of the amendment to the electors.
- #17 An ordinance amending Section 11.02 of the Charter of the City of Highland Hts., OH, pertaining to approval required to increase the municipal income tax rate or reduce the municipal income tax credit, providing for submission of the amendment to the electors.
- #18 An ordinance amending Section 1305 of the codified ordinances of the City of Highland Hts. pertaining to the size of garages.
- #19 An ordinance amending Section 1305.04 of the codified ordinances of the City of Highland Hts., pertaining to factory-built fireplaces.
- #20 An ordinance amending Sections 1323.02(e) of chapter 1323 of the codified ordinances of the City of Highland Hts. pertaining to garages and driveways.
- #23 An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3-2005 so as to change the appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Highland Heights, Ohio.
- #25 An ordinance amending the Highland Heights Planning and Zoning Code's conditional use permits chapter 1109 so as to add subsection (g) entitled "Lodging and Conference Facilities, Restaurants, and Fitness Centers" in all parkcommercial-light manufacturing districts.
- #26 An ordinance amending Section 1109.03 of the Codified Ordinances pertaining to the schedule of uses requiring conditional permits providing for submission of the amendment to the electors
- #28 An ordinance authorizing participation in the Ohio Association of Public Treasurer's Workers Compensation Group Rating Program.
- #29 An ordinance levying assessments for the payment of street lighting and the improvement or installation of additional lighting by special assessment of all parcels benefited.
- #30 An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3-2005 so as to change the appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Highland Heights, Ohio for the period commencing January 1, 2005 and ending December 31, 2005

Resolutions

- #19 An emergency resolution urging the United States Base Closure and Realignment Commission to retain 1,028 important Federal Defense Jobs at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in downtown Cleveland...
- #20 A resolution awarding a contract to the North American Salt Company for the sale of road salt to the municipality pursuant to the Joint Municipal Improvement Consortium.
- #21 A resolution accepting the amended final plat for Maypine Farm Estate Subdivision.
- #22 A resolution in support of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program for the 2005-2006 school year.
- #23 A resolution authorizing the Mayor to make application to the office of the Attorney General for Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) funds.
- #24 A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with TAC computer, Inc. in an amount not to exceed Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty-Four Dollars for a maintenance and service contract for the Police Department computer network, hardware, software, computer aided dispatch records system; municipal center firewalls, safety services mobile data terminal server, units, software and reports.
- #26 A resolution declaring Specialized Construction, Inc. as the lowest and best bidder for the 2005 street resurfacing program within the municipality, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract in an amount not to exceed the sum of One Hundred Fifty Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars.
- #27 A resolution declaring J. D. Striping & Service, Inc. to be the lowest and best bidder for the striping of certain streets within the municipality, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract not to exceed the sum of Thirty Six Thousand Sixty Five Dollars and Five Cents.
- #28 A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with White Road Development, Inc. and the Highland Woods East-Northeast Consolidated Homeowners Association.
- #29 A resolution designating the Mayor of the City of Highland Hts., OH, as the certifying representative to submit an application for, and to certify compliance with, the Issue 2 Financial Assistance Program for a Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Highland Hts.
- #30 A resolution declaring Northeastern Refrigeration Corporation as the lowest and best bidder for the replacement of the Police Department Rooftop HVAC Equipment, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Northeastern Refrigeration Corporation in an amount not to exceed the sum of Fifty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Five Dollars, rejecting all other bids received.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ends on Sunday, October 31. 2005. Set your clocks back at bed time on Saturday, October 30, 2005 and remember to check the batteries in your smoke detectors.

STREETLIGHTS - If you see a streetlight out, please contact First Energy as soon as possible. They will check the light and repair it as quickly as possible. To report a streetlight outage, you can call automated outage reporting line at 1-888-LIGHTSS (544-4877), or go online to www.firstenergycorp.com. Click on Customer Care, Online Service Requests, and then Report Streetlight Outage. Just let them know where the streetlight is located and what is wrong with it (damaged pole, light fixture broken, light flickers or comes on during the day).



Tri City Annual Garage Sale
Saturday, November 5, 2005
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Highland Heights Community Center
For more information and table reservations,
call 216-291-3903.



City Hall will be closed for the following holidays: Thanksgiving, November 24 and 25 Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, December 23 and 26 New Years Day, January 2, 2006