

One Hour and Nineteen Minutes

If you want to be an informed, educated voter for this November's election, if you want our community to be the best that it can be, and if government matters to you, then please plan to give one hour and nineteen minutes of your time by attending the HRAA-sponsored **Blendon Township Candidate and Issue Q & A**.

When? October 4 from 7:00 to 8:19 p.m

Where? Faith Covenant Church, 3607 Dempsey Road

Who should attend? Blendon Township residents, media, and interested parties

What can you expect? Fiscal Officer candidate and two Trustee candidates Wade Estep, Liz Ward, and James Welch respectively will be ready to answer your questions about their office and views on the Township. Blendon Township Police Chief John Belford will explain the upcoming police levy and answer questions.

How? You will have the opportunity to ask your questions either anonymously through a moderator or personally using an HRAA provided form available at the Q & A. Protocol will be explained that evening; or if you have questions, please call Pam Clegg, 891-9176. (Profiles of the Trustee candidates appear on page 2 of this newsletter.)

—Pam Clegg, HRAA Sponsored Q & A Coordinator

Halloween in the Ridge Just Around the Corner

On the one hand, it seems like summer just blew by; and here we are at Fall's doorstep once again. On the other hand, fall brings all kinds of fun things such as the annual HRAA Halloween Event in the Park. Planning has begun for this popular neighborhood tradition scheduled this year for Saturday, October 22, 6 to 8 p.m. at Ridgewood Park on Buenos Aires Boulevard.

Crowd favorite activities such as the Haunted Woods, the Costume Contest for all ages, the Hay Ride, S'mores around the fire, Trick-or-Treat Street, and an assortment of games will be back again at this year's event. Additionally, party-goers can expect to enjoy a nice picnic-style supper and can try their luck with buying raffle tickets for a host of items or services.

Of course, an event like this doesn't happen without the generous support of merchants and neighbors who donate their time and goods to help make it a great time for everyone. Once again, the planners of this event are asking for volunteers for soliciting donations, being actors in the Haunted Woods, running games, working at the registration table, serving food, etc. There is certainly a volunteer activity for everyone. As with past years, the HRAA is glad to accept student volunteers who can use this work to receive community service credit at school. Donations are being accepted as well. Specifically we would like to collect raffle and game prizes, candy for Trick-or-Treat Street, food donations for supper, and Costume Contest prizes. If you are

able to help with any of these needs whether a little or a lot, please contact Carolyn Cordray, Huber Ridge Area Association Vice President. Carolyn's email is vp@huberridge.org; her phone number is 614-446-4020.

Whether you are able to volunteer or donate or not, please plan to attend! This event has become a neighborhood tradition for all ages, so we'd love to see everyone come for a great time! Be sure to watch huberridge.org and our Facebook page, "Huber Ridge Area Association" for event updates.

—Carolyn Cordray,
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Blendon Township Trustee Candidate Profiles for the November 8 Election



Name: James F. Welch

Address: 5460 Acapulco Place, Westerville, Ohio 43081

Age: 46

Occupation: Blendon Township Trustee, Automotive Technician

Education: Two Years Technical School for Automotive

Name: Liz Ward

Address: 5461 Acapulco Place, Westerville, Ohio 43081

Age: *not given*

Occupation: Administrator, Women's Ministry, Vineyard Church of Columbus

Education: Graduate, St. Francis DeSales High School; Certified Relocation Professional, Advanced Business and Managerial Training, 2009 Graduate of Vineyard Leadership Institute (2 year degree)

What experience have you had that qualifies you to be a Trustee?

Experience is the key. With state budget cuts, declining home values, foreclosed homes and decreasing township revenues, Blendon Township needs an experienced, decisive leader.

My experience as your current trustee, HRAA president and Co-Chair of Fight the Hike Ohio has demonstrated my record of leadership, fiscal responsibility, initiative, integrity, commitment, and experience needed to continue to serve as your trustee for the next four years.

What experience have you had that qualifies you to be a Trustee?

I have lived in Blendon Township for 40 yrs. My late husband, Jerry Ward, served as your Trustee for 26 yrs, giving me a good understanding of township government. I have spoken to many township residents over the past 26 yrs and am aware of the types of issues and challenges we face. My professional and personal experiences have given me expertise in dealing with the public, providing excellent customer service, problem solving and project management. I have a good relationship with the current township administration which would make for a smooth transition in assuming the role of Trustee.

What volunteer work have you done to benefit Blendon Township?

- Founder and co-chaired "Fight the Hike Ohio"
- Successfully led the opposition to 5 OAWC increases
- Secured first-ever 5 local PUCO public hearings
- President, HRAA (7 years)
- Helped coordinate volunteers/Scouts on Earth Day to clean up and improve Ridgewood Park.
- Facilitated numerous community events for Huber Ridge (see www.huberridge.org)
- Initiated, endorsed and demonstrated the need to adopt a property maintenance code for Blendon Township to trustees. My influence and promotion of initiative resulted in adoption of such codes.

What volunteer work have you done to benefit Blendon Township?

My entire life has been one of service. Working with my husband while he was a Blendon Trustee for 26 yrs provided many volunteer opportunities:

- Participated in Community Plan for Blendon
- Participated in Blendon Memorial Day Service, 10+ yrs
- Volunteered at Huber Elementary
- Served at Senior Center events
- Participated in Ridgewood Park clean ups
- Hosted National Night Out gatherings

Volunteer activities benefiting Blendon and Columbus area include serving at:

- Single Parents Fair
- "Serve Columbus" community service projects
- A local food pantry
- Prison outreach programs

LETTERS

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of James Welch for Blendon Township Trustee. Jim has done more for this community, that I am aware of, than any other individual in many years. He is willing to go the extra mile and fight for what is right for the Township residents. It is rare to find an individual who truly cares about the people and not just a political position. I treasure his work thus far and am in total support of him for Blendon Township Trustee. Thank you very much!

—Ronald Bricker, Resident

To the Editor,

I have lived in this neighborhood for seven years I am writing to say I give my support to Liz Ward for Trustee in November. I have worked with Liz for over six years at Vineyard Church of Columbus and have gotten to know her and her family very well, especially since the loss of her husband Jerry. Liz is a very hard working, dependable woman who give 110% to everything she does. Liz has lived in this community for 40 years and she loves the people and the community

very much. Liz worked as a team with her husband, Jerry, as trustee for 26 years. She has seen where we have been and where we need to go to improve our community to be the best it can be. She has great leadership and organizational skills as well as being honest and full of integrity. She is a gatherer of people and she makes everyone feel welcome and at home with her even when she meets them for the first time. Liz serves with her whole life at church, with family, and with friends. I feel Liz already being so connected to the community will enable her to serve with all her abilities and talents as our Trustee.

Thank you, Missy McPeck

Blendon Township Police Renewal Levy

Vote “Yes” for Issue 5

Your Blendon Township Trustees have placed a 4-mill, 5-year renewal levy on the upcoming November 8 ballot. This renewal levy makes up 51 percent of the total Blendon Township Police Department operating budget. The current levy is set to expire at the end of 2011. Passage of this levy is crucial if we expect police services to be maintained at the present level.

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the Police Department will not increase; this levy will remain at \$122.50 per \$100,000 of property valuation.

Our police department is funded by five levies—three very small permanent/continuous levies and two 5-year levies. The total cost of all five levies combined per \$100,000 valuation per year is \$231.20. The entire cost of our police department is not solely shouldered by the residents. Commercial and industrial property owners share the same cost per \$100,000 valuation, and this equates to 27 percent of the Police budget.

Your Blendon Township Trustees are asking voters for their continued support of the Police Department with a “Yes” vote on Issue 5 on November 8.

—James Welch, President

Yet Another Rate Increase; Pending Sale of Our Water Treatment Plant

OAWC Update

On July 1, 2011, Ohio American Water Company filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to adjust its rates for water and wastewater service in all their Ohio operating districts. This is the first step of an

approximately nine-month process to increase our rates.

The Huber Ridge water treatment plant, according to OAWC, serves 2,300 customers. OAWC states the average household usage per month is 4 ccf. (Note: Three increases ago, they stated the average was 6 ccf.) Using this average, the typical household would see an increase of \$9.02 for water, and \$5.13 for wastewater per month for a combined total monthly increase of \$14.15 using 4 ccf as the average.

The PUCO by statute has 275 days to review OAWC’s request, garner public opinion, and issue an order.

Then on July 11, 2011, OAWC issued a press release stating: American Water to purchase Aqua America’s New York operations and to sell all Ohio operations to Aqua Ohio.

Under the announced agreement with Aqua, American Water will purchase Aqua’s seven water systems in New York for approximately \$71 million; and American Water will sell 8 water systems and 1 wastewater system in Ohio to Aqua for approximately \$121 million. Completing both transactions is subject to the approval of the public utility commissions in both New York and Ohio. The approval and sale is expected sometime in the first three months of 2012.

While the sale and purchase of these systems do affect us, they will not affect the current application for increasing our

RETAIN James Welch as Your Blendon Township Trustee!

Blendon Township will face some difficult decisions in the near future based on our decreasing revenues. Experience and knowledge of the Township government will be essential. Retain your experienced Trustee, James Welch.



“There is no substitute for experience.” Keep James Welch, Your Trustee.

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rates. OAWC is moving forward with the application process.

Since 2000 when OAWC purchased the Huber Ridge treatment plant, there have been five applications to raise rates: the first in 2003, then in 2006, 2007, 2009, and now 2011!

As in the past, I have stood beside you, behind you, and led the opposition to the increases. Together we have made a difference. Again I am asking all OAWC customers to unite and oppose this increase. Let's send American Water to New York with a going-away party: a victory for the customers—you and me.

Let's saddle up one more time and send them off running. Here is how; **tell YOUR story**:

- ↳ "The price of water has"
- ↳ "The sacrifices I have made to contain the cost"
- ↳ "In the current economy coupled with skyrocketing utility prices that the PUCO has allowed, I have been forced to"

Write to our elected officials and the PUCO regarding PUCO case No. **11-4161-WS-AIR** at the following addresses:

✉ Honorable John Kasich
Governor's Office

Riffe Center

77 South High Street, 30th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-6117

✉ Nancy Garland

State Representative

77 South High Street, 10th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-6117

✉ Senator Kevin Bacon

Senate Building

One Capitol Square, Ground Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

✉ Anne Gonzales, State Representative

77 South High Street, 12th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-6117

✉ Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

180 East Broad Street, 13th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re: 11-4161-WS-AIR

State and local governments have been cutting budgets to balance them. Why can't the utilities? We taxpayers have made sacrifices to balance our budgets; why does this not apply to our utilities?

—James Welch, President



Experienced leader
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Elect LIZ WARD for Blendon Township Trustee

As your Trustee I will work to:

- Continue to seek a solution for our increasing water rates
- Provide continued support to achieve high standards for police & safety services
- Promote improvements in our neighborhoods, thereby enhancing property values
- Seek creative ways to stretch our tax dollars
- Create a unified community in Blendon Township. Together we *can* make a difference
- Maintain a safe, successful and vibrant community for our families

*"I have lived in Huber Ridge for over 40 years, and have a deep love for this community. I was married to **Jerry Ward** for almost 40 years until his unexpected death in May 2010. Jerry served as **your Trustee for 26 years** and together, we served this great community. Having raised my family here, volunteering at Huber Elementary School and working side-by-side with Jerry enabled me to make many lasting relationships within the community and township administration. I would be honored to serve as your Trustee!"*

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3525 **Dahlgreen Drive**
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523-3184

3360 **Dempsey Road**
Chuck Marlow
895-3225

3473 **Dempsey Road**
Era McMahon
891-5312

3378 **Hunt Club Rd., N.**
Emily Patterson
899-3742

3381 **Hunt Club Rd., N.**
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3390 **Montford Road, N.**
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6365 **Montford Road, W.**
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818-9220

3374 **Vickers Drive**
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634-1473

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3815 **Balboa Place**
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523-3006

6101 **Batavia Road**
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794-3038

3636 **Bolamo Drive**
Brian and Jaclyn Davis
557-3407

6084 **Paris Bl., N.**
Joellen Lugin
882-0030

6037 **Paris Bl., N.**
Karl and Kathy Austin
563-0711

Area C

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794-3780

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Edwin England
794-3049

5903 **Dakar Road, E.**
George King

3459 **Paris Boulevard**
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901-0070

3510 **Rangoon Drive**
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3505 **Saigon Drive**
Jim and Amber Chill*
882-4220

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5943 **Bangasi Road**
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3582 **Karikal Drive**
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891-9176

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973-8704

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882-1310

3669 **Lima Drive**
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5664 **Natalie Court**
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5614 **Spohn Drive**
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Area H

Blendon Square Apts.
Nick Sabo

*Area Representative

Huber Ridge Area Association Bylaws Accepted

Your association has been operating under 7½ pages of bylaws created in 2005! The Executive Committee met many times over the last year to mull over how to reflect the current structure of the Association in a revision of this document. The bylaws were finalized in July, presented to the membership at the August 4 general meeting, posted on our website, and sent to the members with email.

At the general meeting on September 1, the bylaws were approved without an amendment. There were no questions, no discussion of any part. I will speak only for myself in saying that is a bit scary. I sincerely wonder if all sections were fully understood.

These bylaws are the foundation of your association. They establish the means of communication between the membership and the officers and committee coordinators as well as the power and control of those elected and appointed. Be comfortable in asking ANY question about any part of these bylaws or any part of your association's business and/or activities. We work for you!

We appreciate and hold high your trust!

—Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator

GRACE Fellowship Church of Westerville

Our Huber Ridge community is blessed to be surrounded by some wonderful community groups. One of these groups is GRACE Fellowship Church of Westerville located at 3475 Paris Boulevard. On the website for GRACE Fellowship, I noticed a little caption that caught my attention. It says, "GRACE—a place to call home."

I spoke with Marilyn Malcolm, the Program Director at GRACE, who shared with me about what makes GRACE so special. Its mission statement is "We exist for the glory of God and the good of the city by extending hope through the gospel of Jesus Christ."

GRACE Fellowship Church has been in Huber Ridge for many years. Previously, it was called Grace Baptist Church. It is still affiliated with the Baptist church but decided to change its name to let people know that it is open to all people and not just those who are Baptist.

As evidence that GRACE Fellowship is open to all people, due to a growing number of Russian members attending GRACE, a Russian language service was made available along with the English-speaking service. There are about 50 Russian-speaking members, who can now participate in a worship service in their own language.

One of the special programs at GRACE Fellowship is its Maternity Resource Center. This is a long-time ministry to help mothers of children from birth to age 3. The Church receives donations of baby items such as clothes, toys, and anything else that a baby needs. Any baby items can be given as a tax-deductible donation for the Center. Mothers in need can contact the Maternity Resource Center and receive help. Baby items are made available to mothers free of charge.

Other programs offered at GRACE Fellowship are ministries for Children (ages 3 to 5th grade), Student Ministries (grades 6 to 12), Men and Women Ministries; and College and Career Ministries. Service times are on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for Sunday School and 10:15 a.m. for the Worship Service. The church also has small group ministries and *Bible* studies.

GRACE Fellowship has a big garage sale each year with all sales going back into the ministry. The Church will accept donation of items for their garage sale and will even provide a pick-up service for the donations. The next big garage sale will be on Friday, September 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Mark this garage sale on your calendar and check it out because items will be sold at great prices.

To find out more about GRACE Fellowship Church, you can go to its website at gracefellowshipwesterville.org. Its church office can be reached at 614-890-0078, ext. 10.

—Doug Dapo, Neighbor



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Those Who Serve ...

We are proud to recognize Huber Ridge service personnel both in *The Herald* and on our website, huberridge.org. In this issue, we honor

- ♣ Specialist Katie Christy, service in the U.S. Army Reserve attached to the 377th MP Military Police Company based in Cincinnati; one tour of duty in Italy; recently returned from tour of duty in Afghanistan.
- ♣ Sgt. John K. Harris, service with the 37 IBCT Army National Guard in Kuwait from January 5, 2008, to December 7, 2008.
- ♣ Gerald E. Shaner, over 33 years of service in the Army in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.
- ♣ Lt. John Shinaberry, service as a C-130 pilot in the US Air Force stationed at Little Rock AFB.
- ♣ Captain John Paul Smock, U. S. Army, Military Intelligence, presently stationed in South Korea, has completed two tours of duty in Iraq.
- ♣ 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, New Jersey, California, Indiana, Italy, and El Salvador.

§ Sgt. Benjamin K. Spears from 1978-1986 Duty Station 1/81 FA 56th BRG, Germany; 25th INF Division, Hawaii; and 101st ABN Division., Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

If you are serving or have served in our Armed Forces or have a family member in the service, please let us know by calling 882-8959 or emailing president@huberridge.org today!

—James Welch, President



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Thank You, Respite Volunteer Newsletter Deliverers!

The Huber Ridge Area Association officers and members were privileged to meet Mr. Joe Green at one of our recent monthly meetings. Joe is the Community Relations and Safety Director for Respite Connections, Inc. It is located just across 161 from Buenos Aires Boulevard in Strawberry Farms. A non-profit social service agency, it was established in 1999.

The primary purpose of Respite Connections is the temporary care of an individual with special needs. They are fully licensed with specially trained and experienced staff. Mary Wright, CEO of Respite, together with her other

responsibilities, is fluent in American Sign Language. Four of their administrators are non-speaking. Staff members include Krystle Isaacs, Jonathan Garnett, Caitline Stiles, Lindsay Dauner, George Osei-owusu, and Lauren Mason.

Those attending Respite at the Strawberry Farms location range in age from 16 to 21 years and number approximately 27. They are able to participate in a variety of fun and educational activities: day camp, after-school program, adult-day-care services for the deaf, and a foster-care program. When necessary, they also care for infants.

A second Respite facility is located in New Albany at the Franklin Church. It serves the needs of 30 children ranging in age from 5 to 13.

At the end of May, a group of these young men and women did a wonderful job of helping to deliver the summer edition of our newsletter, *The Herald*. We profoundly thank them!

They should be very proud of themselves! While I try to GROW old gracefully, they try to GROW in learning, improving their communication skills, healing, loving, and laughing. The staff and Mr. Joe Green, who is the heart of this group, not only provide the learning tools necessary but also the care, compassion, and love for those they serve.

We are proud to have them in our community!

—Almina Wiebell, Newsletter Distribution Coordinator



Respite Connections Staff Members and Young Men and Women Who Delivered the Summer Issue of The Herald

Neighbor News

Thanks to Hope Benson and Anna Grant, who are now sending anniversary, sympathy, thinking-of-you, and get-well cards to residents in the Huber Ridge area. Please let them know of your occasion by calling Hope at 882-9796 or Anna at 891-1562.

Almina Wiebell is now the official Historical Coordinator for the Huber Ridge Area Association. Almina is one of the

original residents in the area and has a wealth of history facts about our neighborhood at her fingertips. If you would like to know about our history or offer some photos or facts, call Almina at 882-3345.

Do you have news to share? Call Marje Obrist, Newsletter Editor of *The Herald* at 891-6944.

—Pam Clegg, Neighbor

HRAA Family of the Quarter

Meet the Austin Family

It is always such a delight to meet our Family of the Quarter, and I'm eager to introduce you to Karl and Kathy Austin, who live in a surprisingly spacious home. I hope I can capture for you their beautiful, and at times astonishing, life story. But I must first introduce Abby, a brindle Dachshund, who greeted me with a nonchalant glance; Roxy, a mixed breed, who was rescued and so happy about it that she greets everyone with a passion; and Bandit, a black Pekingese, who cuddled on my lap during my entire visit!

Their story unfolded when Kathy agreed to her first ever blind date arranged by her cousin who worked at Rockwell with Karl! She said it was love at first sight although she said it a different way: she said she was sure this was the man she would marry! I glanced at him when she told that story, and his usual solemn expression broke into a smile. It must have brought back fond memories. They were married six months later! Both were born in small towns—Karl in Rushsylvania (look that one up) and Kathy in Willard. They lived in Rushsylvania 7 years until they moved to Columbus. They still have the yearning for that country atmosphere, and later you will understand how that plays into the renovations they have made in their home.

Karl was working at Rockwell when he met Kathy, stayed there for 10 years until they closed, then went to Lima Technical College before he moved to Columbus to work for DDCO (DCSC) Depot of Columbus. He began there in what he called the “warehouse” and held progressively more responsible positions. The current job Karl holds at DDCO is called a Resolution Specialist. As a Resolution Specialist, it is his job to solve technical issues and train employees on computer technology.

Kathy wanted to be with the FBI although starting a family changed her focus slightly. She began her career working in law when a local attorney in Columbus took her into his practice and trained her as a legal secretary. She went on to Columbus State and earned her Associate's Degree in Legal Assisting. She did all this while two of their boys were still going to high school. She then entered Wilberforce University's Climb Program and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Management; and just recently, she passed the Ohio State Bar Association's Paralegal Certification

Exam and now carries the title “OSBA Certified Paralegal.” She has now been with her current employer—Wiles, Boyle, Burkholder and Bringardner Co, LPA—for 13 years.

Karl and Kathy have three boys—Karl Douglas, Jr.; Matthew Jon, and Michael James. Matt attends OSU in Welding Engineering. Karl, Jr., and Michael both work with WOW. Karl and Kathy have a very close relationship with their boys. Kathy told how their boys love to surprise her and Karl at Christmas; but for some reason, they really want to pull the wool over their mom's eyes. For instance, at Christmas in 2009, the boys decided to buy them a new couch; so, in order to hide it at the house, they wrapped it in heavy plastic and hid it outside on the upper portion of the deck. A few weeks before Christmas, Kathy had Karl pull all of her Christmas decorations out of storage and place them on the upper portion of the deck, so she could sort through them. Kathy sorted through all those boxes for days and never once noticed how huge the object was that she actually used as a table to stack her boxes on! Imagine Kathy and Karl's surprise when on Christmas morning, their boys took her out to the back deck for their gift. They boys told their dad that morning that the gift was hidden there, but Karl didn't say anything.



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For Christmas 2010, the boys bought them carpet for the family room and made arrangements for their cousin, Larry, to deliver it to their home in his pickup. Their plans were almost foiled the day of delivery because at the same time the pickup was coming up the street to drop off the carpet, Kathy was leaving for an appointment. Her son, Mike, tried to stop her from going out the front door by telling her to wait inside where it was warm while he got something out of his car for her. Kathy didn't listen and went out behind him. While Mike was bent over in his car (with Kathy peeking over his shoulder), his cell phone rang; it was his cousin and Matt calling from the truck up the street. Mike whispered to them to drive around the block. Larry and Matt drove right by the house with the carpet sticking out of the back of the truck, and Kathy never noticed them. Apparently, these boys inherited that "gotta surprise her" gene from their dad.

Karl thought it would be a good idea to surprise Kathy on their 25th wedding anniversary by buying her a new ring. Kathy saw a ring she loved when they went on a shopping trip together before their anniversary, but Karl said they didn't have the money at the time. Karl went back later to the store and bought the ring. Four months later, on a Sunday when she came home from church, she suggested to Karl

that they go out to dinner a few days before their anniversary and celebrate. Karl said he already bought her a muffin and coffee. Kathy told him he was a cheapskate and a skinflint and sat down, grabbed the bag off the table, opened it to pull her muffin out, and instead pulled out a ring box. Needless to say, Kathy wished she could have taken those words back. Karl then took her to the jewelry store (the same day) to buy a matching band.

Let's skip to their coming to the Columbus area where they lived in Gahanna for a couple years, looked around until they heard of an open house here, liked what they saw, and have enjoyed their Huber Ridge home ever since. But believe me, it is not what they saw at the open house. I cannot detail all of the improvements they have made, especially the one in the kitchen (you'll have to ask them about that), but I can the ones which make you feel like you are in the country—the improvements made to the backyard!

While we enjoyed our visit on the lower deck of their home, the water was rippling down the stones from the waterfall; the birds were playing in the koi pond; and the movements of the fish were mesmerizing. Just how could it get any better than that? Both Karl and Kathy are complimentary about the contractor who installed their pond.

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However, the amazing part is that Karl used a shovel *only* and dug this 2,000 gallon koi pond in three days. According to Kathy, he can just look at something and build it. He did that when he built their tool shed, the wooden gate, and the two decks attached to the house—including putting a roof on the upper deck. He described how he did it but lost me. It seems that about every year or two, they do some renovation or creation! Kathy said as we closed our talk of the backyard area, “Watch out, Bl@@@ms; here I come!”

Come out to the Huber Ridge Area Association meeting on October 6 when we honor the Austins and provide the community the chance to meet this delightful family. We’ll try to get at least one of the sons to come, too! Maybe all three! That would be a first! Sadly, they will need to leave the rest of the family home.

—Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator

Ridge-a-Palooza Wrap-Up

Three is definitely a charm especially when it comes to this year’s Ridge-a-Palooza held July 16 at Faith Covenant Church. Co-sponsored by the Church and the Huber Ridge Area Association, this was the third year for this event; and it certainly held true to the old adage because there was plenty of fun, food, and festivities to celebrate summertime.

As in previous years, attendees enjoyed various activities such as the inflatable games; face painting; a raffle; a movie at dusk; snow cones; cotton candy; a Blendon Township Police patrol car, a Westerville and Blendon Township fire truck; and, of course, the 24-foot-long food buffet. There were some new attractions that created some additional excitement. Specifically the organizers of the event included a 100-foot Slip ‘n Slide to keep visitors cool, a marketplace with a variety of vendors, and a few indoor games for those who wanted to escape the heat of the day.

There were many contributors making this event the great time and big success that it was, and the HRAA and Faith Covenant Church would like to thank the many volunteers from both the neighborhood and the church for their help. Planning has already begun for next year’s Ridge-a-Palooza; we hope to see you there! Ridge-a-Palooza pictures can be viewed on the HRAA website at huberridge.org.

—Carolyn Cordray, Vice President

YOU Are Entered in the 4th Annual Holiday Lights and Decorations Contest!

The HRAA is sponsoring its fourth annual Holiday Lights and Decorations Contest. This is the *best* contest of all! No registration nor application is necessary. The only requirement is to decorate your residence for the holidays.

Prizes include a cash award of \$25 for first place, \$15 for second place, and \$10 for third place. In addition to the cash awards, all winners will receive a gift basket of holiday goodies.

Judges will visit the HRAA neighborhoods during the holiday season and determine the winners. First impressions, creativity, and imagination will help to determine the winners. Prizes will be distributed the week before Christmas by one of Santa’s dedicated elves accompanied by a member of the Blendon Township Police Department if available.

—Sharon Ricker, Holiday Lights and Decorations Contest Coordinator

Many thanks to the W.A.R.M. volunteers who painted, planted, and enhanced the paths in Ridgewood Park!

Here and Now, There and Then
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Huber Ridge Gardeners Rock!

This year's HRAA-sponsored Huber Ridge Blooms garden show and contest held July 10 proved to be one of the finest in participation and progress. Sincere thanks to each participant for taking pride in our community and improving the neighborhood. All 16 participants were awarded a certificate that included a photo of their home and a short description that captured the essence of their gardens.

Congratulations to the following 2011 Huber Ridge Blooms winners for their labor and expertise in gardening:

- ✿ **First place:** Christopher McCoy, 3660 Harbin Drive—Most Meticulous and Pristine Gardens
- ✿ **Second place:** Ricki and George Ford, 6359 Saddle Lane, East—Outstanding Vegetable Garden; Creative Beds
- ✿ **Third place:** Thomas and Dianna Manter, 5791 Buenos Aires Boulevard—Most Welcoming; Profuse Petunias

Remaining participants received gift bags that included very nice gardening-related treats and trinkets:

- ✿ Jennifer Aronhalt, 3684 Bader Court—Most Outstanding Stone Design; Attention to Detail
- ✿ Debbi Barton, 3382 Arnett Court—Most Creative Use of Art and Flowers
- ✿ Nancy Daniels, 3560 Madrid Drive—Best Integration and Variety of Art
- ✿ Don and Becky DeLauder, 5984 Paris Boulevard, North—Lovely Front Yard Retreat with Pond
- ✿ Lou Dunbar, 5455 Acapulco Place—Best Curb Appeal and Front Yard
- ✿ Christy and Luke Ernst, 3801 Caracas Drive—Most Improved Yard by an Owner; Most Serene Pond
- ✿ Ronnie Fultz, 5555 Oslo Drive—**Veteran Gardener**; Most Landscaped Islands
- ✿ Lea and Chris Gilg, 5800 Cairo Road—Most Improved Rental; Best Variety
- ✿ Suzi Heit, 3349 Hunt Club Road, North—Most Colorful and Profuse Perennials
- ✿ Joseph Kakabar, 5664 Bashaw Drive—Great Stone and Pond Features
- ✿ Lisa McDaniel, 3714 Caracas Drive—Most Improved Rental; Most Unique Planters
- ✿ Fred and Mary Moore, 5706 Bashaw Drive—**Veteran Gardeners**; Most Extensive Landscaping
- ✿ Sheri Norris, 5415 Lisbon Place—Most Improved Rental; Excellent Design and Placement

We could not have a contest/show without our sponsors! Big thanks to

- ✿ **Stewart Flaherty**, Trustee and honorary Blooms Chairman, who donated a \$100 gift card for use at Home Depot
- ✿ **Sharon Ricker**, Blooms Judge and Co-Chair, who donated a \$50 gift card for use at Oakland Nursery and over \$100 in Graeter's gift cards, plus garden related treats for the gift bags
- ✿ The **Huber Ridge Area Association**, which donated \$35 cash, the Blooms yard signs, one-half-off HRAA membership coupons, and publicity
- ✿ **Barbara Crawford**, Blooms judge and Century 21 Realtor, who donated potted roses and garden trinkets
- ✿ **Hoover Gardens**, which donated discount coupons to all participants

Thanks also to Marje Obrist, who created the award certificates; Joy Neff, who created the one-half-off HRAA membership coupons and helped with the Gardeners' Reception; Carolyn Cordray for providing treats for the Gardeners' Reception; Persona Bakery for providing the cutest garden cupcakes for the Gardeners' Reception; Hannah Clegg for taking the garden photographs; Danielle Combs for taking pictures at the Gardeners' Reception; and Elisabeth Clegg for assisting with judging.

Plan now to enter next year. "Like" Huber Ridge Blooms Community Organization on Facebook to see photos of each garden. Meanwhile, bloom where you are planted!

—Pam Clegg and Sharon Ricker, Blooms Co-Coordination and Judges



Sharon Ricker Awarding
Ricki Ford Second Place



Sharon Ricker and Stew Flaherty Awarding
Christopher McCoy First Place



Thinking Ahead ...

On November 3 at our general meeting, a nominating committee composed of no fewer than three Huber Ridge Area Association members will be elected by the members who are present.

On December 1 at our general meeting, this nominating committee will present the slate of candidates willing to be elected to the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor. The slate of officers will be published in the winter issue of *The Herald*.

On January 5 at our general meeting, HRAA officers for

2012 will be elected with an opportunity for nominations from the floor. The election will be by voice vote unless there is more than one candidate for office; then that officer will be elected by paper ballot.

The HRAA President presides at the general and Executive Committee meetings, appoints committees and working groups, and coordinates the work of the officers and committees to promote the HRAA's purpose.

The HRAA Vice President performs the duties of the President in his/her absence and schedules and coordinates activities and programs for the HRAA.

The HRAA Secretary prepares the agenda, records the minutes, and maintains the records including attendance for all meetings of the Association.

The HRAA Treasurer has custody of the Association's funds; keeps a full, accurate account of receipts and expenditures, and disburses funds according to a budget authorized by the Executive Committee.

The HRAA Newsletter Editor is responsible for publishing *The Herald*, managing the advertising, maintaining records of advertisers, and archiving the newsletters.

In addition, the Executive Committee includes Block Watch, Historical, Membership, Newsletter Distribution, Beautification, and Kiosks Coordinators.

At the present time, we are in need of volunteers to fill the following positions:

- ☒ Secretary
- ☒ Block Watch Committee Coordinator

We will also need residents who are willing to be on the slate of officers for 2012.

The rewards for serving your community are many and gratifying. The results of the efforts put forth by the re-established Huber Ridge Area Association in the past seven years are evidenced by the many community projects and improvements that we now enjoy.

Won't you join us in making our community an even better place to be?

—HRAA 2011 Executive Committee

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huberridge.org Informs the Neighborhood

The Huber Ridge Area Association's website continues to attract many viewers each month. Here is the "Hit Report for Huber Ridge Area" provided to us by Neighborhood Link:

	September (as of the 15th)	August	July	June	May	April
(All Pages)	3,505	6,541	7,195	8,096	7,114	6,783
Calendar	46	93	111	170	130	147
Discussion	878	1,650	1,728	2,170	1,753	2,035
Home Page	652	1,127	1,109	1,217	1,166	862
Map	20	22	46	44	29	42
Meet Your Neighbors	51	69	74	87	87	40
Newsletter	30	49	59	51	44	33
Our Info	106	167	185	177	141	153
Pages & Docs	444	641	1,032	962	747	705

Residents can also obtain and exchange information about Huber Ridge at "Huber Ridge Area Association" on Facebook. Check out these sources for the latest news and discussions.

—Marje Obrist, Editor

What's Up with the State Route 3 Safety Project?

Want to know the latest on the Ohio Department of Transportation's State Route 3 Safety Project between State Route 161 and Huber Village Boulevard? It certainly impacts all of us living in Huber Ridge!

Members of the Huber Ridge Area Association who have given email addresses to Membership Coordinator Joya Neff will receive timely emails about the progress (or lack thereof) on this roadwork. (Joy would want me to mention that this is only one of many benefits you receive from that \$15 annual membership fee.) Those who request to join the group "Huber Ridge Area Association" on Facebook will also receive roadwork notifications.

For an overview of the Safety Project, what to expect during construction, and project updates, residents can log onto dot.state.oh.us/districts/D06/projects/SR3/Pages/default.aspx (Whew!) or the huberridge.org link.

For those who prefer to phone, ODOT's District 6 Communications personnel, Nancy Burton and Breanna Watzka can be reached at 740-833-8063 and 740-833-8222 respectively.

This \$7 million project to resurface State Route 3, construct bike lanes, and improve an interchange and four intersections will surely be nice when it is completed in 2012.

—Marje Obrist, 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.

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Advertising rates are as follows:

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If you are interested in advertising in the winter issue of *The Herald*, please contact Marje Obrist at 891-6944 or at editor@huberridge.org.

SOS!

Er, maybe that should be “SOA” (Save Our Association) instead of “SOS” (Save Our Ship).

We *do* need your assistance with many tasks—big and small—to make the Huber Ridge Area Association even more successful than it already is. Here is a partial list of helpers we seek:

- **Halloween Event:** planners, donation solicitors, Haunted Woods actors, game operators, Costume Contest judges, registration table workers, and food servers. Contact Carolyn Cordray at vp@huberridge.org or 614-446-4020.
- **Silver Celebration:** setup workers, reservation takers, name tag makers, food preparers, dish washers, servers, and cleanup workers. Contact Joy Neff at membership@huberridge.org or 614-891-0204.
- **Newsletter deliverers:** Contact Almina or Tom Wiebell at 614-882-3345.
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Please let us hear from YOU!

—Marje Obrist, Editor

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Here's What's Happening in the Ridge!

Put these dates on your calendar!



- October 4** HRAA Blendon Township Candidates and Issues Q & A at Faith Covenant Church, 3607 Dempsey Road, from 7:00 to 8:19 p.m.
- October 6** HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- October 12** Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- October 20** HRAA Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- October 22** HRAA Halloween Event in Ridgewood Park from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- October 26** Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- October 31** Beggars' Night from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- November 3** HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- November 8** Election Day
- November 9** Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- November 17** HRAA Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- November 22** Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- December 1** HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.: **DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2012 OFFICERS**
- December 7** Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- December 15** HRAA Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- December 18** Winners Chosen for the HRAA Holiday Lights and Decorations Contest with Prizes Awarded the Week Before Christmas
- December 21** Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- January 5** HRAA Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.: **ELECTION OF 2012 HRAA OFFICERS**