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The HRAA is joining forces with Blendon Township to bring you The Annual Huber Ridge Halloween Party! Dress up in your best costume and join us from **6pm - 8pm** at **Ridgewood Park** on **October 25th**!

Schedule of Events: Food: 6:00-7:30 Games 6:00-7:00 Hayride 6:00-8:00 Haunted Woods 7:00-8:00 Fire Pit 6:30-8:00 Costume Contest 7:00 Trick-or-Treating 7:45-8:00



Want to get involved? Email Mary and Angie at editor@huberridge.org to volunteer your time! If time is something you don't have, we will also accept candy and Halloween/Fall decor! -Mary Gould Editor

2014 Holiday Lights & Decoration Contest



This will be the 8th year the association has sponsored a holiday lights and decorating contest. The best thing about this contest is there are no prerequisites to participate. All residents of the Huber Ridge area who decorate their properties are included. There are no individual categories and no registration form to complete. To be considered for a prize all decorations must be in place by Dec 13. Winners will be notified and prizes distributed on Wednesday Dec. 17. The Christmas Elf and helpers will judge on "WOW" factor, appearance, originality, and how well the decorations show off the property. Judges will select first, second, and third place winners who will receive a cash prize from the association and a Holiday Gift basket filled with goodies from the Christmas Elf. And as a continuing tradition, one of Blendon Township's officers will escort the Christmas Elf in distributing prizes.

> - Sharon Ricker Kiosk Coord.

<u>Article Highlights</u>

- Huber Ridge Blooms
- Nominating
 Committee for HRAA
 Elections
- Holiday Cheer Program

We are staying connected with you through Huber Ridge online and Facebook!

Join the discussion at

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Huber Ridge Blooms 2014 Banner Year

If you toured the Huber Ridge gardens entered in this year's 2014 Blooms contest held July 13th, you were treated to and no doubt pleased with the outstanding talent, creativity, and beauty our participants displayed. Speaking on behalf of the Blooms committee, we loved the gardens this year!

Nine gardeners entered the HRAA Inc, sponsored Huber Ridge Blooms Garden Show and Contest. Although every participant is a winner, we do select three gardens to place and we award those gardeners with extra perks. This year, because judging was the most challenging yet, we chose a fourth place for honorable mention.

Thank you, gardeners. Keep up your great work!

You worked so hard and showed such generous hospitality by opening up your yards to the community.

Thanks also to all who toured the gardens. You encouraged our gardeners by your visitation and your kind comments.



1st Place: Paul Fultz Accepted by daughters Caryn & Christine

An event such as this involves planning, time, and money. Sincere thanks to the following: our Founder, Honorary Chairman and first place donor, Stew Flaherty; judge, co-chair, and second place donor, Sharon Ricker; third place donor and primary sponsor, the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc.; judge Elisabeth Clegg; photographer Hannah Clegg; judge and co-chair Pam Clegg; judge and donor Barbara Crawford of King Thompson Realty; judges Linda and Jeff Laine of WesterFlora; judge Diane Lobdell; donors Joy Neff and Marje Obrist; and sponsor/donor, Hoover Gardens.

For 2015 we are considering expanding the contest to include more areas of Blendon Township. We hope to encourage more participation and a greater enthusiasm for beautification within the community by doing so.

Watch for Blooms notifications via HRAA member emails, the spring edition of the Herald, or you can like or friend Huber Ridge Blooms on Facebook. You will find more photos of this year's gardens on our Facebook pages.

> -Pam Clegg Huber Ridge Blooms Committee



2nd Place: Chuck & Debbie Kemmer



3rd Place: Deb Sweet



Honorable Mention: Suzanne Zonner

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An Afternoon Celebration!

On Sept 27th the HRAA did just that to honor some of those who have contributed to the improvement of the neighborhood this past year. There were hard fought games of great skill, great food, and some of <u>The Best Dang Pies In</u> <u>Ridge</u>. Carolyn Cordray won the pie contest with her Apple Pie and Almina Smock-Weibel and Cathy Shinaberry were the winners of the skill games.

Mark Faubel and Doug Murphy worked on this as a way of saying thanks to some our neighbors who work behind the scenes for the HRAA.

Will you be there next year? Hope so!

- Doug Murphy





Great Bargains at the Fall Community Garage Sale

The Herald

For the second year, the HRAA, Inc. sponsored along with Kimberly Sherrod, Keller Williams of Greater Columbus Realtor the Fall Community Garage Sale on September 13th.

There was an increase in the number of registered garage sales so more appeared on our map. It was reported that many of the shoppers have become accustomed to getting a map to show them the location of the different sales. If you're thinking about having a garage sale next year, the HRAA will put them together again in the spring and the fall so watch for dates.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Fall Community Garage Sale!

- Carolyn Cordray

President

Faith Covenant Church Saturday Worship Come experience a relaxed, modern worship service the 2nd and 4th Saturday evenings of each month. All the elements of the service. from the acoustic modern worship music, to the comfortable seating, to the coffee we serve, will allow you to relax and meet Jesus where you are. 2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 6:30 pm Faith Covenant Church 3607 Dempsey Road - faithcov.net/saturday

Another Successful Summer

The 2014 concert series at Ridgewood Park closes with another successful season. The concerts were staffed with volunteers from the Huber Ridge Area Association as well as employees of Blendon Township.

The Board of Trustees already approved the concert series for 2015, so stay tuned for updates! If you would like to volunteer for the concerts or help plan for the events please contact me at 614-839-2013.

- Bryan Rhoads

Township Administrator



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Nominating Committee to Build Ballot for HRAA Elections

Members of the Huber Ridge Area Association it is that time of year again where three members must step up to comprise the Nominating Committee assembled for the purpose of providing the membership with a ballot of officers for next year. Nominations will be taken for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor.

According to our bylaws the Nominating Committee of not less than three (3) members must be elected by the membership at the November meeting (Thursday, November 6th; 7pm at the Senior Center at 6330 Hempstead Road). Then at the December meeting (Thursday, December 4th; 7pm at the Senior Center at 6330 Hempstead Road), the Nominating Committee will present to the membership a slate of candidates willing to run for these offices.

Please contact Carolyn Cordray, President of the Huber Ridge Area Association at <u>President@huberridge.org</u> or call 614-882-1310 if you will serve on the nominating committee. This is one of the tasks that must take place in order for our association to survive, so members please consider stepping up to serve in this capacity.

> - Carolyn Cordray President

What I love about Halloween at Huber Ridge

What I love about Huber Ridge's Halloween are the parties. The teachers plan fun activities for the students like candy corn bingo, making Halloween collies, and a costume party.

Another reason I love Halloween at Huber Ridge is the principal's costume. It's Hilarious!

I also love trick-or-treating in the Ridge area. The neighbors give treats like Kit-Kats, Starbursts, and Hershey's... Now I'm Hungry! Kids can meet with their friends and trick-or-treat with their friends. There are many great things people do for Halloween in the Huber Ridge area like decorate and give good treats.

Those are my reasons why I love Halloween in the Huber Ridge community.

Payton, Grade 4

Huber Ridge Elementary School

I am writing to you today about Huber Ridge Elementary School.

The best thing about Huber Ridge is the education. I learn a lot of stuff like multiplying two-digit and one-digit numbers, writing, a whole lot of information on Ohio, landforms, ecosystems, grammar, figurative language, and SO much more!

I also like how the teachers are very nice. The only time they get angry is if the children don't listen. The teachers help educate us the best way...FUN! The teachers do this by using websites and games.

I hope this informed you a little about my school.



Abigail, Grade 4

We are lucky to have 3 students from Huber Ridge Elementary School as our Guest Writers! Big thanks to Payton, Maia, and Abigail for taking time to write these great articles! The Herald would like to continue publishing young writers in our future editions! If interested, please contact us editor@huberridge.org

Halloween at Huber Ridge



Halloween at Huber Ridge is awesome! When it is October 31, Huber lets you wear your costume for the Halloween party your class has. Huber makes sure that your costume is not violent. At the party there will be fun activities planned for your class. At the parties kids get to eat candy, cookies, cupcakes, and chips. Those are a lot of yummy things!

Now I will tell you why Halloween is fun outside of school. You can go trick-ortreating with your friends. You can also see all the people in the neighborhood while you walk around. I feel safe in the neighborhood and have a great time with my friends. When I get home, mom checks my candy and then I can eat it.

That's why I love Halloween in the Huber Ridge Area.

Maia, Grade 4

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Both Republicans and Democrats in office care more about keeping their jobs than about cutting spending and lowering taxes so small businesses can create real jobs here in Ohio.

This election, we have the opportunity to say <u>enough is enough</u>. Let's tell the party bosses—and the corporate interests who call the shots—t

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> Please consider voting for me this election. I would be honored to serve as your state representative.

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Ridge-A-Palooza Delivered Fun Times

Saturday, August 2nd began with terrible thunderstorms and there was some doubt as to whether we'd see a Ridge-A-Palooza this year. The clouds broke up, the sun came out and it dried up all of the rain that had come down that morning. The grounds of Faith Covenant Church were once again transformed into the fantastically fun block party-style event for the sixth year. We enjoyed the bounce houses, slip and slide, marketplace, and food and snacks a plenty! We even had a food truck this year in the Marketplace that was a very popular spot. Blendon Township Police brought their cruiser and Blendon / Westerville Fire Department brought an engine.

A car show was once again organized by neighbor Joya Neff that was enjoyed as well. The Ridge-A-Palooza planning committee consisted of Emily and Phyllis Van from Faith Covenant Church and Huber Ridge residents June Riggs, Eric Cordray, and Carolyn Cordray.

Of course an event of this size cannot be successful without all of the wonderful volunteers from both the Ridge and Faith Covenant church. Thank you everyone for your time and effort to make this event such a great time. Hope to see everyone next year!

- Carolyn Cordray, President

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A Note from your "*PAL* "

Huber Ridge Elementary is proud to be serving the Huber Ridge Community for the past 50 years. Last year, Huber Ridge received the 'High Progress School of Honor Award' from the Ohio Department of Education, an award only 36 other schools in the entire state received. We continue to work hard for our students and care very deeply for them.

Interested in volunteering at our school? We welcome our community members' help in the classroom. Tasks may include making copies or helping shelve library books; just stop in the office to complete a volunteer form.

A **50th Anniversary Celebration** will be taking place November 14th at 2:30pm. We would like to invite any and all Huber Ridge Alumni to attend. We will be having a small ceremony featuring works by current students who have been reliving the last five decades of our school. Please RSVP to this event by calling the school at 614-797-7150.

We look forward to having you join us for this celebratory event.

- Chris Blados Huber Ridge Elementary Principal



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Advertising Rates

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The HRAA Executive Board Needs You!

The HRAA is currently seeking a member in good standing who is willing to step into the role of Secretary.

Duties of the Secretary are to prepare the agenda and meeting packets prior to both general and executive meetings as well as to write minutes and post them on Huber Ridge website. The Secretary also presents the bills during the general meeting for approval and payment.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in please email Carolyn Cardroy at president@huberridge.org

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Holiday Cheer

While it's tough to be economically challenged anytime of the year, the holidays are the most trying times for families. Not only do you have to decide whether to pay the water bill or have heat, put gas in the car or eat, but you also have to explain to your children why Santa may not be able to leave much under the tree this year.

We are again sponsoring the Holiday Cheer program this year, and invite you to donate to help another Huber family this year. Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM) will provide us with the information for a neighborhood family who could use our help, and depending on how much we raise, we might be able to assist more than one family. Volunteers shop for requested items, and any money left over is put on gift cards; the families are notified when to pick up their goodies at WARM, so it is done anonymously.

Last year, our amazing neighbors raised over \$600 to help a Huber family have a much better holiday season than they expected. We not only provided gifts for all members of the family, but gift cards for groceries and gas so they could use their own monies to pay for other necessities.

Donation jars will be available at the HRAA meetings through our December meeting, and one will also be at the Halloween Party. We are also working on letting everyone donate through PayPal, and will let you know when that is available. Good, old fashioned checks work well too, just make them out to the HRAA and put "Holiday Cheer" in the corner of the check. Monies can be given to any of the HRAA officers, Chuck Edwards or myself.

Let's pull together again to help out one of our neighbors!!

- Claudia Carney



Block Watch Update



If you missed the HRAA General Monthly Meeting featuring Summer Moyniham, you missed out on great tips and ideas on how to better our neighborhood through our Block Watch.

We have taken Summer's advice and have discontinued listing the names and addresses of our Block Watch Representatives. We want our Reps feeling comfortable with their positions and we want their locations to be a surprise to any criminals who may have done their research on the area. We have approximately 60 household Reps and are always accepting more. The more people we have watching our streets and houses the better.

If an issue arises in our neighborhood please call the Blendon Township Police Department ASAP at 614-889-9494. If you are uncomfortable calling the police, please contact myself or Carolyn Cordray at 614-882-1310 and we will call for you. We encourage everyone to call for themselves, but please don't hesitate if you need help.

If you are interested in joining the neighborhood Block Watch please contact me at <u>blockwatch@huberridge.org</u> or 614-843-8321.



- Lynn White Block Watch Coord.



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This is a closed group, meaning, you have to request to join. Send the Admins, Carolyn Cordray, Chris Stevko, and Lori Mann, a quick note telling them where you live, and they will add you. We regulate who we accept into the group to weed out non-residents and spamers. If you continue to be rejected after multiple attempts, please contact Carolyn.



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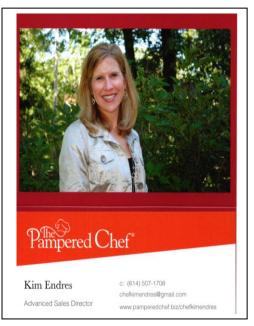
So what are you waiting for? Do you attend any one of the many events coordinated by the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. throughout the year? If so, why not support the efforts of YOUR neighborhood association. Here are some of the events that you would be supporting through your membership: The Herald newsletter, published and hand delivered 4 times a year, the spring and fall community garage sales, sponsorship of the Concerts in the Park series, the annual Plant Swap, beautification of our entrance signs, Huber Blooms Garden Show, two Blockwatch training sessions a year, Ridge-A-Palooza - the end of summer community block party, annual Halloween party, and The Holiday Cheer program-coordinated donations through WARM that benefited one of our own neighbors last holiday season. There are a few advantages available to you as a benefit of your membership. Specifically, you will receive a monthly member email delivered right to your inbox and for the second year, a Member Appreciation event in the fall.

We are an organization that exists solely to foster and advance the public interest in the Huber Ridge Area and the territory immediately adjacent and to encourage and promote the general welfare of the community. Does this sound like something you want to support? If so, then join today!

- Carolyn Cordray President

See last page for membership form and





Ideas for a new article?

If you have any ideas for a new article for *The Herald*, we would love to hear from you!

Feel free to contact us at **editor@huberridge.org** with your idea! We welcome anything and everything related to Huber Ridge.

So throw your ideas at us! The more neighbors we can feature, the better!



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Editor's Corner

"Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up" - Jesse Jackson

With the holidays quickly approaching, this is something we can all stop and think about. We get so caught up in ourselves we have no idea what is going on down the street, but we are quick to judge them on appearances or hearsay. Everyone needs a little love, support, and encouragement. Actions speak louder than words. Let's all be more action and less words!

- Mary Gould Editor

School is back in session and parents and children have adjusted to their new routine. Our neighborhood is filled with children and I love seeing them walk past my house to get to school. However, I can't help but worry about them either. I live on a busier street here in the Ridge that is used by many including children walking to and from school. I regularly witness cars speeding by, texting while driving, and weaving around parked cars. Most recently I witnessed my own dog get hit by a car. The very next day a teenager was hit by a car on another street. Please slow down as you drive and don't be a distracted driver! This is our neighborhood and we need to be proactive in keeping it safe. So please drive slowly and safely.

> -Angie Merrin Editor



<u>Fact</u>: Kids are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car on Halloween than on any other day of the year.

There are a lot of things we can all do to prevent this from happening in the Huber Ridge Area.

As a driver: SLOW DOWN. Stay alert.

As a parent or child: Make sure the costume is the right size in order to prevent tripping and falling. Another idea is to decorate your costume in bright colors and put reflective stickers/tape on your candy bag. Avoid masks as they can make it hard to see, and instead try non-toxic face paint or make-up. Glow sticks and flashlights are complimentary to most outfits, also adding more light on your child. It is also important to accompany any kid who is too young to go alone.

Our goal for this Hallows Eve is to have zero accidents! As long as everyone is aware of their surroundings and follows these simple rules, I know we can have a happy and safe Halloween! Faith Covenant Church and Blendon Township Police will once again be helping keep a watchful eye this year!

> - Mary Gould Editor



Calendar of Events

October 2014

- 2nd HRAA General Meeting 7pm
- 21st HRAA Exec Meeting 7pm
- 25th HRAA Halloween Party Ridgewood Park 6-8pm
- 30th Blendon Township/Westerville Trick-or-Treat 6pm - 8pm

November 2014

- Holiday Cheer Program (Date TBD)
- 6th HRAA General Meeting 7pm
- 21st HRAA Exec Meeting 7pm

December 2014

- 4th HRAA General Meeting 7pm 13th Holidays Light Contest
- 16th HRAA Exec Meeting 7pm

Both HRAA General and Exec Meetings are held in the Blendon Township Senior Center

The Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. does not endorse political candidates. For the November 2014 Ohio general election both candidates running for the office of state Senator for the 3rd District of the Ohio Senate and the three candidates running for the office of member of the Ohio House of Representatives, representing the 19th District both offices of which represent the residents of the Huber Ridge area were invited to purchase advertising in this issue of The Herald.

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