

HIGHLAND HIGHLIGHTS

From the City of Highland Heights

December 2005/January 2006

AARP SENIOR TAX ASSISTANCE



Please call Mary Velotta beginning Tuesday, January 17, 2006 to make an appointment for assistance in completing your tax return. Appointments will be made for Thursdays from February 2nd through April 14, 2006.

BASEBALL/T-BALL AND SOFTBALL WALK-IN REGISTRATION AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Wednesday, February 15 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 18 from 9:00 to 12:00 noon

SUMMER EARLY BIRD PROGRAM WALK-IN REGISTRATION AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 a.m. to noon

Wednesday, May 3 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



2006 TRASH PICK UP SCHEDULE

If any the following holidays fall on a **weekday** other than a Friday, trash pick up will be delayed one day during that week:

New Years Day

Labor Day

Independence Day

Thanksgiving Day

Memorial Day

Christmas Day

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS HOME DAYS - JULY 28, 29 AND 30, 2006



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2006 CITY ROSTER

MAYOR SCOTT E. COLEMAN 440-461-2440

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

CATHY S. MURPHY Ward 1 440-442-3809

CITY COUNCIL

To Be Determined Ward 2 440-442-6734

JAMES G. PILLA Ward 3 216-570-0400

JAMES R. AUSTIN Ward 4 440-446-9779

FRANK J. LEGAN At Large 440-449-0645

EDWIN V. HARGATE At Large 440-473-5476

SCOTT A. MILLS At Large 440-461-5437

CITY OFFICIALS

Building Commissioner	Tom Jamieson	440-442-7403
City Engineer	Andy Blackley	216-731-6255
Community Center Coordinator	Judy Dick	440-461-2440
Finance Director	Anthony Ianiro	440-442-7404
Fire Chief	Ed Bencin	440-442-7406
Law Director	Tim Paluf	216-696-9555
Park and Recreation Director	David Ianiro	440-461-2440
Police Chief	James Cook	440-442-8825
Prosecutor	Dan Taylor	216-241-1400
Service Director	Thom Evans	440-461-2440

MAYFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1819

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Board of Education	440-995-7200
Switchboard	440-995-6800
Mayfield High School	440-995-6900
Mayfield Middle School	440-995-7800
Center School	440-995-7400
Millridge School	440-995-7250
Transportation	440-995-7890

COMMUNITY AND MISCELLANEOUS PHONE NUMBERS:

Lyndhurst Municipal Court	440-461-6500
Mayfield Library	440-473-0350
Tri City Consortium on Aging	216-291-3901
Cuyahoga County Board of Health	216-201-2000
Cuyahoga County Board of Elections	216-443-3200
Cuyahoga County Sanitary Engineering (plugged sewers, and dye tests)	216-443-8201
Illuminating Co. (Power Outage)	888-544-4877

For information on utility rates, please call PUCO at 1-800-686-7826
or visit their web site at www.puco.state.oh.us.

MEETING SCHEDULE
(Subject to Change)

Regular Meetings of Council
2nd & 4th Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.

Council Committee of the Whole
1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Architectural Review Board
2nd & 4th Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission
2nd & 4th Monday at 8:00 p.m.

Park & Recreation Commission
3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

City Council Committees:

Legislative and Finance

Frank Legan
Scott Mills
Cathy Murphy

Safety and Service

Ed Hargate
Frank Legan
Scott Mills

Drainage

James Austin
Scott Mills
Cathy Murphy

Council Appointments:

Commission on Aging - Cathy Murphy
Economic Development - James Pilla
Hillcrest Council of Councils -
Ed Hargate
Home Days - James Austin
MARC - Scott Mills
Mayfield Union Cemetery - Ed Hargate
Park and Recreation - James Austin
Planning & Zoning - James Pilla

MAYOR SCOTT COLEMAN

BUSINESS FEATURE - Alpha Park Inc.

Alpha Park started out as Klotzman Construction Company in 1955. In 1967, when the first building was built on the west side of Alpha Drive, the company started understanding the need to change with the time as the construction company suddenly had tenants and was becoming a landlord. Over the next 4 phases of construction, nearly three quarters of a million square feet of flex space building was built. Alpha Park Inc. became the management company as well as the maintenance and construction arm of the Alpha Park team using mostly local subcontractors from the community and building long term relationships.

The company was initially started by engineer and entrepreneur Fred Klotzman in 1978. His son Kerry Klotzman joined the company and two years later Kerry's brother, Bruce Klotzman joined them. Linda Ross, a graduate of Mayfield High School, is celebrating her 34th year with Alpha Park Inc. as Office Manager. Frank Vittori has been with them for 11 years and pretty much grew up within Alpha Park as his father's VHAC metal business has been a tenant for many years. Alpha Park is proud of its barrier free design accommodating ADA accessibility needs. Kerry and Bruce Klotzman continue the company's evolvement and look for ways to bring new businesses into the area.

RESIDENT FEATURE - Fred Riegler

The City of Highland Heights is saddened by the passing of Fred Riegler who lived in Highland Heights for approximately 45 years. Mr. Riegler served on the Recreation Commission at the time the first pool was built at the park. He was proud of his city and participated in most of the Home Days parades, always saluting as the flag passed him by.

Mr. Riegler served in the United States Army during World War II. When Mr. Riegler returned from his serving his country during World War II, he married Margie Rhyne and earned his teaching degree in elementary education. He spent 32 years helping children and his community as an elementary school teacher, Principal, Director of Elementary Education and Director of Curriculum with the South Euclid/Lyndhurst School District.

Mr. Riegler was a charter member of the Hillcrest Rotary Club. He is well known for always doing things for others. It was a huge part of his personality. Mr. Riegler thrived working with the children in the Mayfield School special education program through his involvement in the Rotary Club.

The funds raised through the Hillcrest Rotary "Taste of Hillcrest" event were used to purchase AED units for the Hillcrest Community. Through Mr. Riegler, the Highland Heights Community Center received an AED unit from the Hillcrest Rotary which was shared with the Highland Heights Pool during the summer months. In 2005, City Hall received a second AED unit from the Rotary.

Mr. Rieger attended Highland Sixth Presbyterian Church with his family and supported the Mayfield School System, from which both his children graduated. He was always proud to be a Highland Heights resident and had a tremendous sense of family and friendship which he demonstrated during his life by setting an example as a kind and giving human being.

His family and friends will miss him and the City of Highland Heights has lost one of its most respected and loved residents. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mr. Riegler's wife, Margie, his son Jim and his daughter, Judy.

MAYOR SCOTT COLEMAN

Much has happened with our city's government since our last newsletter. This past November, three new people were elected to City Council: Frank Legan (Council - At-Large), Jamie Pilla (Ward 3) and Jim Austin (Ward 4). I am very excited about the opportunity to work with all three of these individuals. They each bring a unique set of talents and enthusiasm that will certainly aid in their ability to represent their constituents. These three new members have replaced Ann D'Amico, John Nawarskas and Virginia Swanson, respectively, all who chose not to run for re-election. At our first meeting in January, Cathy Murphy (Ward 1 representative) was elected president of council by her peers.

Three of the five Highland Heights ballot issues passed. As a result, fitness centers, restaurants and conference centers will now be permitted in our Park, Commercial and Light Manufacturing (PCM) districts in the city. Also, the election results allowed for the elimination of the Master Plan Capital Improvement Plan Committee. This committee was responsible for creating a document that identified a five year capital project plan that would be reviewed during the budgeting process. I am committed to continue to create this valuable document and it will be done as a collaborative effort by the administration and city council. The two issues that were not passed by the voters was to reduce the number of affirmative votes needed to put an income tax issue on the ballot (from 5 to 4) and to increase the number of years for the terms of council representatives from 2 years to 4 years.

It is with regret that I must announce that in early January, Gary Fatica resigned from his position as council representative of Ward 2. Gary served on city council for the past four years and represented his ward well. He was a strong advocate for our recreation programs and prior to his years on council, served for several years as the city's recreational director.

His service to city council, his constituents and the entire city will be missed.

Because Gary was elected this past November in an unopposed election and has not taken office, by city charter, city council will now be permitted to appoint his successor. A letter has been sent out to the residents of the ward explaining the process for the appointment of Gary's replacement.

Since there are three members of council leaving public service, I thought it would be fitting to highlight them in this issue of Highland Highlights. Also, as you all know, Virginia Swanson served as mayor for eight years (1988 – 1995) so it is only fitting that she will be the former mayor that is highlighted.

Former Mayor Feature Virginia Swanson – 1988 - 1995

It is impossible to include all of Virginia Swanson's accomplishments in this feature. Virginia served the city of Highland Heights as an elected official for 25 years. She represented the city in every possible elected position. She was Ward Council representative, At-Large Representative, Council President and Mayor. Her tenure on council went from 1980 – 1987 and 1998 – 2005. She served, at one time or another, on every committee in our city's government. In 1988, Virginia was elected as the first woman mayor of Highland Heights. She held that position until 1995 when she did not seek re-election. Virginia Swanson never lost an election. She was once voted one of the most influential women in Northeast Ohio and the Sun Newspaper recently honored her as being the most influential person in the city.

During her administration, Virginia worked hard to attract business to the city. She was instrumental in making the Aberdeen development a reality and had a special fondness for the senior programs.

She has always been a fierce defender of the city charter which was best displayed in 1993 when she decided to appoint a new law director. City council at the time did not want the appointment to be made, instead siding with the former law director. As a result, Virginia won a long legal battle and her 1993 appointment, Tim Paluf, is still the city's law director.

With her numerous accomplishments, when Virginia is asked what she is most proud of, she quickly says "bringing back baseball to the park".

Virginia Swanson has been my mentor and I can't imagine what it will be like to not see her sitting across the table from me at the council meetings on Tuesday nights. She was more than just an elected official and politician certainly is not a fitting description. She was the epitome of a public servant. Virginia, the City of Highland Heights thanks you and will be forever in your debt for all your years of service!

Departing Members of Council

John Nawarskas

John served on council for sixteen years, always representing his ward and his beloved Miner Road. John served on council from 1988 through 1993 and from 1996 through 2005. John was probably one of the hardest working ward council representatives the city has ever had. He was a very active member of council and served on many committees during his tenure including Legislative and Finance (L&F), Safety & Service, Drainage and the former Parklands Committee. Prior to serving on council, John was a long time member of the Planning and Zoning committee and served as the council representative to this committee for four years.

John was never one to back away from a debate on an issue. One thing I learned early working with John was that I may not

always agree with him but even if we disagreed, I was confident John was doing what he thought was best for his ward and the city as a whole.

Prior to being elected mayor, I had the pleasure to serve with John during my entire eight years on council. During that time we both served on the L&F committee; in fact, we each chaired the committee at different times while serving together. He was always fiscally conservative and very responsible with the city's finances. In the Ohio House of Representatives, an annual award of "Watchdog of the Treasury" is given to certain legislators. John Nawarskas certainly acted as "The Watchdog" of the Highland Heights treasury.

Ann D'Amico

Ann D'Amico served on council for one term from 2004 through 2005. She was elected in November 2003 and received the highest number of votes of all five At-Large candidates. During her short time on council, Ann was very active and served on many committees. I remember when she was first elected, one of her goals was to serve on the drainage committee and establish a fund that would be used to address some of the many drainage problems in the city. She chaired that committee and worked diligently to develop a process that would allow residents to have their drainage issues identified and reviewed and possibly financed if they fit certain criteria. Ann was a very strong advocate for senior issues and was also a member of the Legislative and Finance committee. She has been an annual member of the Home Days Committee, most recently helping to organize the parade. She was very helpful in supporting the return of this annual tradition.

Ann was always open minded when dealing with an issue and was always willing to listen to both sides of the issue before making her decision. I will miss working

with her and hope she will still be involved in the city in some capacity.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT - Finance Director Anthony Ianiro
440-442-7404**



A Word about City Income Taxes

The City utilizes the services of the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) to act as our Income Tax Department. RITA provides services to over 100 communities in the area in the collection of municipal income taxes. All residents earning a wage are required to file a return with the Regional Income Tax Agency by March 31 if you use a short form or by April 15th for all other filers. This requirement applies even if you do not owe any tax at year end.

The City of Highland Heights authorizes a municipal income tax at a rate of 1.50% on all salaries, wages and other compensation earned by residents of the City or non-residents working in the City. Net profits earned by local businesses are also subject to our tax provisions. Residents enjoy a 100% tax credit for taxes paid to another municipality, so employment taxes paid to your work city will be used as a direct offset to your liability in Highland Heights up to 1.50%.

For example, if you work in Mayfield Village, where a tax rate of 1.50% also applies, the taxes withheld from your wages there would be credited to the 1.50% liability in Highland Heights resulting in no tax due. This applies to all localities where the tax rate is 1.50% or greater. If, however, you work in Mayfield Heights, where the tax rate is 1%, you would owe the City of Highland Heights .50% after credit is given for your workplace wages.

Here's a comparison of Highland Heights with our neighboring communities:

For example, if your wages are \$75,000 per year, and your work city withholds at a rate of 1.5%.....

And your resident city is:	your city income tax would be:
Highland Heights	\$0
Lyndhurst	\$562
Mayfield Heights	\$375
Mayfield Village	\$0
South Euclid	\$938

If you do owe tax, you are required to make estimated payments throughout the course of the year. 80% of your estimate must be paid by January 31st of the following year, that is, 80% of your 2005 tax liability is to be paid by January 31, 2006. Billing reminders are sent by RITA to those affected taxpayers. You may also remit payments directly to RITA should your individual circumstances change. Tax forms are available at City Hall or you may contact RITA directly at 440-526-0900 to have them mailed directly to your home or business. Also, RITA has a website, www.rita.to, where you can download forms and receive additional instructions.

Real Property Taxes Due

The first half property tax bills for the 2006 collection year have been mailed and are due by January 19th. Payments received and/or postmarked after this date must be charged a 10% penalty and interest as required by Ohio law. Failure to receive a tax bill does not excuse payment of any interest or penalties accrued. You may obtain a copy of your bill from the County Treasurers website at:

http://payments.treasurer.cuyahogacounty.us/real_prop/viewer.htm

Or by calling 216-443-7420.

Of the 81 taxing districts in Cuyahoga County, we enjoy the 7th LOWEST tax rate. Our effective tax rate is 55.72 mills, meaning that for each \$1,000 of taxable value, \$55.72 is assessed. After you factor in the reductions that are afforded to all residents through the rollback programs, the rate is reduced to 48.75 mills and your payment is \$48.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value. To get a good approximation of your tax bill, take the MARKET VALUE of your home and multiply it by 1.71%. Please keep in mind that your market value may not be, and often times is not, the same value that the County has assigned to your property. To this amount, are added any special assessments that might be attached to your property. The 1.71% figure includes any rollbacks offered by the State. All residents pay a sewer maintenance and street lighting assessment. Additional assessments are possible depending on your location within the City.

For comparison purposes, here are the rates of some of our neighboring communities. While the taxes everyone pays are significant, they are considerably lower in Highland Heights than some of our neighbors.

An Explanation of Cuyahoga County Property Tax Rates

Home Value: \$250,000			
Approximate Real Property Taxes:			
	Effective Mills	Tax as a % of Market Value	Taxes
HIGHLAND HEIGHTS	48.75	1.71%	\$4,275
Lyndhurst	67.85	2.37%	\$5,925
Mayfield Heights	54.00	1.89%	\$4,725
Mayfield Village	48.93	1.71%	\$4,275
Richmond Heights	58.13	2.03%	\$5,075
South Euclid	70.68	2.47%	\$6,175



Additionally, we compare very favorably with those communities that have been traditionally associated with an expanded tax base, like Beachwood (60.58 mills, 1.86%), Solon (65.17 mills, 2.00%) and Westlake (56.27 mills, 1.72%).

Voted Tax Rate

The total rate approved by the voters in the City for support of the school district, library, municipality, vocational school, community college, metro park system and county-wide services. This rate also includes 10 mills of unvoted taxes guaranteed by the Ohio Constitution.

Effective Tax Rate

Your tax rate after the tax reduction factor is applied. You are protected from unvoted increases in taxes by Ohio legislation known as House Bill 920. Passed in 1976, HB 920 reduces your rate as property values in your district increase during triennial reappraisals and updates.

Additional factors affecting your tax bill:

Special Assessments - charges by the city or county to cover the cost of improvements of services. All residents pay sewer maintenance and street lighting assessments. Additional assessments for street improvements, sewer improvements and/or other projects may have been added to your tax bill in prior years for a specific period.

Homestead Exemption - a reduction in property taxes available to senior citizens and disabled homeowners with limited incomes. The Homestead Exemption is a program that lowers the real estate taxes on the residences of qualified low income seniors and disabled persons. For more information, or to apply for the Homestead Exemption contact the Cuyahoga County Auditor's Office at 216-443-7050.

For any questions regarding your real estate tax bill, please call the County Treasurer at 216-443-7420.

Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District Rate Increase

Beginning January 1, 2006, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) will implement its final phase of its four year phase-in period of rate increases. These increases were needed for the NEORS to meet both court ordered requirements as well as EPA mandated requirements. The increases which began in 2003 will continue through 2006.

The District is investing over \$625 million in improvements through 2006, which include building and rehabilitating sewer interceptors, upgrading treatment plants and controlling pollution sources. Additionally, the NEORS is required to equalize its rates between the suburbs and the City of Cleveland. A court order issued over 30 years ago approved higher rates for the suburbs for certain projects. This same order; however, ultimately requires equal rates. In order to ease the burden on all City of Cleveland customers, rates will be equalized through 2022.

The new rates for 2006 will be \$32.60 per mcf, up from the 2005 rate of \$30.95 per mcf. A mcf is 1,000 cubic feet of water. The district will continue to offer the homestead discount for those over 65 who qualify and those who are totally disabled. These programs will lower your cost by approximately one-third. Additionally, the summer residential sprinkling program is available to most residents. If you have any questions, please call the NEORS at 216-881-6600.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT - Service Director Thom Evans

Leaf Collection



Curbside leaf collection was suspended for a second time on December 2nd, due to snow fall. This year, the heaviest leaf fall did not occur until the beginning of November, much later than in recent years. When the heavy leaf fall began the weekend of November 5th and 6th, the department immediately went on overtime daily and on Saturdays. Even with the increased scheduling, our available resources of manpower and equipment were simply unable to meet the task of completing collection of more than 90 miles of tree lawn and ditches in a timely manner. We realize that many residents were displeased with the program this year. We apologize for any inconveniences that occurred.

Recycle Your Computer Month

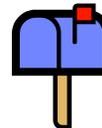
The city will again be participating in a computer round-up program in cooperation with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste district. Residents wishing to participate may bring their old CPU's, monitors, keyboards, software and cell phones to the service department during the month of April, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:30 pm. The materials will be taken to a central drop off location for recycling by the county.

Household Hazardous Waste Round-up (Paint and Pesticides) - The city will once again be conducting a Household Hazardous Waste Round-up (paint and pesticides collection) in cooperation with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District.

Latex paint will not be accepted. Latex paint is not considered a hazardous substance and the county will not accept it. Information on disposal of latex paint can be found on the Service Department page of the city's web site or, just give us a call.

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 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, starting Monday May 15th and ending on Friday May 26th. We will also have a one day only Saturday drop off on May 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mailboxes



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

RECREATION DEPARTMENT - Recreation Director David Ianiro

The Recreation Department would like to thank all the children and the many parent volunteers that contributed to the success of our summer programs in 2005. In addition to our Movie Night, Sunday Pool Party with a D.J. and our growing summer programs, we are finalizing our recommendation to City Council for our new community playground to be installed in the spring of 2006. The city is excited to be able to put a playground in place, that not only will give our children more activities to play, but also the top equipment that will provide the safest environment for our youths and adults in the City of Highland Heights.

I am excited that our program Coordinators are in place, their experience should help our programs grow even stronger. I would like to thank Jim Austin for time he put in as our Girls Softball and coed T-Ball Commissioner and welcome Tony Bondra as his replacement for Girls Softball. Tony has been part of this program along with volunteering his time in our Boys program the past few summers. Tony, I wish you luck and look forward to working with you and the program.



Our Coed T-Ball program will be organized by our Recreation Department this year.

The registration forms for Baseball/Softball/T-Ball will start being distributed in the middle of January through your players' school folders. Look for our Summer Sizzler brochure to be in homes by early February.

Some important dates to help you mark your 2006 Calendar:



Easter Party	Saturday, April 1	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Baseball/Softball/T-Ball Registration	Wednesday, February 15 Saturday, February 18	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.- Noon
Baseball/Softball Player Observations	Friday, March 17	<i>Check registration form for time</i>
Early Bird Summer Program Registration	Saturday, April 29 Wednesday, May 3	9:00 a.m. to Noon 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Baseball/Softball/T-Ball pictures	Saturday, May 20	Time to be Announced



Summer Sizzler Advertising

We have limited space left for area businesses to advertise in the Summer Sizzler this year.

*For additional information,
please contact City Hall
at 440-461-2440, ext. 158*

SENIOR AND COMMUNITY NEWS

CUYAHOGA COUNTY BD. OF HEALTH

Influenza Pandemic - There is currently no influenza pandemic in the world. An influenza pandemic can happen when a new type of flu virus appears that has never affected people before or if a type of flu virus not seen for a long time appears again.

Seasonal Influenza – Seasonal flu occurs every year. It causes mild to severe illness in people. The best protection against seasonal flu is to get the flu vaccine.

Bird Flu – Bird flu is caused by one of several bird flu viruses and is found among birds worldwide. It spreads easily between birds but does not usually pass from birds to people.

Risk to Humans from Bird Flu Outbreak In Asia and Europe – This bird flu outbreak is caused by a new virus that does not usually infect people. However, more than 100 human cases have been reported and were mostly found in people who were in very close contact with sick chickens or other infected poultry. The spread of this virus from person to person has been rare.

Because all viruses have the ability to change, there is some concern that this virus could change and then spread from person to person. Medical experts from around the world are watching the situation with this virus closely.

You can protect yourself from viruses by getting the flu shot and staying away from people who are sick, covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing and sneezing. Wash your hands often and keep your hands away from your nose, mouth and eyes.

For more information, call the Cuyahoga County Board of Health at 216-201-2000 or go online to www.cdc.gov.

HEADWATER STREAMS – THE ARTERIES OF A WATERSHED

Headwater streams are like the “capillary system of a blood supply network – just as the health of the whole organism depends upon a functioning capillary system, the health of larger streams and rivers depend upon an intact primary headwater stream network.”

Headwater streams, generally less than one square mile of drainage, are those little channels that flow into the larger creek and river systems of a watershed.

Healthy headwater streams can provide reduction of sediment into our major streams, reduce the amount of nutrients like fertilizers from entering the stream system, provide flood control and create “nourishing” stations to downstream segments of streams.

To take care of these headwaters, you as a homeowner can help keep these “arteries” running smoothly as a healthy system.

- Limit mowing on edge of stream banks.
- Remove grass clippings with municipal services rather than dumping along stream banks.
- Limit driveways and buildings or other impermeable infrastructure near headwaters.
- Plant native stream bank vegetation to get those headwaters working for the watershed.

Headwaters are a key part in the make-up of a watershed. Keeping them working properly will ensure a healthier place to live for everyone in the watershed.

Information provided by the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District with references provided by Ohio EPA’s Headwater Habitat Initiative.

LEGISLATION - SUMMARY

Ordinances

#31 - Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of \$1,600,000 of notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying, in anticipation of the levy and collection of special assessments, the cost of improving Golf View Lane between certain termini.

#32 - Ordinance requesting the cooperation of County of Cuyahoga by its Board of County Commissioners in the repair and resurfacing of Wilson Mills Road from the Highland Heights WCL to Lander Road.

#33 - Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Finance Director the use of available funds in the Park Land Acquisition Fund for park site development.

#34 - Ordinance amending Section 924.04 of Chapter 929 of the codified Ordinances of the City of Highland Heights pertaining to Telecommunications Facility Location.

#35 - Ordinance repealing previous Section 505.011 of Chapter 505 of the codified Ordinances of the City of Highland Heights pertaining to vicious dogs in its entirety and enacting new Section 505.011.

#37 - Ordinance appropriating funds for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Highland Hts., OH for the period commencing January 1, 2006 and ending March 31, 2006.

#39 - Ordinance amending Section 1311.14 of Chapter 1311.14 of Chapter 1311 of the codified ordinances of the City of Highland Heights pertaining to street opening permit fees.

Resolutions

#32 - Resolution of Appreciation to The Floor Show for their generous sponsorship of Home Days.

#33 - #37 Resolutions of appreciation to the members of the 2005 Home Days Committee: Michael Hirsch, Co-Chairman, Jim Austin, Co-chairman, Ann D'Amico, Cathy Murphy, Parade Chairman and Scott Mills.

#38 - Resolution adopting the National Incident Management System.

#40 - Resolution in support of State Issue I, amending the Ohio Constitution to authorize the issuance of general obligations of the State to finance local government public infrastructure, capital improvements, research and development, and the development of certain sites and facilities in Ohio, and to expand state and local government authority regarding economic development..

#4 - Resolution in support of a replacement levy to assist those with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities.

#42 - Resolution declaring F. Buddie Contracting, Ltd. As lowest and best bidder for the Community Park Playground Site Preparation Project, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with said bidder in an amount not to exceed the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Dollars.

#43 - Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to pay the Northern Ohio Risk management Agency Self Insurance Pool, Inc., the amount of Seventy Six Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Three Dollars and Sixty Three Cents.

#44 - Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Medical Mutual of Ohio for health insurance for the city's employees.

#45 - Resolution authorizing a contract with the Cuyahoga County General Health District for the Public Health Services to be rendered during the year 2006.

#46 - Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with TAC Computer for the purchase of One HP ML 350 Pentium IV Intel 3 GHZ Server including Raid Controller, Three SCSI Drives, DAT backup tape drive and 10 tapes, One Micro soft Windows 2003 Server Network Operating System for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.

#47- Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Statewide Ford Lincoln Mercury, Inc. for the purchase of three 2006 Ford Crown Victoria Police Cruisers in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.

#48 - Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies to be placed on the 2005 Tax Duplicate of the City of Highland Hts., OH.

#49 - Resolution requesting the Cuyahoga County Auditor to advance taxes from the proceeds of tax levies.

#50-59 – Resolutions of Appreciation for members of the 2005 Charter Review Committee: Raymond Caporale, Tom Rudibaugh, James Pilla, Tom Cannell, David Corrado, Dan Dombek, Leo Lombardo, Chairman, Mary Ann Richmond, Sandy Turner, and Sharon Davis, Secretary.

#60 – A Resolution of Commendation to Firefighter John Zehe in recognition of his volunteer efforts in response to the Hurricane Katrina disaster.

#61 – A Resolution of Commendation to Firefighter Scott Hahl in recognition of his volunteer efforts in response to the Hurricane Katrina disaster.

#62 – A Resolution of Commendation to Shannon Zajec winner of the 8 and 9 year old girls division of the regional Pepsi Punt, Pass & Kick competition held at the Cleveland Browns Stadium.

City of Highland Heights
5827 Highland Road
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REMINDER

Addresses - Be sure that you address numbers are readily visible from both directions on the street for emergency response situations.

Heating - Have your furnace serviced annually. If you use a wood burning appliance, have your chimney cleaned and inspected at least annually. If you use an un-vented natural gas appliance such as decorative gas logs or a space heater, be aware that these appliances can produce carbon monoxide even when they are working properly. Only use them for short periods of time and provide ventilation by slightly opening a window.

Candles – Never leave them unattended and be sure that candles are a safe distance from other decorations, curtains and children.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LIONS CLUB HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS



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| Ward 1 | Mr. and Mrs. Neil Brofman
621 Clinton Lane |
| Ward 2 | Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kruse
6276 Kenarden Drive |
| Ward 3 | Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Simari
6028 Whiteford Drive |
| Ward 4 | Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Blackwell
822 Lander Road |