



## Have YOU Signed Up Yet?

The deadline to sign up for the sixth annual HRAA, Inc. sponsored event—Huber Ridge Blooms, our garden contest and tour, is July 3 at 5 p.m. Hurry to sign up! We are planning to limit the number of participants to 15 for the sake of adequate viewing time. As of May 31, we have three entries: 3693 Managua Drive, home of Evelyn Gardner; 3815 Balboa Place, home of John and Karen Boley; and 5706 Bashaw Drive, home of Fred and Mary Moore.

To check on the most recent list of entries, visit our HRAA, Inc. website, [huberridge.org](http://huberridge.org), and view the discussion section. Or if you are a Facebook user, “like” our page, Huber Ridge Blooms, Community Organization. It is likely there will be more entries by the time you read this due to printing and delivery deadlines, so please check the website.

This is a judged event, and everyone wins something. First, all your hard work is appreciated by those touring your yard. (Your address will be published in the local *Westerville News* and *The Columbus Dispatch* if space and time permit.) Also, participants and family members are invited to attend the Gardeners’ Reception where they will receive refreshments, a gift bag with great rewards, and a beautiful certificate of entry. Of course, we will award our first, second, and third place prizes of a \$100 gift card to a home improvement store (Stew Flaherty, donor), \$50 to Oakland Nursery (Sharon Ricker, donor), and \$35 cash (HRAA, Inc., donor).

As a bonus, those who enter will receive a coupon for 20 percent off purchases from Hoover Gardens, one of our sponsors (see coupon for details).

Please carefully read the entry form for details and contest requirements. You will find it on our website, [huberridge.org](http://huberridge.org), or call Pam Clegg at 891-9176 or Sharon Ricker at 891-1881; and we will get one to you.

Neighbors, please remember to tour the gardens on Sunday, July 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. Mark your calendar now. Your visit will encourage our gardeners; and without you, there is no show!

—Pam Clegg and Sharon Ricker, Blooms Coordinators

## Ridge-A-Palooza Returns

It’s back! That time of fun, food, and festivities! Mark your calendar for August 3 starting at 5 p.m. on the grounds of Faith Covenant Church.

There will be free food and games and activities for the kids. The bounce house and the obstacle course will also be back, and Sparky the Fire Dog might be persuaded to make a return visit as well. Blendon Township Fire and Police will be there to show off their trucks and cruisers. There will be a car and bike show, and you will also be able to shop at our marketplace.

We can always use volunteers; so if you would like to be a part of the work crew helping to provide this community block party for our neighborhood, please contact Lori Mann at [beautification@huberridge.org](mailto:beautification@huberridge.org).

If you are a vendor of a small business; maker of crafts, jewelry, or some other item; or a direct marketing representative and would like to be in our marketplace, contact Carolyn Cordray at [president@huberridge.org](mailto:president@huberridge.org). Spaces in the marketplace are filling up fast, so don’t delay!

Be sure to stop by Ridge-A-Palooza on August 3; we hope to see YOU there!

—Phyllis Van, Ridge-A-Palooza Planning Team Member



## to Our Country ...

We are proud to recognize Huber Ridge service people both in *The Herald* and on our website, [huberridge.org](http://huberridge.org). In this issue, we honor

- ★ Specialist Katie Smock
- ★ Captain John Paul Smock
- ★ Gerald E. Shaner
- ★ Specialist Mark Smock
- ★ Captain John Shinaberry
- ★ Sgt. Benjamin K. Spears

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 [jimwelch@netzero.net](mailto:jimwelch@netzero.net) today!

—James Welch, Neighbor

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## Block Watch News

I have sad news to report that last month Debb Candow on Batavia Road lost her long health battle, and we lost a good neighbor, friend, and Block Watch representative. We saw her last at the Block Watch training in April and spent a little time praying for her.

I'm soliciting for additional Block Watch reps to join; if you look at the list on page 2 in this *Herald*, you will see that we are getting thin in Areas B, C, and D. If you know someone in those areas who could help us and the neighborhood, please let me know.

At the training in April, it was suggested that the area reps have a meeting to talk about things that are happening around them; if you would like to do that, please let me know. Another idea was the use of a phone tree to quickly spread the word of suspicious activity in the area. A number of us are on Facebook, and information there sometimes spreads quicker than most dogs can get far from their homes. There may be more time to incorporate these and a few other ideas into Block Watch in July since I'll be furloughed, but I need help.

The HRAA, Inc. is becoming a more closely knit community with more and more events taking place each month. While you're at those events and talking to your neighbors, ask them what they think of the Ridge. If you like it, consider joining the Block Watch program. We need more people like Debb Candow.

—Doug Murphy, Block Watch Coordinator

## Neighbor News

Congratulations to Hannah Clegg of Makassar Drive! She is the recipient of the \$500 technical scholarship awarded by the Westerville Parent Council and GFS Marketplace. A graduate of Westerville Central High School, she will continue her education in her chosen field at an Ohio college.

Ryan Kelly and his family originally resided on Buenos Aires Boulevard in Huber Ridge where he attended

Huber Ridge Elementary School and is a recent graduate of Westerville Central High School. We congratulate Ryan on receiving the \$500 Huber Ridge Scholarship! He will be attending The Ohio State University focusing on International Studies and Spanish. The Huber Ridge Scholarship has been in effect for approximately eight years. It is funded by the P.T.A. Certain criteria are followed, but the only requirement to apply is that you have attended Huber Ridge Elementary School.

Congratulations to Captain John Paul Smock, who will become Major Smock shortly and an ambassador for the United States Army! He will be leaving for Pakistan in August. Thank you to Specialist Mark Smock, who recently returned from Afghanistan.

Congratulations to Byron Mann of Rangoon Drive for receiving the District BSA Award of Merit in recognition of his dedication and service to Arrowhead District, which includes Westerville! Byron is the District Commissioner for the Arrowhead District of Simon Kenton Council. The award is given to two adults every year for demonstrating outstanding dedication and service to the Boy Scouts in the District.

Hooray for the students at Huber Ridge Elementary School for meeting their fundraising goal. Their reward was seeing Principal Jonathan Langhals dressed as Mr. Incredible and Assistant Principal Dr. Aloma Gibbs dressed as Miss Kitty. What fun!

Thank you to BSA Troop 471 for putting the flags on the military graves in the cemetery for Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Claudia Carney, our HRAA, Inc. Secretary, is a new grandma!!! She has returned from Colorado where her precious granddaughter, Rylee Anne Stevens, arrived on May 19, 2013.

**Please share your news in the next issue of *The Herald*; email Newsletter Editor Marje Obrist at [editor@huberridge.org](mailto:editor@huberridge.org) or call her at 891-6944.**

—Almina Wiebell, Historical Coordinator



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**HRAA, Inc. Household of the Quarter****Meet the Opanga Family**

I have enjoyed meeting every Household of the Quarter family in the 4 years we have brought these stories to you, but this visit just seemed like the one which brought together the surprises and enjoyment of them all; and I learned a lot! It was awesome!

Akinyi was the only adult with whom I was able to visit, but that certainly was enhanced by the presence of four boys! Akinyi has 3 boys: Reuben, who is 9; Lucas, who is 4; and Joshua who is 3; and she now is caring for her nephew, Otty, her sister's son while she vacations. More about that later! Akinyi moved to the Ridge after renting in Forest Park for a while and is now enjoying the community and is pleased that the boys are enjoying their schools. She is the billing person in a local doctor's office, so she is able to be home when the boys are home from their various schools. Reuben is a fourth grader at Huber Ridge Elementary School and shared stories about his recent visit to the Zoo. His favorite animal was a type of monkey (which I didn't get the name of) because it was so active—"running around all the time." He is active in Cub Scout Pack 770. Lucas goes to preschool at the Vineyard, and Josh is in a special education school. Otty is in the seventh grade at Walnut Springs School in Westerville. I can't imagine keeping up with all their activities!

Akinyi's parents were born and raised in Tanzania, Africa. They met in New York where both had come for further studies and where their father was working. It was in New York that Akinyi and her three siblings, two brothers and a sister, were born and raised.

Akinyi, the third born of the four children, moved to Columbus, Ohio, in 1999. She had come to visit her sister who was then studying at Franklin University, and she fell in love with the city. She said she eventually decided to settle in Columbus away from the busy city life in New York. It is by this same cycle of visiting and enjoying the slower life that she brought her brother to Columbus, where he still resides. Her sister lives just outside the Huber Ridge Area and is considering settling in Huber, close to Akinyi and in the Westerville school district. Her sister is now enjoying a short vacation with her mother in Africa.

It's a challenge for a stranger to pull stories from any nine year old, but I was privileged to get a great one! In 2010 Reuben traveled to Tanzania for a 2-month visit with his grandmother! What an experience! As this was Reuben's first trip out of the US, he was surprised and fatigued after the 28-hour flight. But he remembers the trip vividly with layovers in Detroit and Amsterdam. The first thing he noticed when he landed at the airport was that people were driving on the "wrong" side of the road! He was afraid the cars would run

into each other! Note the picture of the city of Dares Salaam where Reuben landed! Yes, that's Africa!



*City of Dares Salaam in Tanzania*

I asked if his teacher knows he had made that visit, and he said she does not. I encouraged Reuben to share some of his experiences with her.

Akinyi struggled to recall a "funny" story to include. Now picture this: I'm a stranger who came just after she arrived home with absolutely no time to unwind, greet her boys, or even think about dinner; and I'm asking her to tell me a story! I should apologize! But she responded! She and the boys took a vacation to Kalahari in Sandusky. When they arrived in their room, there was a guest basket on the table. The boys were ready to "tie in" when she thought it might be a "you eat it—you pay," so she put it up with that explanation. After a bit of a rest from the trip she thought she should look at the basket. To her surprise, it WAS a guest basket and from her sister. What a *nice* surprise!

I do hope you come to the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. meeting on July 11 at 7 p.m. at the Blendon Senior Center on Hempstead to meet this amazing family and welcome them into our Household of the Quarter family.

—Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator

## **Volunteers Freshen Up Neighborhood Flower Beds**

On June 1, twelve neighbors came together to clean up the weeds, plant new flowers, and mulch the flower beds that surround the Huber Ridge Area signs located at two of the neighborhood entrances. These signs are located at 161 and Buenos Aires Boulevard and at Westerville Road and Paris Boulevard. With this much help, it took just 1 hour and 15 minutes to complete both beds.

This dynamic team of volunteers included Doug Murphy; Jennifer Hoover; Dani and Brian Wadkins; Brigitte, Claudia, and Olivia Stanton; Victoria, Phillip, and Simone Griffin; and Eric and Carolyn Cordray. In addition to sprucing up our neighborhood signs, everyone had a terrific time working together and getting to know one another. Such

a wonderful group of neighbors!

The Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. supplied the mulch and flowers for the project. Flowers planted at each sign were knockout roses, salvia, blanket flowers, dianthus, coreopsis, marigolds, and ageratum. We will all enjoy these beds as the flowers grow throughout the summer, and most will come back again next year. Many thanks to the volunteers who made these beds really come to life!

—Carolyn Cordray, President

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Well, did you know that right here in Huber Ridge we have our very own comic book store? The store is called WORLD'S GREATEST COMICS and is owned by Jeff Patrick. Jeff opened his store a little over two years ago in the Glengary Shopping Center at 5858 Westerville Road. Because the store has such a large selection of great comic books, Jeff is already looking for a bigger space. He's hoping to find that bigger space right around the corner in Glengary.



Some of the World's Greatest Comics

Jeff has been in the hobby business for 30 years and has always been involved with comics since a kid. He has turned his life-long love of comics into a hobby and that hobby into a business. If you want to know about comics, well, Jeff's your guy. He is very knowledgeable about comics in general and especially good at grading the worth of a comic book.

Each book has a condition grade and a number. If you want to sell your old comics, then see Jeff. He will give you a fair price based on the true worth of the comic and the current market value.

At WORLD'S GREATEST COMICS, you can buy old vintage comics dating back to the 1940's as well as new comics. Every Wednesday is new comic release day when you can come to the store and see the latest and greatest new comic releases. In fact, Jeff offers a subscription service where you can request new comics to be held for you and get a 20 percent discount. If you would like this service, just email Jeff with your list of new comics that you want. Go to the store's website at [wgcomics.com](http://wgcomics.com) and click on the email link.

Also, check the store's website for special events. For example, free comics will be given out at the Cinemark Polaris 18 Movie Theater for the future premier shows of *Thor: The Dark World* and *Wolverine*.

Whether you are a comic book collector or a person who just loves to read comics, stop in at WORLD'S GREATEST COMICS to find just what you're looking for. Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday by appointment. You can reach Jeff at 891-3000.

—Doug Dapo, Neighbor



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## Farmers Market Returns on Thursday, July 11!

The Blendon Township Farmers Market will be back for the 2013 season. The Market will begin on July 11 and run until the end of October on every Thursday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. **The market will be located at 6350 South Hempstead Road behind the Blendon Senior Center.**

Please come and enjoy some fresh produce and treats! If you have products for sale, please contact Blendon Township to find out how to become a vendor!

—Bryan Rhoads, Blendon Township Administrator

## Concert-in-the-Park Series Kicks Off

If all goes as planned, by the time you are reading this article, the Blendon Township hosted Concert-in-the-Park series kicked off in Ridgewood Park on Friday, June 14, with Kelly Goodrich and the Rhythm Kings entertaining the audience with a family friendly show. Due to *The Herald* deadlines, this story had to be written before this concert actually happened.

The Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. has been organizing the event in conjunction with the Township as a celebration of COMMUNITY as well as to highlight the many improvements to the Park in the past year—most particularly the addition of a beautiful gazebo. Although the idea of holding concerts in the Park has been kicked around for quite some time, this event began to take off when resident Duff Kelley contacted Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. President Carolyn Cordray to ask what it would take to get this idea going. One thing led to another, and a planning committee was formed that includes Duff and Carolyn as well as fellow Huber Ridge residents Claudia Carney, Eric Cordray, and June Riggs. Trustees/Huber Ridge residents Jan Heichel and Jim Welch also joined the planning committee. Blendon Township Administrator Bryan Rhoads and James Seifer round out the planning committee.

The planning committee has been diligent in securing sponsors for this concert series; and the following have committed donations to underwrite expenses for this series: Aqua Ohio, The Flaherty Consulting Group, Rife's Autobody, Roush Honda Used Car Company, and Realtor Bryan Rhoads. Tom and Jan Heichel generously sponsored the band, Kelly Goodrich and the Rhythm Kings, for this first concert. Other

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The first concert featured an ALL-FREE event to kick it off including hot dogs; chips; cold drinks; cotton candy; sno cones; bounce house; and, of course, entertainment. At the remaining two concerts, everyone is welcome to pack a picnic; however, food trucks will be available for concert goers to purchase food, snacks, and refreshments.

There was also a collection of canned food at this first concert to benefit WARM. Additionally, the Blendon Senior Center held a 50-50 raffle at the concert with the proceeds benefitting the concert series.

Hopefully everyone had a wonderful time and plans to come back for the last two concerts on Saturday, July 13, and Saturday, September 14. Entertainment for these next two dates are Hang Time on Saturday, July 13, 6 to 8 p.m. and These Guys Live! on Saturday, September 14, 6 to 8 p.m.

So plan to attend these wonderful events for the whole family; just bring your chairs or a blanket for wonderful concerts with your neighbors at dusk in our beautiful park. We hope to see you there!

—Carolyn Cordray, President

## When Should I Call the Police?

If someone is injured or is about to be injured, we know to call 9-1-1 right away. But have you ever seen something happen and wondered, "Should I call the police?" We are usually very good at the answer to this question at either end of the extremes. Burglary in progress equals CALL THE POLICE. My neighbor is using the wrong kind of bird feed to attract song birds equals DON'T CALL THE POLICE. But what about the in-betweens? The answer I give people here in Blendon Township is this; if you are *wondering* if you should call us, the answer is always yes. Yes, we might end up coming out and talking to someone, and there might be a perfectly legitimate reason why he is walking into the park with ten cans of spray paint. And that is okay. We like to talk to people. We do it all the time. We might respond to calls about suspicious persons 100 times and 99 of those might turn out to be normal people doing normal things. But sometimes, when they see us, people drop what they are carrying and run. Sometimes they have warrants out for their arrest. Sometimes they say things to us that don't add up, and we dig deeper. But

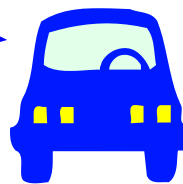
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we might never meet these particular people if you don't call ... and then your neighbor's bike comes up missing.

Many people don't call the police because they don't want to call someone a "suspicious person." Or they are not sure even how to describe someone as suspicious. Well, I can tell you for sure what does not make someone suspicious. I would never describe people as suspicious just because they are a different race or religion than me. Or because they don't dress like me or listen to the same music. So what is a "suspicious person"? One way to get an answer is to try to put into words exactly WHY this person has made you think he might be up to no good—such as, "He is walking down the street and looking into cars" and you can't think of a good reason why someone would do that, only bad reasons. If you can say a reason out loud to yourself, then that is what you tell the police dispatcher on the telephone: "He is walking down the street looking into cars."

Lastly, I would ask that you do not confront a suspicious person on your own, let us do that and, further, that you give the police dispatcher a good description of the person or vehicle and his last known direction of travel. And please call us right away; don't wait. When it's the right time to call the

police, the right time is always *NOW*. Our radio dispatcher can be reached by calling 889-9494.

Since 1984, National Night Out (NNO) has been observed on the first Tuesday in August to bring attention to the related issues of crime prevention and the concept of neighborhood watch.

It started with Americans being asked to turn on their porch lights early, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., as a public statement against crime. Beyond that simple effort, people were encouraged to get out on their front porches or to walk their neighborhood sidewalks and to meet any neighbors they did not already know.

By getting to know our neighbors and by letting them get to know us, the whole neighborhood becomes engaged in the shared experience of life and community. Neighbors begin to look out for each other and more easily recognize situations that may be a crime in progress, a health emergency, a lost child, or some other situation that indicates a need for help from neighbors, police, or other emergency responders.

—Chief John Belford, Blendon Township Police Department

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant Swap Blossoms

As we do each year on the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend, May 11 this year, the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. holds a plant swap. Traditionally Mother's Day is when summer planting can begin, and residents this year were eager to get started! There were enough plants brought down this year to fill four full picnic tables under the Ridgewood Park shelter house. Happily all plants brought to swap found new homes.

This year's event drew in quite a few residents and some non-residents as well. We saw everything from canna bulbs to spinach to rose-of-sharon bushes. The variety of plants brought for sharing was appreciated by those looking to add a new item to their home flower beds. Ridge resident Nancy Hill donated a large number of hostas again this year; these plants were picked up very quickly!

Something new this year—some gardeners had some extra plants they were willing to share even after the plant swap, so a list was collected of such plants as well as gardeners who attended who would like some of the additional plants offered. The list of excess plants was also shared on our Huber Ridge Area Association Facebook page. This turned out to be a nice alternative for gardeners who wanted to continue to share their plants even after the plant swap.

The plant swap continues to be a popular event; be sure to remember it for next year!

—Carolyn Cordray, President



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## Summer Community Garage Sale Draws Many Shoppers

Residents once again set up shop for the HRAA, Inc., Community Garage Sale. This year it was held on Saturday, June 15; and it was once again co-sponsored by the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. (HRAA, Inc.) and Kimberly Sherrod and Sheri Foster, Real Estate Group 3:16 of Keller Williams Greater Columbus Realty.

Thirty-eight residents registered their sales with featured items which in turn appeared on both [huberridge.org](http://huberridge.org) and on printed maps made available to shoppers in the area that day. The sale was also advertised in *The Columbus Dispatch*. Additionally, the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. purchased reusable yard signs that were placed throughout the neighborhood to further promote this popular event.

A second community garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 7; and a few registrations have already been received. If you would like to register for the fall community garage sale, send an email to [president@huberridge.org](mailto:president@huberridge.org) with your name, address, phone number, and a few items you plan to sell that can be listed on the map.

—Carolyn Cordray, President

## We Are Incorporated!

That may not sound like much to you, but it is! Just think that our small community civic association has been in existence for many years but was just a group of interested residents. Then in June of 2012, it became registered with the Secretary of State as a legal entity. That is something you should be proud of.

The Association has for several years had bylaws by which it operates, but those bylaws have not had the weight of law until they were bound into incorporation.

According to Joe Stone, an eHow Contributor on the Ohio Nonprofit Corporation Laws website, one of the "... essential elements of a nonprofit corporation is that the net profits are not distributed to the corporation's members or shareholders, but are used in furtherance of the corporation's activities." The exception as noted in the Ohio Revised Code, paraphrased, is that reasonable reimbursement for expenses is allowed. The other value to incorporation is the relief of liability for its officers as defined in the law.

Should you want to read more about our incorporation, go to [sos.state.oh.us](http://sos.state.oh.us). Click on "Businesses," then on the blue box "Search," then on "Number Search," then enter 201215301291 in the "Doc.Id" box. Finally click on the "Entity Number," and you will get all the specifics.

—Joya Neff, Membership Chairperson

## Be Alert—It Might Be a Scam!

With concern about a recent local scam, I talked with Chief Belford and learned that there are so many opportunities for any of us to be caught in a scam. So with his help, we have secured "scam alerts" from a variety of sources and will bring them to you in future issues of *The Herald*. You might like to read the article in the Blendon Township spring 2013 newsletter reminding us of the Blendon Township permits which are required of those who go door-to-door in the Township.

Because the weather has encouraged scam artists to knock on doors, first ask to see their Blendon Township permit. If they do not have one, direct them to the Police Department to obtain one. If they get aggressive or their behavior is suspicious, call the Blendon Township Police Department at 889-9494.

Probably the first and best protection you have from a door-to-door scammer is to not open the door to anyone you do not know. Don't be fooled by "identification" as it is easily altered. Don't be emotionally drawn in by someone with cute children in tow or someone (primarily female) who goes so far as to get weepy. Never ever let anyone in your home!

—Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator





*Tom Heichel with Community Garden Bench*



*Tom Heichel with Refurbished Kiosk on Buenos Aires*

# Thank You, Tom Heichel!

The Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. Executive Committee knew that the kiosks at the entrances to our community needed to be repaired or replaced. That is when our retired Blendon Township Police Chief and 48-year Ridge resident, Tom Heichel, volunteered to refurbish and enhance the kiosks in his amazing workshop. The first kiosk to be restored is now in position near the Buenos Aires and State Route 161 intersection. It is designed to better protect our community announcements with a shingle roof and rain gutters.

Tom Heichel has also volunteered to build a total of eight benches for the Township Community Garden area behind the Blendon Township Complex on Hempstead Road. They have now been completed and are in place at the Garden.

We greatly appreciate Tom's generous contributions to the community!

—Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. Executive Committee

## HRAA, Inc. Member Appreciation Day

We are most grateful to the households in Huber Ridge which pay their annual dues of \$15 to show support for our community and for the many activities sponsored by the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. each year. It's time for us to show our appreciation to our loyal membership with HRAA, Inc. Member Appreciation Day—a *new* event this year.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 14, and come to Ridgewood Park at 5 p.m. for a *free* supper followed by *special* seating at the third Concert in the Park featuring These Guys Live! We'll also recognize those who have volunteered for one of the HRAA, Inc. events during the year.

Not a member yet? It's easy to join by mailing your check for \$15 made out to Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. to Thom Conley, 3533 Makassar Drive, Westerville, OH 43081.

We will need you to RSVP for the supper; watch your email for more information about HRAA Member Appreciation Day from Membership Coordinator Joya Neff. See you there!

—Marje Obrist, Newsletter Editor



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Call Karen Boley at 614.214.3889 today!

## [huberridge.org](http://huberridge.org)

### Hit Report for 2013

Our website for the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. has had many hits since the beginning of this year. Here is the report through June 20:

#### All Pages

January .....	11,746
February.....	9,469
March .....	15,192
April .....	16,806
May .....	18,650
June (through the 20th).....	12,228

#### Discussion

January .....	3,333
February.....	3,135
March .....	5,108
April .....	4,453
May .....	4,458
June (through the 20th).....	2,915

#### Our Info

January .....	250
February.....	212
March .....	268
April .....	248
May .....	288
June (through the 20th).....	201

#### Pages & Docs

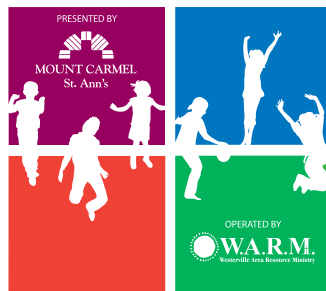
January .....	1,668
February.....	1,451
March .....	1,865
April .....	1,894
May .....	1,968
June (through the 20th).....	1,197

*The Herald* (current and past issues) appears on our website under "Our Info." Do consider writing a letter to the Editor to share your views with your neighbors.

—Marje Obrist, Newsletter Editor



#### Westerville Area Kids Lunch Club



### FREE Lunch

**for Kids  
Ages 1 through 18  
this Summer  
at Ridgewood Park!**

**May 28 - August 9  
Weekdays except July 4,  
Rain or Shine  
11:45 am - 12:30 pm**

### Volunteers Needed for Food Service and Activities between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Duties include setting up for lunch service, greeting children, serving nutritious food, helping with meal counts, minimal cleaning up, interacting with children, reading and playing with kids, and assisting the Activities Leaders. Children any age can attend while their parent or sibling volunteers.

Call WARM Program Coordinator Jackie Haight  
at 899-0196, x218 (office) or email her at [Jackie@warmwesterville.org](mailto:Jackie@warmwesterville.org)  
to schedule your volunteer time!

The lunch will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability; and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against in any USDA-related activity should write or call immediately to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 14<sup>th</sup> & Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410; (202) 720-5964 (voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

## Editorial Guidelines for the Publication of THE HERALD

### Purpose

*The Herald* is published quarterly by the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. (HRAA, Inc.) for the purpose of informing the members and potential members of the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. of the activities, concerns, and achievements of the HRAA, Inc. The HRAA, Inc. 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" wide x 2" tall) ad
- \$65 per issue for a quarter-page (3.75" wide x 5" tall) ad
- \$125 per issue for a half-page (7.5" wide x 5" tall) ad
- \$225 per issue for a full-page (7.5" wide x 10" tall) ad

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).



## Membership News

There are 223 member households on the roster. There are still several that are not current in membership; but Thom Conley and I have begun implementing a plan to approach those folks, and it is working!

An email was sent to 67 families who were past due, and 12 were phoned. By the end of May, 13 had paid, 2 have promised, 1 had passed, and 4 had moved. Of the 13, six families came back from 2011 and 2 from 2012!

We had one new member household in May: Kevin and Angela Diamond, 3605 Dempsey Road; the parsonage was purchased by Faith Covenant Church. Kevin is the Associate Pastor and Youth and Family Life Pastor.

According to the only source we have, the following homes were purchased during the quarter:

🏠 Erin Boerger and Christopher Matiak, 3755 Caracas

🏠 Aaron and Amy Davis, 5799 Buenos Aires

🏠 Keith Evans, 3627 Dempsey

🏠 Kyle and Kyri-Anna Thogmartin, 3462 Dahlgreen  
Then there were foreclosures:

🏠 US Bank, 6377 West Hunt Club, \$76,000/\$105,200

🏠 Fanny Mae, 6428 Saddle Lane, \$70,000/\$114,000

### New Resident Packets

Since June 2009 I (actually we [my husband drove]) have delivered 151 new resident packets and have 18 to go.

—Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator

## Why Pay Volunteers?

**Volunteers are not paid, not because they are not valuable, but because they are priceless!**

—Joya Neff, Membership Coordinator

## HUBER RIDGE AREA ASSOCIATION, INC. MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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 Thom Conley, 3533 Makassar Drive, Westerville, OH 43081 or call him at 882-5252. Checks are to be made payable to the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc.

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

**Put these  
dates  
on  
your  
calendar!**



- July 2.....Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- July 11.....Farmers Market behind the Blendon Senior Center from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and every Thursday thereafter through October 31
- July 11.....HRAA, Inc. Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.: **CHANGED DATE!**
- July 13.....Summer Concert in Ridgewood Park: **NEW!**
- July 14.....Huber Ridge Blooms Show in Huber Ridge from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- July 17.....Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- July 18.....HRAA, Inc. Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- July 31.....Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- August 1.....HRAA, Inc. Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- August 3.....Ridge-A-Palooza at Faith Covenant Church from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- August 6.....National Night Out
- August 14.....Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- August 15.....HRAA, Inc. Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- August 28.....Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- September 5.....HRAA, Inc. Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- September 7.....Fall Community Garage Sale in Huber Ridge from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- September 11.....Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- September 14.....HRAA, Inc. Member Appreciation Day in Ridgewood Park: **NEW!**
- September 14.....Summer Concert in Ridgewood Park: **NEW!**
- September 19.....HRAA, Inc. Executive Committee Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- September 25.....Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- October 3.....HRAA, Inc. Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- October 9.....Blendon Township Trustees Meeting at the Blendon Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- October 22.....Meet the Candidates Night at Faith Covenant Church at 6:30 p.m.
- October 26.....HRAA, Inc. Halloween Party in Ridgewood Park from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.