

## Huber Ridge Bl🌸🌸ms Again

The Huber Ridge Area Association is sponsoring its *third* annual Huber Ridge Bl🌸🌸ms garden show and competition! All gardeners in the Ridge are welcome to participate. The HRAA sponsors this event each year to encourage residents to improve their curb appeal and to add to the beautification of the neighborhood. Entries will be accepted through July 5; each entrant will receive a yard sign. Judging will take place the week of July 5. The tour date is Sunday, July 11, from 1 to 5 p.m. when contestants must be present. Prizes will be awarded on July 11 at 7 p.m. in Ridgewood Park. Applications will be available at the Blendon Senior Center, online at [huberridge.org](http://huberridge.org), and on page 2 of this newsletter. For more information, please contact Sharon Ricker at 891-1881 or at [baileysr2002@yahoo.com](mailto:baileysr2002@yahoo.com).

—Sharon Ricker, Huber Ridge Bl🌸🌸ms Coordinator



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## Joys of Gardening

The Huber Ridge Area Association started Huber Ridge Bl®ms as a way to recognize residents who have contributed to the beautification of the neighborhood and to encourage new residents to participate.

Beautification of a neighborhood begins with curb appeal. First impressions are lasting impressions. An attractive entrance says to visitors that the occupants care about the property and that it is well maintained. An attractive yard adds to the appearance of the neighborhood and helps to maintain property values. Curb appeal is so important to the selling of a house that a first glance can keep many buyers from looking any further. Real estate experts estimate that more than 80 percent of buyers use the internet to screen properties for sale. If the "curbscape" is unappealing, most people do not look any further. However, even if you are not planning to sell any time soon, you should think about keeping your biggest asset in an attractive and well maintained condition. Everyone benefits from a well maintained neighborhood.

Landscaping is one of the most valuable ways to increase property values. Trees, shrubs, grasses, and flowers not only add to the aesthetics of the neighborhood but also aid in energy savings, conserve ground water, and help to support

the environment by providing a habitat for birds and other wildlife. The great thing about landscaping is that a large space is not necessary to enhance property value. A small garden area or several small areas are just as good as one big open area.

Ways to enhance curb appeal include flower boxes that help add color to a home's exterior and make the windows appear taller from the street. To make the front door a focal point, place seasonal plants in pots that will spill over with color and draw attention to the entrance.

Replace older shrubbery that has grown too large for your home. If you want to make your home appear taller, use smaller shrubs. Watch out for shrubs that are overgrown as they can easily "swallow up" a small home.

Plants suitable for shady areas with low sunlight that are protected from wind include azaleas, weeping Japanese maples, autumn ferns, and hydrangeas. Annuals that do well in shade or low light include impatiens, coleus, and begonias. Ornamental grasses are hardy and will tolerate many growing conditions. Zebra grass, fountain grass, and silver feather grass grow well in Central Ohio.

Gardening not only adds to the appearance of the neighborhood and the environment but also has many health benefits. Strength, flexibility, and endurance are all enhanced by gardening. Muscles, bones, and the respiratory and cardiovascular systems all benefit from exercise. Working in a garden has a calming effect on our blood pressure and stress levels. Gardening is a natural outlet for our creativity and a form of meditation. Gardens put us in touch with nature with its sights, sounds, and smells. When we nurture a garden, we nurture ourselves.

Why not become one of the contestants in Huber Ridge Bl®ms and enjoy all of these benefits?

—Sharon Ricker, Huber Ridge Bl®ms Coordinator

## Huber Ridge Bl®ms Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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Entries will be accepted through July 1, 2010. Return completed forms to the Blendon Senior Center. You must live in Huber Ridge to enter the contest. All entrants will receive signs for their yards. Judging will take place the week of July 5. You must be present during the garden tour on July 11 from 1 to 5 p.m. Prizes will be awarded on July 11 at 7 p.m. in Ridgewood Park.

Questions? Contact Sharon Ricker at 891-1881 or email [baileysr2002@yahoo.com](mailto:baileysr2002@yahoo.com).



# LETTERS

## Why Should Our Area Become a Dumping Ground?

My mother taught us as children to pick up our toys, make our beds, and clean our rooms. It was taught from birth so no hassle, just an automatic response each day. We were taught to always respect others and be responsible citizens to our community and country.

As an adult, one automatically continues to do what has become natural from proper parental teaching and self-respect to oneself and others.

I have lived in Huber Ridge for over 30 years and still enjoy it very much. **I find we have some of the greatest individuals anywhere living as our neighbors.**

I walk around my neighborhood quite often and am finding more and more trash having been thrown out of car windows or discarded by individuals walking in the neighborhood. Also, I am observing more and more ice cream wrappers and candy bar wrappers carelessly dropped on the ground.

On a recent walk, I took some trash bags with me and picked up trash as I walked. By the time I returned home, I had two trash bags filled along with a pizza box that was in the middle of the street.

It is very sad and disconcerting that this is happening more and more to our neighborhood. It appears we have more and more adults and children who have not been taught to have more respect for themselves or their neighborhood. It is no effort for anyone to carry his or her trash home and discard it properly.

If you are one of those individuals, please think of others before throwing your trash out of your car window or dropping it as you are walking through the neighborhood. If you are a parent who allows your children to take an ice cream bar or candy bar outside, please ensure you have instructed and taught them to bring the paper back into the house and properly discard it.

It takes all of us to maintain a nice neighborhood we can be proud of. It takes all of us to maintain our homes and pick up trash anywhere we see it. All of our home values are affected if the neighborhood is not maintained.

I am proud to be a member of the Huber Ridge family, and I know we have some of the most outstanding individuals anywhere residing as our neighbors. I pray a few bad apples do not continue to disrespect our neighborhood and themselves nor to be too lazy to keep our neighborhood clean.

**I thank each one of you who are thoughtful of**

yourself, others, and where you live, as you are the terrific neighbors of Huber Ridge we are each very proud of. I am very proud and happy to be a part of your neighborhood family.

—Ronald Bricker, Neighbor



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In June of 2009, Ohio American Water Company applied to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for an increase in their rates. This is the third increase in three years. This increase application was for 60 percent to be phased in over four years.

Again I saddled up for another opposition, met with leaders of other communities, and discussed plans to oppose yet another increase. Steve Kennedy, Prairie Township Trustee, and I joined together to form Fight the Hike Ohio, a grassroots organization to oppose this increase.

We asked you to write the PUCO; 180+ letters were docketed at the PUCO. We asked you to attend PUCO public hearings; 118 testimonies were heard at the hearings. We

asked for support and were supported. The end results are that a difference was made and that the customers of OAWC were heard.

On May 5, 2010, the PUCO authorized OAWC to increase rates approximately 7.1 percent over current operating revenues. The PUCO opinion and order also:

- ✓ Eliminated more than \$4 million of management fees, incentive compensation, and pension expenses from the Company's rate increase request.
- ✓ Directed PUCO staff to conduct an audit of OAWC's management policies and administrative practices with the results to be considered in future rate case proceedings.
- ✓ Excluded more than \$3 million in OAWC assets from the Company's rate base request and reduced the Company's rate case expense request by nearly \$300,000.
- ✓ Directed OAWC to factor customer counts, system growth, inflationary factors, and the consumer price index into its budget plans. OAWC will face additional scrutiny in future rate cases if the Company's budget growth far exceeds the rate of inflation and household income.
- ✓ Instructed OAWC to work with PUCO staff to increase customer awareness of the issues within customers' homes that could contribute to water quality concerns. OAWC must continue to honor the water quality and customer service commitments agreed to in past rate cases.
- ✓ Denied the Company's request to increase its customer charge from \$9.51 to \$11.39.

Now because the rate case was followed through to a hearing and not negotiated as in previous cases, OAWC had 30 days to apply for a rehearing from the opinion and order date (May 5, 2010). On the 30th day, OAWC applied for a rehearing of the rate case—asking for a consideration of \$4 million of costs that were not allowed during this increase. All sides will have the opportunity for rebuttal during this rehearing. I sincerely believe when it's all said and done, this will not be allowed; but I believe OAWC is laying the groundwork for taking this case to the Ohio Supreme Court. For the first time, OAWC did not get its way and is acting like a cornered cat coming out with all its claws extended.

During this application, we have fought for changes in Ohio law to protect/help the customers held hostage by OAWC. A couple of proposed bills came about: House Bill 344 and Senate Bill 228. Both bills would limit OAWC to 50 percent of the cost of the application process to be passed on to the consumer with the other 50 percent to be absorbed by the Company/stockholders. OAWC has actively fought these bills and blames the Ohio Consumers' Counsel for not settling the current increase and inflating the cost of the application to promote the passages of H.B. 344 and S.B. 228.

But it's the OAWC which has applied for a hearing now—thus inflating the cost of the application that now can be passed on to us, the customers, during the next increase.

**We need support to get these bills passed. Please take a few minutes to write our elected officials asking them to support the proposed House and Senate bills:**

- ✓ **Honorable Ted Strickland**  
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**The time is NOW. We HAVE made a difference and WILL make a difference if we unite, stand, and fight. Our state elected officials are now listening and will continue to do so if we speak up.**

You can check [huberridge.org](http://huberridge.org) for updates as they occur.

All I've ever asked for is a quality product—water—at an affordable price. I've stood beside you shoulder to shoulder asking for just that. I knew it would be a long battle, and OAWC would kick back. The Company has deep pockets, and the laws are on its side. After all, they have nothing to lose but time. I ask you to stand strong. Stand your ground and use what we have—our voices. Our voices are being heard, and we cannot let them die. Water is a necessity of life; without water, all living things will cease to live. Water is not a luxury and should not be charged for as if it were. You have

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made a difference, and together we can continue to make a difference!

—James Welch, President

## The Cousins— HRAA Family of the Quarter

As we begin the second year of honoring a family of the quarter, we are proud to introduce you to Ed and Sylvia Cousins and Lady Annie who reside in an impressive home at 3599 Panama. Do you wonder about just who Lady Annie is? Well, after a year of reading these articles, you should know that if a family has an animal (and so far they all have), the animal gets presented first! Lady Annie Rose is a beautiful, black 2 ½ year old English Lab, who still has her “puppy energy.” You should ask her about Elton, her boyfriend in Florida! He is a 3-year-old Yellow Lab, who contracted Parvo Virus as a puppy and has a lot of difficulty with coordination but wastes no time running to meet Annie when she visits.

Ed began their family story telling of his two years as a Surgical Technician in the US Army Medical Corps. After those years of “medical field experience” (my phraseology), he returned to his home in Chillicothe and found little employment to use his knowledge and skills. He then moved to Columbus and started training in The Ohio State University Department of Radiology and became a Registered Licensed Radiological Technologist. In 1958 he joined the staff in the Radiology Department at OSU. During his early years in the Department, he took evening classes at Franklin University and earned his Associate and Bachelor degrees in Electronic Engineering, Engineering Technology, and Business. Working his way through the “job hoops,” he became Director of Administrative and Technical Services of the Department! The amazing stories he told about the research he was involved with in the Department are far too many to relate here; but when you meet him, just ask. His eyes will sparkle, and you’ll be impressed. While at OSU, he met Sylvia; but she had her sights on Florida—more about that later. So in July of 1972, he began looking for a home to buy in Worthington; but with a friend’s help, Huber Ridge won his favor, and he bought their current home. In 1978, the “Florida girl” returned to OSU. They became reacquainted and a few years later were married. When Sylvia moved in, she brought a moving van full of furniture, but it blended well with Ed’s. She said it looked like Ed and Sylvia’s furniture warehouse. WOW!

Sylvia was born in Ravenna and earned her Associate’s Degree in Radiology at Timken Mercy Medical Center in Canton. While her family was on a trip to Columbus, they drove by OSU and were impressed with the campus. She was so influenced by their opinion that she moved and joined The

Ohio State University Medical Center Radiology Department where she stayed for 13 years. But the attraction of Florida was strong, so she left Ohio and worked in a variety of cities in Florida until 1978 when she returned to OSU. She became a certified Mammographer and managed the Mammography Department.

They didn’t tell me so, but they must have had a “plan” as they both retired in 1991. He had been with Ohio State for 33 years, and Sylvia totaled 26 years there. He is proud of the years they both have had after retirement as he tells about their having the time to spend with several of their aging family members during the years before their passing.

In 2007, after numerous, invasive, repeated tests, Sylvia was diagnosed with Leukemia. Her treatments meant spending an unbelievably long month in Riverside Hospital. She smiled as she shared that she had packed for her stay pretty tops, levis, flip flops, etc. However, her treatments caused weakness too great for her to enjoy such things. They agree that with her spirit and their faith, she has now been in remission for 2½ years.

While in the hospital, she received an uplifting surprise gift for her birthday. It was a telephone call from Coach Tressel wishing her a happy birthday! She added, “Go Bucks!”



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Ed and Sylvia enjoy OSU football, working in their yard, and—when in Florida—the wonderful beaches and “yummy seafood.” But the light of their lives is Annie. She has been a real blessing in their lives. You should see Sylvia walking Annie—I think that’s the way it is—although it surely seems like Annie is leading!

Come out to the Huber Ridge Area Association meeting on July 1 and meet this delightful family! You won’t get to meet Annie, but you will enjoy Ed and Sylvia! It will be a time we all can show them we are proud they are the honored HRAA Family of the Quarter.

—Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator

## Wayne's Auto Repair

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Probably right up there with finding a good doctor, dentist, or hairdresser and barber is finding a reliable and trustworthy car repair mechanic! Well, sometimes the best kept secrets can be found right here where we are. For our featured business, let’s take a look at Wayne’s Auto Repair (614-891-6368) located at 5995 Westerville Road, right next to the Speedway gas station.

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- ⌘ Gerald E. Shaner, over 33 years of service in the Army in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.
- ⌘ Specialist Mark Smock, service in the Army Reserve attached to the 342nd Military Police Company based at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, with tours of duty at Fort Dix and in California, Indiana, and Italy.
- ⌘ Sgt. John K. Harris, service with the 37 IBCT Army National Guard in Kuwait from January 5, 2008 to December 7, 2008.
- ⌘ Lt. John Shinaberry, service with the Air Force (currently completing pilot training after graduating from the United States Air Force Academy).

Your HRAA supports our veterans year round in *The Herald* and on its website. **Remember to thank a veteran!**

—Jim Welch, President

## Labor Day Strut-Ur-Pup and Bike Parade

A great way to wrap up the summer is to come out and take part in the annual HRAA Labor Day Strut-Ur-Pup and Bike Parade on Monday, September 6, at 10 a.m. Each year we start at the Huber Ridge Elementary School and parade down Buenos Aires Boulevard to Ridgewood Park. Bikes,

pups, and paraders are decorated in red, white, and blue to celebrate the holiday. Mark your calendars now to take part in this fun annual community event!

—Carolyn Cordray, Vice President



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## Another Wonderful Day at the Park!

Thanks to all the volunteers who came to Ridgewood Park April 24 to help with the annual cleanup event. The pride our neighborhood takes in this fantastic asset shows!

A few raindrops didn't stop about 50 volunteers, who came from as far away as Pataskala, in this group effort. Our new friend, Jerry, who is from Pataskala, brought his yellow boots with him especially to wade into Spring Run. We could then properly dispose of those things that were littering our stream. Along with Jerry, there were Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts from Huber Ridge, Boy Scouts from The Vineyard and Messiah churches, residents of Huber Ridge, and Blendon Township Trustees.

I want to give special thanks to The McGraw-Hill Companies for their generous grant through the Employees' Global Volunteer Day. We were able to procure new equipment to use during this year's cleanup and every year from now on. Among my favorites are the "Weed Wrenches" used to pull tree-type plants. We used them specifically for the honeysuckle that grows invasively throughout the Park. A couple of wheelbarrows and pitchforks were also purchased with some of the money. They're used to spread the mulch on the path in the woods.

We are also grateful to Julie and the crew at Starbucks on State Street for their generous donation of the coffee. Our Blendon Township Trustees bought breakfast and lunch again this year. They also paid for everything else that was used that wasn't covered by the grant.

As an added bonus, those who helped were given a t-shirt from McGraw-Hill. I hope to be able to do this again next year. With your help, we might be able to do even more! Put it on your calendar for Earth Week 2011! Thank you!

—Lori Mann, Park Cleanup Day Coordinator

**Spring Cleanup at Ridgewood Park on April 24**

# Were You There?



*Resident Doug Dapo Removing Invasive Species*



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## Bigger Every Year: The Annual Plant Swap

This year's HRAA Plant Swap was lush with beautiful plants brought by neighbors to share with neighbors. Traditionally held the Saturday before Mother's Day and a completely FREE event—many attendees expressed how much they enjoy the plant swap and are so glad it continues year after year. This year there was a bounty of plants to

share, and they covered almost four picnic tables under the shelter at Ridgewood Park. Many of the remaining plants not swapped were planted in Ridgewood Park, so we can enjoy them all summer long. The generosity of Huber Ridge gardeners who share their lovely plants with neighbors is outstanding. Keep in mind to come to this event next year *whether you have plants to share or not*; there are always more than enough to go around.

—Carolyn Cordray, Vice President

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882-0376

5529 **Buenos Aires Bl.**  
John Harris  
946-2091

5588 **Buenos Aires Bl.**  
Chris Feeney  
679-7186

5520 **Copenhagen Drive**  
Bill and June Riggs  
890-6070

5584 **Copenhagen Drive**  
Richard Rathkopf  
776-1230

5625 **Madrid Drive**  
Ralph and Judy Barrell  
882-5298

3599 **Madrid Drive**  
Kathy Ridgway  
899-9690

5561 **Oslo Drive**  
Sharon Ricker\*  
891-1881

3515 **Panama Drive**  
Betsy Briggs  
203-5404

3578 **Stockholm Road**  
Leslie Jordan  
823-6496

### Area G

5680 **Bashaw Drive**  
Cheri Gray  
899-0785

5663 **Bashaw Drive**  
Brent Sheffer  
818-9324

3668 **Managua Drive**  
Andrea Wei  
890-8187

3705 **Managua Drive**  
Frances Corkrean  
890-1825

3661 **Mexico Avenue**  
Michelle Baum  
895-9601

5598 **Montevideo Drive**  
Jonathan and Megan  
Howard  
302-4990

5652 **Natalie Court**  
Amy McCarthy  
899-7859

5664 **Natalie Court**  
Christie Walker  
392-0468

3686 **Santiago Drive**  
Daisy and Kenny White  
948-0635

5601 **Spohn Drive**  
Robin Thomas  
891-2722

5614 **Spohn Drive**  
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ridge-a-Palooza Fun for All!

What a way to kick off the summer with a neighborhood celebration that included games, inflatables, face painting, cotton candy, a cake walk, raffles, a Westerville/Blendon Township fire truck, two Blendon Township police cruisers, great food, and a movie at dusk!

The second annual Ridge-a-Palooza was held on Saturday, June 12, and was once again put together by Faith Covenant Church and the HRAA.

Lots of people (156 guests and 50 volunteers) enjoyed this year's event and the movie, *Up*, at dusk. In addition, members of 14 households in Huber Ridge took advantage of the opportunity to join the HRAA at this event!

We'd like to thank this year's sponsors and donors to this wonderful event: The Best, NAPA, Rita's, Bob Evans Restaurant, Hoover Gardens, Shepherd Church of the Nazarene, and—of course—Faith Covenant Church and the Huber Ridge Area Association.

—Carolyn Cordray, Vice President

## Community Downsizes with Annual Garage Sale

Summertime is the perfect time to clear out some space in closets and the garage. The Huber Ridge Area Association Annual Community Garage Sale was held on Saturday, June 26; and we hope you had a chance to participate either as a seller or a buyer.

As in past years, Barbara Crawford of **Century 21 Joe Walker and Associates** cosponsored this event with the HRAA through handling the costs for advertising and printing of the maps. *Thank you, Barbara!*

This year the maps listed not only participating sales and their addresses but also a few featured items to help steer buyers to items they might be seeking. Registration for the event was required in order for participants' addresses to appear on the map and on [huberridge.org](http://huberridge.org). This event was FREE for all residents whether they are members of HRAA or not and was advertised prior to the sale on [huberridge.org](http://huberridge.org).

—Carolyn Cordray, Vice President



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<b>June 25</b>	<b>August 13</b>
<b>July 16</b>	<b>August 27</b>
<b>July 30</b>	<b>September 10</b>

Bring your lawn chair and blankets and come on by the church around **8:00 pm** for free games, popcorn and movies on a 20 foot outdoor movie screen!

If it rains—we bring everything inside—so no matter what the weather—it's time to have fun!



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## The April Appeal

The April Appeal gave two residents the opportunity to honor Pam Clegg and Sharon Ricker, whom they acknowledged as their choice for a year's membership. The new members are Jesse and Julie Howe and Mary Szabo. Both were quite complimentary in their comments as to why they were designating these Association members to receive a one-year membership in the Association. Congratulations, Pam and Sharon! And welcome to the Association, Mary and Jess and Julie!

—Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator

## huberridge.org

The Huber Ridge Area Association's busy website scored 3,468 hits in May! The calendar was viewed 138 times; the discussion area, 1,430 times; the home page, 946 times; the map, 11 times, the meet-your-neighbors area, 64 times; the newsletter (back issues of *The Herald* are archived on this website), 201 times; our info, 133 times, and pages & docs, 477 times. [huberridge.org](http://huberridge.org) had 1,813 hits in January, 1,509 hits in February, 1,727 hits in March, 2,250 hits in April, and 1,703 hits through June 17.

—Marje Obrist, Newsletter Editor

## Editorial Guidelines for the Publication of THE HERALD

### Purpose

*The Herald* is published quarterly by the Huber Ridge Area Association (HRAA) for the purpose of informing the members and potential members of the Huber Ridge Area Association of the activities, concerns, and achievements of the HRAA. The HRAA Executive Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving the content of this newsletter.

### Advertising Rates

Advertising rates are as follows:

\$25 per issue for a business-card (3.5 x 2 inches) ad  
\$65 per issue for a quarter-page (3.75 x 5 inches) ad  
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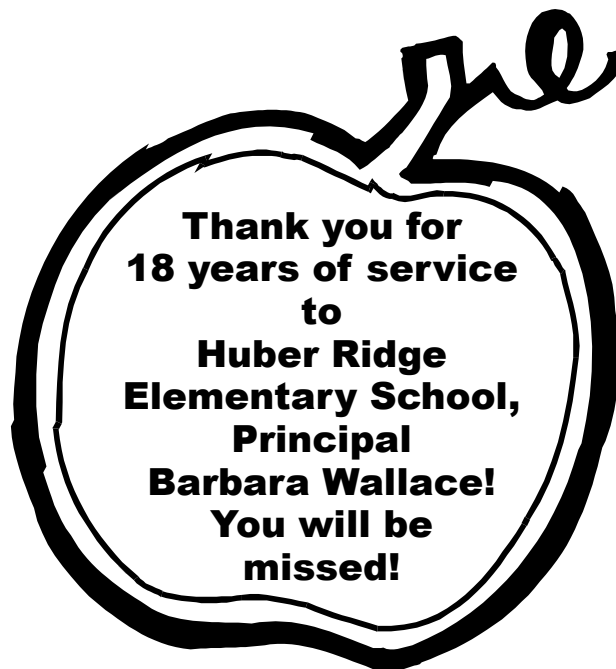
If you are interested in advertising in the autumn issue of *The Herald*, please contact Marje Obrist at 891-6944 or at [editor@huberridge.org](mailto:editor@huberridge.org).

## "What's in It for Me?"

Remember that? It was the era we intensely disliked. We had gotten to the point that we wouldn't do anything unless we saw it a benefit to us. Volunteerism had vanished, and charity was a "bad word." I feel like some of the Ridge residents are still in that mode.

There is a small group of about 50 of us in the Huber Ridge Area of 1628 households making all the decisions about what the Association can do to improve our community. That's not enough! Don't complain about what we are not doing if you keep to yourself and don't tell us what you would like us to do.

If you don't want to come to the Association meetings and share your concerns and add to our discussion, then at least send me \$15 for your membership and join the 151 households who let us know they care about Huber Ridge!  
—Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator



## HUBER RIDGE AREA ASSOCIATION 2010 MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Application shows your agreement to abide by the Bylaws and be a member in good standing.)

Name(s) of adult(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues are \$15 per household. Dues are for a 12-month period and may be paid at any time throughout the year. You can bring your dues to a meeting or mail them to the Membership Coordinator, Joya Neff, 3615 Stockholm Road, Westerville, OH 43081. Checks are to be made payable to the Huber Ridge Area Association.

## Here's What's Happening in the Ridge!

### Put these dates on your calendar!



July 1..... HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.  
 July 7..... Blendon Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.  
 July 11..... Huber Ridge Blooms Show in Huber Ridge from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
 July 15..... HRAA Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.  
 July 21..... Blendon Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.  
 August 3..... National Night Out in Huber Ridge  
 August 4..... Blendon Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.  
 August 5..... HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.  
 August 18..... Blendon Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.  
 August 19..... HRAA Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.  
 September 1..... Blendon Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.  
 September 2..... HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.  
 September 6..... Labor Day Parade Beginning at Huber Ridge Elementary School at 10:00 a.m.  
 September 15..... Blendon Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.  
 September 16..... HRAA Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.  
 September 29..... Blendon Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.  
 October 7 ..... HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.