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#### Westerville Fire, Police Partner to Bring Drone Technology to Emergency Responses

BY CITY OF WESTERVILLE, ARTICLE ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN THE SUMMER 2019 ISSUE OF THE SUMMER RECREATION GUIDE

The Westerville Divisions of Police (WPD) and Fire (WFD) are leveraging cutting-edge technology to help improve emergency response and planning in the City.

In late April, the Divisions received two drones, the DJI-brand Matrice 210 and Mavric Pro. Bringing the technology to the City was nearly a year and a half in the making.

"A group of officers and firefighters have worked very hard to make sure we made the best decisions possible for the equipment we were purchasing and making sure we follow all applicable Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rules and regulations," said WPD Corporal Justin Alloway, who was integrally involved in the process. "We wanted to make sure, as we venture into an area of new technology, that it's done the right way and not the quick way."

An approximately \$37,000 investment, the drones will provide a multitude of public safety benefits for the community.

"This technology allows us to do some things we have not been able to do, such as providing aerial views of buildings under construction, 360-degree views of buildings for origin and cause investigations after fires, locate fires in buildings with the FLIR (forward-looking infrared) camera during active fires and overhaul of buildings post-fire, it also gives us the ability to search large areas via the air for missing persons and provides us additional views of properties for emergency planning," said Chief Fire Marshal David Williams.

Additionally, the drones will provide a live feed to the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the event of natural or manmade disasters. This will allow the incident commander and City leaders to make fast and well-informed decisions about long and short term operations.

As a secondary use, the technology may be used in service to other City departments for photography needs. However, Westerville Fire Chief Brian Miller emphasizes

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#### **COMING EVENTS**

#### August

- 5 HRAA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 6 National Night Out, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- 24 Blendon Township Heritage Day Concert in the Park, These Guys Live, 6:00 -8:00 pm

#### September

14 Fall Community Garage Sale

#### October

- 4 Community Clean Up Dumpsters, 7:00 am -5:00 pm
- 5 Community Clean Up Dumpsters, 8:00 am -5:00 pm
- 6 Community Clean Up Dumpsters, 8:00 am -5:00 pm

- 7 HRAA General Membership Meeting,7:00 pm
- 19 Halloween Party at the Park, 6:00 pm
- 31 Beggars Night/Trick or Treat, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

All Huber Ridge residents are invited to attend the HRAA General Meetings at the Blendon Township Senior Center, 6330 Hempstead Rd (next to the police station).

#### Note from the President: Community Calls

BY CAROLYN CORDRAY, HRAA PRESIDENT

The Huber Ridge Area Association (HRAA) is our neighborhood organization. As with most neighborhood associations, the HRAA is an all-volunteer organization with its main focus enhancing our community through events, activities and programs. The HRAA has been very successful in this endeavor for the past 18 years since the group's formation. Every year the association offers and organizes economically-friendly neighborhood events.

Such events, activities and programs don't happen on their own so our organization relies on neighbors to step forward to lead and volunteer to make things happen for our association. Every fall our association solicits HRAA members to step forward to help lead our group into the future.

I have been a member with the Huber Ridge Area Association for 18 years and for 9 of those years I have served as president. Being president of a successful neighborhood association has been a labor of love in that I did it simply because I wanted to. I wanted to live in a community that offered more to its residents. More in terms of fun things, community things, programs that benefitted our own, activities that allowed us to meet, events that kept us informed. It is now time for me re-focus my efforts and step down from HRAA leadership to support and encourage all of YOU neighbors to consider how you can make the Huber Ridge Area a better community by stepping up to lead the HRAA into the future. New and fresh leadership would not only be welcome but it could take our neighborhood on to greater things.

Oh I can't imagine stepping completely away from the association. I do enjoy volunteering my time with an organization that not only appreciates the effort but one that benefits the community in which I live. I completely forsee me sticking with helping out with such things as the Herald newsletter (writer, distribution), block watch, annual Halloween parties, co-administrator of our Facebook group and news page, updating of the website and wherever time and energy allows.

One of the best parts about being involved with the Huber Ridge area Association is you get to meet and interact with neighbors from all over the community. Our HRAA meetings, activities, events and programs have been bringing neighbors together for many years..... won't you step up to help that continue?

Want to learn more? Email me at President@huberridge.org, or PM me on Facebook. ■

#### **Animals & Heat**

BY APRIL ZOBEL, ASSISTANT EDITOR

The heat and humidity don't just affect humans. The animals around us may also need a little help getting through the summer season.

Be sure to keep your companion animals indoor on the hottest days. Dogs can sweat only through their footpads and they cool themselves by panting. On hot or high humidity days, prolonged exposure to the outdoors or taking long walks should be avoided until there is sufficient shade.

When you do walk your dog, make sure the walking surface is not too hot for their bare paws. If you cannot place your hand on the surface without it burning, neither can they!

Never leave any animal in a parked car. Even on a relatively mild day of 75 degrees it can take only 10 minutes for the interior of a car to reach a deadly 100 degrees. Parking in the shade only slows the increase in temperature slightly

and a dog can succumb to heatstroke within just a few minutes. Luckily in Ohio it is legal break into a car to save an animal in distress. Call the police to let them know what is happening but time is critical in these situations.

In addition to supplying your own pets with clean, fresh water at all times,

consider setting up a bird bath or small drinking stations throughout your yard for the birds and small mammals (squirrels, chipmunks, etc.) who visit. Be sure to clean and refill the containers regularly to reduce the risk of bacterial buildup.

Hummingbirds enjoy a light water mist and leaving your hose on the mist feature will help them and possible give you an entertaining show as they dart in and out of the water!

If you see a wild animal who looks to be in distress act quickly! Offer water for immediate relief and then call the Ohio Wildlife Center at 614-734-9453.

	Vehicle Temperature		
How long does it take for a car to get HOT?	Outside Inside Temp(F) Temp(F) 10 mins 30 mins		
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	75	94	109
	80	99	114
	85	104	119
In <b>minutes</b> your car	90	109	124
temps are <b>deadly</b> !	95	114	129

Keep the cover on your pool at all times that you are not using it. Hot animals trying to escape the heat can drown in it. Just keep those water bowls filled up for them!

If you are around working animals give them extra breaks or ask their owners to do so, especially during the hottest part of the day. You can also help them cool off with a gentle water spray.

Just keep an eye out for your furry and feathered neighbors as well as your human ones and the summer season can be more enjoyable for all of us.

#### HUBER RIDGE ELEMENTARY

#### **Principal Notes**

BY TYSON HILKERT, PRINCIPAL

It is that time of year again and back to school is just around the corner!

For students and families that attend Huber Ridge our back to school days are currently scheduled for 8/5/19 from 4-7 PM. During this time families can get online access to power school, fill out digitally electronic forms, pay fees, etc. and ask school staff any needed questions to get ready for the upcoming school year. Our Meet the Teacher event will be 8/12/19 from 2:30-3:30. The first day of school for students in grades 1-5 is 8/13/19. Kindergarten students will join us daily on 8/16/19. We will be hosting a curriculum night for parents on 8/29/19 at 6pm.

Over the next couple weeks back to school safety is top priority! Please have conversations with our students about using side walks appropriately, safely crossing streets, boarding/unloading from buses, etc. For us adults I ask that we be mindful of students travel between home/school while being vigilent when driving through the neighborhood during these busy times.

Looking for a way to get involved with Huber Ridge Elementary as we start the new school year? There are many different things you may consider such as joining our PTA, volunteering at the school, or contacting the main office to see what current opportunities are availableBeginning 8/16/19 we will kick off our back to school fundraiser. Purchasing an item from a student/ the school would be another great way to help support Huber Ridge!

If you as a community member have any questions involving anything related to Huber Ridge Elementary or Westerville City Schools please always feel free to email me at HilkertT@wcsoh. org or call the main office at 614-797-7150. ■

#### From the PTA

BY KRISTY SHERWOOD, PRESIDENT

Huber Ridge Elementary is looking forward to another great school year. Did you know you can join the PTA? Anyone can join the PTA. It's not just for parents of students at school. PTA dues are \$6 for an individual or \$10 a family. Meetings take place in September, November, January, March, April and May on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm in the school media center.

#### First PTA Meeting of the Year: Thursday, September 5

The PTA helps purchase new playground equipment, hosts a mother/son and father/daughter event, provides a scholarship to a graduating senior that attended Huber Ridge Elementary and hosts three Scholastic Book Fairs throughout the year to name a few things. We will also be selling spring flowers again from Fortmeyer and Sons in March/April of 2020.

The PTA is always looking for volunteers to help at events. Check out our Facebook page *Huber Ridge Elementary PTA* to stay up to date on upcoming events or to sign up to volunteer through our Sign Up Genius links.

Please feel free to e-mail Kristy Sherwood at ksherwood93@ gmail.com or call 614-204-9597 if you have any questions. We would love to see you at a meeting or at an event. ■

#### **HRAA Meetings**

Join us at a Huber Ridge Area Association meeting, all residents are welcome. Meetings are at 7pm on Monday nights at the Blendon Senior Center, 6330 S Hempstead Rd.

Aug. 5 • Oct. 7 • Dec. 2

# World's Greatest Comics

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New Comics \* Action Figures \* Graphic Novels
Save up to 50% on Back Issues EVERY DAY
www.wgcomics.com \* Follow us on Facebook
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that the drones will only be flown by trained pilots, in accordance with all FAA regulations. He says a number of Westerville officers and firefighters have taken months of classes to obtain their pilot's licenses through the FAA, as well as certifications through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"We won't be flying these drones around randomly, we will have policies and procedures in place for each use case," Chief Miller said.

Chief Miller says it is important for residents to be aware of the new technology and its benefits. Westerville firefighters and police officers will have the drones on display at a number of Mount Carmel 4th Friday events.

"Our goal is to socialize this with the community so they're aware of it. We don't want it to be a surprise that we have this new technology," He said.

Find more information about the Westerville Divisions of Police and Fire at www.westerville.org. ■



In each issue, we list neighbors who can help you with your To-Do list. We hope that you'll keep this list handy for quick reference when you need help.

Note that there may be fees associated with some of these services. Please contact the person directly for details.

#### Electrician

■ Edward Claus (614) 446-0862, Edwardclaus4@gmail.com

#### How to participate

The Herald is offering a low (or no) cost option for residents to promote their services to the neighborhood. Listings are only \$10 each per issue. If you are a current member of the Huber Ridge Area Association, you can list your service for free! Contact Bernadine Pesika at bpesika@gmail.com for more details or to get signed up.

Terms: these listings are for individuals offering services to their neighbors; companies and direct sales persons are asked to purchase a regular advertisement. All persons must be at least 18 years old to participate; parents will be asked to provide their own contact information for their minor children. The Herald will not publish any rates for services. Listing fee will be due upon agreement.

# Are You a Member?

The Huber Ridge Area Association supports the many activities of the neighborhood including The Herald, Blockwatch program, regular meetings, sponsorship of summer concerts in the park, annual plant swap, two Community Garage Sales, Halloween Party, Blendon-Huber Ridge Blooms Garden Show & Contest, Holiday Cheer program, and Holiday Lights contest.

Annual membership dues are only \$15 per household payable at any time during the year.

#### JOIN THE HUBER RIDGE AREA ASSOCIATION INC.

Use this form when mailing in your new or renewal membership dues.

First & Last Name(s) of Adults

Address Phone Number

Emails Address(es)

Please make checks payable to the "Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc." and mail to: Thom Conley, 3533 Makassar Dr. Westerville, OH 43081

Dues may also be paid online with PayPal at www.huberridge.org

#### "The Art of Paradise"

A SHORT STORY BY KATHERINE ZONNER. HUBER RIDGE RESIDENT

The sun was rising and the seagulls were flying over the sea squawking as if saying good morning. This boisterous noise didn't bother Adrienne, who had lived with this sound every morning since childhood. Adrienne loved hearing this sound because it meant that the day would be good. She rushed downstairs to the smell of fresh eggs from the kitchen. Her grandmother said "Buenos dias." Adrienne smiled and responded to her grandmother with a polite "Good morning!" and on her way out the door she took some of her grandmothers fresh bread for the birds.

Adrienne started every day by rushing down to the ocean shoreline and dipping her toes in the water. Adrienne studied the beautiful sky and how it melted neatly with the sea. She was trying to get inspiration for today's masterpiece. The gulls that had woken her hours before were now pecking at the sand and running at early rising children. Adrienne tore up the bread from her grandmother and threw it out for the gulls. Adrienne smiled as she saw the birds peck at the bread and take it away. After admiring the shoreline for an hour, she went on with her morning.

Adrienne got on her light blue bike and rode to the grocery store. Adrienne's grandmother requested the same thing every morning, lemon pound cake. When Adrienne went to the store, she got that simple pound cake and her coffee. After going to the grocery store, she went to the

art store and got some paint for today's piece.

After going to the stores, Adrienne went back to the shoreline. She sat down on a blanket she had brought and started drawing a scene. Adrienne sketched the scene and started to paint it. Later in the day, she would go try to sell her piece in the square. In the summer, this is what she did everyday. The art was gorgeous. Adrienne made the sky a Carolina Blue and the ocean was Prussian Blue. Adrienne put her painting into her bag after it had dried, and got on her bike. Adrienne rode off on her bike away from the shore to sell her painting.

Adrienne sold her painting for \$50. As she was riding home from the square, she stopped at the store. At the store, Adrienne picked up a full lemon pound cake. Adrienne brought the pound cake home to her grandmother and they celebrated her earnings together.

Katherine was awarded Honorable Mention in her age group in the Celebrate the Arts Writing Contest, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Westerville Public Library and ThisWeek Westerville News & Public Opinion. This is the third year in a row in which Katherine has submitted an award winning entry.



Our community's longest tradition is the Halloween Party in Ridgewood Park. For many years the residents, through the neighborhood association, organized and pulled the party together for Ridge goblins and Ghoulies. In more recent years, Blendon Township joined the party and now brings this party to our community in conjunction with the Huber Ridge Area Association.

**SAVE THE DATE!** This year's party is scheduled for **Saturday**, **October 19th**, **6pm to 8pm** in Ridgewood Park, 5484 Buenos Aires Blvd.

This event has drawn 600+ people in the past so we clearly need help. Adult help or teen help would be ideal. So....how are YOU going to help make this year's Halloween Party fun? Planning is going to begin soon, contact Carolyn Cordray at President@huberridge.org or PM on Facebook: Carolyn Emptage Cordray.

Looking forward to hearing from all of you who love Halloween! ■

## Final Summer Concert in Ridgewood Park

Saturday, August 25th 6pm-8pm

Ridgewood Park, 5484 Buenos Aires Blvd.

The Huber Ridge Area Association is a sponsor of the Blendon Township Summer Concert series. The final concert of the summer will feature the band **These Guys Live!** The township is also planning this day several Heritage Day activities to celebrate! Hope to see you there....it's all FREE!



#### **Blooms 2019:**

#### Success for the Gardeners and the Community

BY PAM CLEGG, BLOOMS COORDINATOR

The success of Blooms 2019 was the result of seven gardeners, four from Huber Ridge and three from Sunbury Woods, who shared their gardens with the community and the public for four hours Sunday June 30. All seven gardeners worked very hard on their garden and yard and did an outstanding job. Their properties stood out and many noticed. The success for the community is that with beauty and property improvements, all benefit. Having a free garden show in a community is prestigious and demonstrates a caring, active community.

Seven gardeners were generously rewarded for their work and willingness. This was the biggest reward year yet. In addition to place awards for first - \$100 gift card for Home Depot; second - \$50 gift card for Oakland Nursery, and third - \$35 personal check; all participants went home with a bag full of rewards for all their mighty efforts, which brings beauty and honor to their street and community.

Blooms is made possible by generous donations from Blendon Township Trustee Stewart Flaherty (also Blooms Chairman); the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc.; Sharon Ricker; Hoover Gardens; and anonymous. Blooms is also made possible by volunteers who judge and serve on the committee - Elisabeth and Pam Clegg, Barbara Crawford, Jeff and Linda Laine, Diane and Norm Lobdell, and Sharon Ricker; volunteer photographer Hannah Clegg; and administrative volunteers - Carolyn and Eric Cordray, and Marje Obrist.

We thank our Blendon Township Police officers who visited the gardens and/or drove by. We also thank Chief Belford for his support. We thank our trustees for their support as well.

We also thank each garden lover who took time to visit the gardens.

Thanks to all residents of Sunbury Woods and Huber Ridge who take pride in your

yards because you add to the value and beauty of our subdivisions.

To see more pictures of the gardens, like or friend *Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms* on Facebook.

### 2019 Winners First Place



Stew Flaherty with Chuck & Debbie Kemmer, Arnett Ct.

#### **Second Place**



Barry & Debbie Gorsuch, Rosebay Ct. with Sharon Ricker

#### Third Place



Ray & Theresa Harrington, Oslo Dr. with Diane Lobdell

#### 2019 Blooms Gardeners:

Melissa Blades; Sunbury Woods, Blue Hen Place, awarded for "Best repurposing; symmetry in gardening; whimsical and welcoming; ingenuity in action garden"



Michelle Dippold and Jarod Smith; Huber Ridge, Varadero Drive awarded for "Very well done curved stone edging; all plantings very healthy; planters are a beautiful focal point and a most creative use of space"



Barry and Debbie Gorsuch; Sunbury Woods, Rosebay Court, awarded for "Excellent balance of diverse plantings in front garden and art features; excellent design, lawn care, and edging; best backyard garden oasis" (our second place winner)



Ray and Theresa Harrington; Huber Ridge, Oslo Drive, awarded for "Beautiful color and curves in landscape; good use of stone; very attractive and creative planters, excellence in contrasting textures" (our third place winner)



Chuck and Debbie Kemmer; Huber Ridge, Arnett Court, awarded for "Gardening perfection with emphasis on design, upkeep, health of plants, and overall appearance; uniqueness with antiques; abundant plantings and features. Backyard haven" (our first place winner)



**Kay Levin;** Sunbury Woods, Carnation Drive, awarded for, "Beautiful and plentiful plantings with eye catching and colorful pots, stones, and art; excellence in curb appeal"



Melinda McGuire; Huber Ridge, Copenhagen Drive, awarded for "Fabulous pond feature with fish; inviting and peaceful sitting area; beautiful color theme for pots; very attractive garden"



Thank you to all participants and attendees. We look forward to the show next year. ■

## Fall Community Garage Sale

Registration Opens Soon

# Saturday, September 14 8am to 4pm

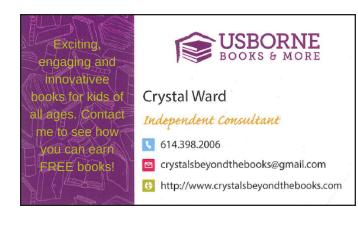
Registration suggested



The HRAA organizes Community Garage Sales for all residents each spring and fall. Online registration is suggested to be listed on our garage sale map that are made available to shoppers to our neighborhood that day as well as shared online. Our sales are sponsored by realtor Liz Loew, Coldwell Banker King Thompson who provides signs for participants and other goodies.

Registration for the Fall Community Garage Sale will begin in August.... watch for notification on our website at www.huberridge.org, on our Facebook page: *Huber Ridge Area Association*News Page and our Facebook group: *Huber Ridge Area Association*.

Registration is FREE! We do the advertising to get people to the neighborhood....you do the selling!





Ron Pesika Representative 614-571-5554 mobile rpesika@primerica.com www.primerica.com/rpesika

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#### Trash Issues?

One of the hot topics in the HRAA facebook group is missed trash pickup. If you find that your trash doesn't get picked up on trash day, typically Friday except on holiday weeks, here is what you can do. You can also find this information at www.huberridge. org under the FAQ section.

- 1. Call Rumpke to report ASAP at 1-800-828-8171. Document the date and time of the call. Also document the outcome of the call (ex. left message on voicemail, spoke to a representative who indicated someone would be out to pick up my trash in the afternoon, etc.)
- 2. Email the township to report the missed pickup with the details of your contact with Rumpke. Send email to refuse@blendontwp.org. This email goes to the Blendon Township Administrative office where the staff reaches out to the route supervisor every time a service complaint is emailed to this address.

#### HUBER RIDGE AREA ASSOCIATION, INC.

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#### ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?

We are. Stay informed about what is happening in the area.

**Huber Ridge Area Association** (Moderated Closed Group)

**Huber Ridge Area Association News** (Community Page)

#### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Police, non-emergency: (614) 889-9494

Blendon Township Office: (614) 882-1270

## Local Experience

If you or someone you know is thinking about selling, contact me today!

I have lived in Huber Ridge for over 18 years. I shop where you shop, my children attended Westerville Schools; I know our area!

Every seller I work with gets the following services:

- \* FREE comparative market analysis
- \* FREE advice on pricing your home
- \* FREE consultation on preparing/staging your home for sale
- \* Quality Listing Photos and Virtual Tour
- \* Comprehensive Online Marking: Multiple Listing Service; Zillow/Trulia, Realtor.com, Coldwellbanker-homes.com; Hundreds of websites including other brokerages websites

Whether you are looking to buy or sell, I have the time and experience to devote to you.



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