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HRAA General Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held at 7pm on the first Thursday of the month. We meet in the Blendon Township Senior Center located at 6330 Hempstead Road.

Meeting dates for this year: **June 4, August 6, October 1, December 3**

We hope that the modified meeting schedule will bring more HRAA members and residents to the meetings. HRAA members in good standing (\$15 annual dues paid to date) will continue to receive monthly HRAA emails of news items relevant to the association, neighborhood and township.



- Carolyn Cordray
President

Thank You!

Thank you for the \$200 donation from the Huber Ridge Area Association and a "matching" \$200 donation from "Anonymous". We now have three new motion-activated cameras for neighborhood use.

Occasionally we have cases that require the use of a motion-activated hidden camera. Whether it is a newspaper that keeps disappearing off of a porch or a gate that keeps getting opened, you never know when a camera could be of use.



raccoon (or the wind) rather than having to worry about it possibly being a prowler.

If you have a problem that you don't want to buy a camera for, you just need one to find out what's going on, call [614.882.8500](tel:614.882.8500) and ask for Detective Phillips (Day) or Detective Moore (Evenings). As long as it is an appropriate use of the equipment with a corresponding police report, our Detective will install and retrieve the camera and process the photos. It does not have to be a crime. It might just be a mystery that is troubling your peace of mind (Information Report). Sometimes raccoons do amazing things. But it is better to know that it is a

- John Belford
Blendon Township Police Chief



Happy 200th Birthday Blendon Township

This year marks the 200th birthday of Blendon Township. Blendon Township, formerly known as Harrison Township, was established in 1815. Harrison Township was changed to Blendon Township in 1824. Township government pre-dates most forms of governments in Ohio and townships are often cited as being the most efficient. With limited resources and powers, townships must stretch every dollar possible. The Board of Trustees and township staff feel that it is very important for us to celebrate the township's birthday all year long. We hope to celebrate in a variety of different ways at our public events, including our summer concert series.

- Bryan Rhoads
Township Administrator

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Almina Smock-Weibel - Historian
Mark Merrin & Jim Welch - Kiosk Coordinators

There are plenty of volunteer opportunities for everyone! If you would like to help out in some way, whether great or small, let us know! We'd love to have you join in the action.

- Carolyn Cordray
President



Advertising Rates

Advertise your company and business in *The Herald* and reach hundreds of potential customers! If you are interested in placing an ad in our fall issue, please contact Carolyn Cordray.

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- \$25/issue for a business card ad
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- \$225/issue for a full page ad

Summer Garage Sale

We all know that Woody, Buzz Light Year and many other toys can talk to each other when humans aren't looking! I wonder if they are worried about being separated and sold at the next HRAA Garage Sale on June 6th, 8am - 4pm.

Of course if someone doesn't give Doug Murphy at VP@huberridge.org their name, phone number, address, and types of items they are trying to sell by May 31st, then the things might be safe (till the next garage sale in the Fall –tentatively set for September 19th). I did overhear Woody telling Buzz that the HRAA even provides maps of the homes selling their friends!

- Doug Murphy
Vice President

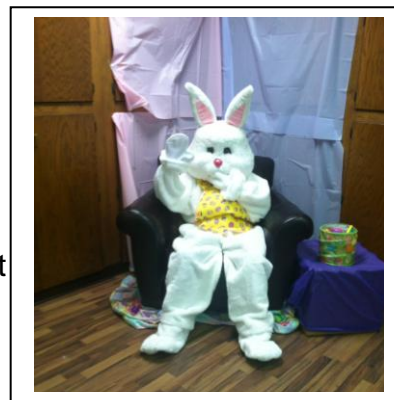
Breakfast with the Bunny

Those who attended the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 28th had a great time. The kids got to decorate a cookie, throw rings on the ears for a prize and enter the coloring contest.

Two lucky kids won the contest for their great page they colored. **Isabella Ward** won for the youngest age group and **Chase Ward** won for the oldest age group.

Thank you for those who did attend. We hope you enjoyed this fun time as much as we did!

The next event for us is the annual Car Show that is always a great time. Mark it on your calendars now for Saturday, August 29th. Registration for an entry is \$15 and is open from 10:00-1:00. Trophies will be awarded at 2:30. There will be raffle prizes, a 50/50 drawing, DJ music, and lots of food to eat. Bring your friends with you for a good day.

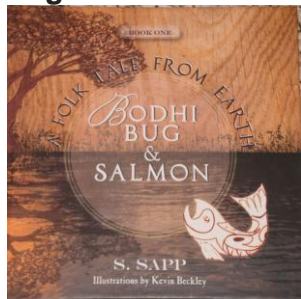


- Donna Jordan

Blendon Township Senior Center Director

Ridge Author Publishes 1st book

Congratulations to local author Steve Sapp, writer and Westerville (Huber Ridge) native, on his first novel "**Bodhi Bug and Salmon.**" This is a Folk Tale from Earth for all ages.



Bodhi Bug's adventure all started simply because he wanted to talk to Little Salmon. Otter informs Bodhi Bug that Little Salmon won't talk and the only thing that might help Little Salmon are ancient oaks, but they are far away. Without giving it any thoughts Bodhi Bug begins an extraordinary journey by asking a tree for help, and with the cooperation of new animal friends (Lynx, Bison, Wolf, Raven, and Coyote), he is riding over steep mountains, crossing wild grasslands, and end up in the Great North Woods where a voice from the past is revealed.

All of nature becomes aware of Bodhi Bug's journey and awaits his return to the creek where Little Salmon is still hiding in the deep pool.

Steve Sapp has worked in forestry, fisheries, and GIS mapping in Washington state and Ohio.

- Leona Sapp

Crime Prevention

A karate student once asked his instructor, "Master, what is the most important thing I must do to protect myself?" The karate master replied, "Wear your seat belt".

This little exchange may raise a smile, but it also raises an excellent point. Sometimes the simplest answer is best.



There are many fancy locks, alarms, security cameras, and other devices available to help prevent becoming a victim of property crime. Many are very helpful, some are a waste of money, but the simplest answer is still the best: Keep your doors and windows locked (home and vehicles), keep your valuables out of sight, and keep the outside of your home illuminated at night.

If you do lose property to a thief, cameras are great, but having the serial and model numbers are a simple way of protecting your valuables. Unfortunately, many people tell us that they were going to do that, but they just never found the time. How about today?

- John Belford

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Huber Ridge Walk/Run Club

My name is Syreeta Long and I have been a resident of Huber Ridge for 3 years. I have 3 sons and we enjoy taking advantage of the nice weather. A few times a week we get out in our neighborhood to walk and ride our bikes. I've noticed how many people would wave and smile and I always wondered if they would like to join us!



I have envisioned a group of Ridge Walkers in our neighborhood for about a year. I posted on the Huber Ridge Area Association Facebook page if anyone would be interested and had many responses.

I started an open Facebook page called Huber Ridge Walk/Run Group. Members are encouraged to post their availability and everyone in the family is welcome!

I can't wait to see you in the neighborhood!

- Syreeta Long



Spread the Wealth from your Garden at the HRAA Plant Swap

Saturday, May 9th from 10am to noon, come to the Plant Swap! For ten years now, the HRAA has coordinated the annual event at Ridgewood Park for all to bring plants to swap or just bring yourself if you don't have any to share. All are welcome and there is always enough for everyone. Participation is easy if you have extra plants from your garden, simply dig them up, put them in some sort of container (pots, cups, etc.), label them and bring them down to the park. Come have a look at what is brought to share. Please come even if you don't have anything to swap, since there is always enough to go around.

Can't make the Plant Swap date and time? If you aren't able to attend you can participate in the "Virtual Plant Swap". Simply email Carolyn Cordray at President@huberridge.org with plants you have to share or plants you have interest in obtaining. Requests will be matched up or listed on www.huberridge.org and our Facebook page. Contact information will then be shared with interested parties.

Either Plant Swap is a fun way to add to your spring, summer and fall flower beds. Plan to participate! It's always a lot of fun!

- Carolyn Cordray

Kids Lunch Club returns for its 4th year!

Another reason to look forward to summer is the Westerville Area Kids Lunch Club! The Kids Lunch Club is a FREE program that provides children 18 and under with nutritious meals and coordinated enrichment activities throughout the summer when school is not in session. The KLC began in the summer of 2011 at our own Ridgewood Park, and has successfully expanded to eight programs in various parts of Westerville. In 2014, 18,280 lunch meals and 25,980 weekend meals were supplied to children in need, totaling 43,960 meals. Additionally, KLC distributed over 63,000 pounds of fresh produce at the sites.

This upcoming summer, the Kids Lunch Club will serve from 11:15am to 12:00pm from May 26th through August 7th at our own Ridgewood Park. This program is outdoors and is rain or shine.

Who can eat at the Kids Lunch Club?

- Children 1-18 may eat lunch at a KLC Site.
- Students enrolled in school with an IEP (individualized education program) up to age 21 may also eat at a KLC site
- Adults should not expect to receive a meal at the site.

My child has a food allergy or intolerance, what other options are there for my child?

- Unfortunately, the only substitute we can offer is soy milk for lactose intolerant children. Please tell the site supervisor if you would like to order soy instead. The rest of the lunch will still contain lactose in things like cheese or other dairy products.

Do you enjoy the great outdoors, face painting, crafts, exercise and fitness, gardening, nutrition and other extracurricular activities? We invite you to become a mentor and share your passion with children in our local community. For more information on how you can get involved contact Claire Rockwell, Coordinator of Kids Lunch Club: claire@warmwesterville.org, 614.899.0196 ext. 220. If you would like to volunteer at a KLC site fill out a KLC application and contact Stephen Gale: stephen@warmwesterville.org 614-899-0196 ext. 220.

- Claudia Carney
Secretary

Join the Discussion!



Join the neighborhood discussion on the Huber Ridge Area Association Facebook page! Stay up to date on neighborhood news!

www.facebook.com/pages/Huber-Ridge-Area-Association

Please read the rules and regulations before posting.

This is a closed group. Send the Admins, Carolyn Cordray, Chris Stevko, or Lori Mann, a note confirming your address. We regulate who we accept into the group. If you continue to be rejected after multiple attempts, please contact Carolyn.

A note from your "Pal"

Huber Ridge Elementary is wrapping up another excellent school year. Students have grown academically, behaviorally, and socially, and we are excited to see how they end the year. We enjoy being part of the neighborhood.

On Wednesday, May 20th, in the evening, Huber Ridge will be hosting its annual End of the Year Picnic for our students and families. Since we are continuing to celebrate Huber's 50th birthday, we would like to invite all former Huber Alumni and their families to celebrate with us. Bring a picnic dinner or buy a slice of pizza and a drink and come celebrate another great year at Huber.

Our PTA continues to serve our students as well. Not only have they brought in programs, such as an Anti-Bullying Opera, in which some of our students were able to perform, they are also purchasing new playground equipment for school and community use. You may have noticed that two of the older pieces of equipment on our Primary Playground have already been removed. Soon, they will be replaced with modern, safer equipment for all to enjoy.

Lastly, we are losing some of our own that are near and dear to Huber students and families. Happy Retirement to Mrs. Brewer (First Grade), Mrs. Twyman (ESL), and Dr. Gibbs (Assistant Principal). They have each served the Huber Community for many years and I know you will all join me in wishing them well in their next adventure!

- Christopher Blados

Huber Ridge Elementary School Principal

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Spring/Summer Code Enforcement

Spring and summer start the grass cutting season. This is to remind all residents or let new residents know that Blendon Township code requires grass and weeds to not exceed 8 inches.

Noxious weeds are prohibited. For a list of prohibited State of Ohio Noxious weeds see <https://plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=39>. Notable on the list are various thistles.

Even though Blendon Township code allows a maximum grass/weed height of 8 inches, we strongly encourage you to cut your grass before grass/weeds reach that height. High grass/weeds invite undesirable creature habitats and will also ensure a visit from code enforcement. Please consider your neighbors and the community.

If you are unable to cut your grass for some reason, then please do not hesitate to call Bryan Rhoads 839-2013 or Branch Wayt at 356-9752 and I/he/we will try to get you help.

- Bryan Rohads
Township Administrator

Concerts Return to Ridgewood Park

The Blendon Township Concerts in the Park series continues to bring summertime fun to Ridgewood Park. Mark the dates and plan to attend for evenings of FREE family fun.

- Saturday, June 13th, 6pm - 8pm. The entertainment will be The Gas Pump Jockeys - Music and Fun from the 50s-60s and 70s (<http://gaspumpjockeys.com/web/>)
- Saturday, July 18th, 6pm - 8pm, entertainment by The Scioto Brass & Percussion Company - The Scioto Valley Brass & Percussion Co. was formed to provide an opportunity for adult brass players and percussionists in the area to entertain audiences with brass band concerts in the tradition of the British brass bands of 100 years ago. (from <http://www.sciotovalleybrass.com/>)
- Saturday, August 29th, 6pm - 8pm. As of the deadline for publishing *The Herald*, the concert committee was still in the process of identifying the third act for this concert date.

As with the previous two years, in addition to FREE entertainment, there will be FREE food (hot dogs, chips, drinks, cotton candy and snow cones)! Furthermore, the concert committee is working to have a food truck join us for each concert to offer an option for those who would like to have alternative food available to purchase.

We are once again planning to hold the 50-50 raffles, so you could be the big winner! The proceeds from that raffle go toward the costs of the concerts. Funds from concert sponsors also help with those costs. If you are interested in being a concert sponsor contact Carolyn Cordray at President@huberridge.org.

Volunteers are also NEEDED to help with bringing this fun to residents. If you're planning to attend, why not help with some of the food service? Contact Carolyn Cordray if you're available.

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Huber Ridge Blooms Garden Show and Contest set for July 12, 2015

Huber Ridge Blooms – For those who are new to the Huber Ridge area, your HRAA, Inc. has sponsored a free garden show and contest called “Huber Ridge Blooms” every July since 2008. This event provides the opportunity to showcase the great gardens and landscaping of hard-working Huber Ridge residents to the public. It is a judged event and is presently open to all adult residents of the Huber Ridge area, owner or renter. (One exception to this: Previous winners from 2014 and 2013 should abstain from entry in order to allow others the opportunity.)

History – Stewart Flaherty, our Blendon Township trustee, is the mastermind behind this event and is the Honorary Chairman. Stewart is also a benefactor of the contest and has provided the first place prize of a \$100 home improvement store gift card for the last seven years. Because Stewart loves beautification and is quite the gardener himself, he suggested we begin such a contest and call it “Blendon Blooms.”

Sunbury Woods Invited – In an attempt to be inclusive of more Blendon Township areas, we are expanding the contest to include our Sunbury Woods neighbors. We have invited Sunbury Woods residents via their Facebook page and will try additional communication venues to encourage their participation. Only then would we change the name of the contest to “Blendon Blooms” and possibly seek to include more areas of the township in 2016.

Contest details – Free entry with a completed application form. Registration is from May 1 - June 26. Tour is open to the public, Sunday, July 12, from 1 – 5pm. Judging for Blooms is simple and the prizes are great: **\$100** gift card to a home improvement store for first place; **\$50** gift card to Oakland Nursery for second place (this prize is also donated by another regular benefactor and former Blooms winner, Sharon Ricker); and **\$35** cash for third place donated by your HRAA. All participants receive gift bags and beautiful certificates specific to their garden. Prizes are awarded at a private Gardener's Reception held the evening of the tour. Details will be provided to contest participants.

New for 2015 Bicentennial Blooms – In celebration of Blendon Township's 200th birthday, we are seeking special garden entries that exhibit heritage blooms, plantings inherited from grandparents or generational friend, or gardens with historical or Blendon Township themes. Get creative and win a special Bicentennial certificate signed by our trustees! Plus you could be awarded a Bicentennial first or second place prize. Blooms judges will select the finalists and Blendon Township trustees will choose the winner(s) depending on the number of entries. If you wish to enter the Bicentennial contest, you will still be part of the Huber Ridge Blooms tour that is open to the public and you will also be invited to the private Gardener's Reception where winners are announced. Bicentennial Blooms is open to all adult residents of Huber Ridge and Sunbury Woods, **including past winners of Huber Ridge Blooms.**

To learn more, please “like” our Facebook page, *Huber Ridge Blooms*, Community Organization; or be a friend on Facebook, *Huber Ridge Blooms*. Feel free to call Pam Clegg with any questions at (614) 891-9176 or treasurer@huberridge.org.

Also please welcome Diane Lobdell, Co-Coordinator of Blooms. She is a former Blooms winner, an Inniswood volunteer and expert gardener.

- Pam Clegg
Coordinator

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Outreach Meeting

Our next Heroin Community Outreach Meeting is Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at the Blendon Township Senior Center, 6330 South Hempstead Road, Westerville OH 43081 from 6-8pm.

We will be moving from the information phase (as in our previous meetings) to the initial process of selecting neighborhood action items.

- John Belford
Blendon Township Police Chief



Self Defense Class

Most generic self defense courses concentrate solely on what to do if a stranger suddenly launches a surprise attack out of the blue. Although that is helpful, most people are assaulted by someone they know. Even if the assailant is a stranger, there are usually warning signs before violence occurs. It's good advice to stay in well-lit areas and not to walk alone at night. But remember, the most likely threat is a known person.

If **anyone** (and I mean **ANYONE**) makes you feel threatened, uneasy, or uncomfortable, and seem as though they might become violent, **CALL THE POLICE** and leave their presence immediately! Do you leave first or call first? Either or both at the same time.

But don't just move *away* from danger, move *toward* safety. Go toward trusted persons or places or, if in a business or public place, get close to employees or staff and tell them to **CALL THE POLICE**. You are **NEVER** bothering the police. Your safety is the reason Police Departments exist. Nobody is a better judge of when you are in danger than you. Many say, "But what if I'm wrong?" It's no big deal to be wrong if you are really worried about violence and not just making prank calls. We respond to false alarms all the time and we would rather go to 100 false alarms than have one person who needs us hesitate to call. What if you are right?

Our next Blendon Township Police Department Women's Self Defense Course is Saturday, May 30, 2015. For more information, or to sign up, visit our website at www.blendontwp.org.

For more information on the warning signs of violence I highly recommend the book, *The Gift of Fear*, by Gavin DeBecker.

- John Belford
Blendon Township Police Chief



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Ridge-A-Palooza - August 1st

Is it possible for Ridge-A-Palooza to get any more fun this year? Well, we think so and the planning committee for this summer fun event has been meeting to rise to that challenge!

Scheduled for Saturday, August 1st from 5pm - 9pm on the grounds of Faith Covenant Church, 6307 Dempsey Road, we are planning for many of the same favorite events such as: A bounce house, an obstacle course, the slip-n-slide, marketplace of vendors (for shopping!), games, free hot dogs, drinks, chips, watermelon, cookies, snow cones, cotton candy and popcorn, games of all kinds, face painting, Blendon Township Police cruiser, Blendon-Westerville Fire truck, car expo, local food truck to purchase food, live music and a movie after dark. But the committee is planning to add a few attractions that we think will make for more fun for everyone.

How about a talent show? We know there is talent in the community and we want to give you a forum to showcase it so we are looking for dancers, singers, magicians, comedians, karate demonstrations, skits, lip synching acts, mimes, etc. – we are open to anything that is fun, entertaining and family-friendly! All ages are encouraged to take part in this new and exciting opportunity. Our planning committee is also looking for someone to help coordinate the acts at Ridge-A-Palooza. Can you do that for us? Whether you want to be in the show or help as our Director / Stage Manager, contact Carolyn at President@huberridge.org.

We are also putting together a gallery inside the church to display works by artists in the community. We have already engaged a display of Huber Ridge history but we'd like to provide a forum for our neighbors to showcase their artistic talent. Any and all mediums welcome such as painting, drawings, metal work, pottery, statues, photography, etc. Artists are welcome to price their items for private sale between artist and buyer. The committee is also seeking someone to be our gallery coordinator. If you are interested in showing some of your artwork or would like to assume the role of Gallery Coordinator please contact Carolyn.

We are also currently accepting vendors for our Ridge-A-Palooza Market Place. Send an email to Carolyn if you are interested.

As always, there are plenty of opportunities to help at Ridge-A-Palooza! Why not join in the fun by helping with the bounce house, serving hot dogs, helping at the registration table or calling out raffle prizes. We are planning 45 minute shifts this year and they go by fast! Again, contact Carolyn Cordray to volunteer your time at Ridge-A-Palooza.

Additionally, there are a couple of coordinator spots we are hoping to fill. One is a coordinator for the car show/car expo. Do you love classic cars? Do you have specialized knowledge on how to run a car show? This is the opportunity for you! We have already had some interest in individuals who want to bring their vehicles. We just need someone to pull it together for us. Another opportunity is someone to head up the raffle. This year we would like to raffle off individual items as we have done in the past as well as to possibly do a blind auction of baskets. We will be looking for both raffle items and baskets of items for the blind auction. This is one of the ways we help to fund our event so we are looking for someone with skills to obtain donations. Could that be you?? Contact Carolyn Cordray at President@huberridge.org to get more information on any and all of these opportunities!

- Carolyn Cordray
President

A New Twist on Block Watch Training

The Huber Ridge Area Association's Block Watch program is well-established and annual training has been a part of that program for many years now.

Having experienced several incidents in their own neighborhood in the past year, our neighbors over in Sunbury Woods have re-formed their Neighborhood Watch program. While they are still working toward building their numbers, the HRAA Block Watch has been walking along side our Sunbury Woods neighbors to work together on a few initiatives to benefit both neighborhoods. One of the initiatives is to combine Block Watch training events. We are bringing a series of three speaking events for all neighbors interested, especially our Block Watch representatives, in lieu of the single annual training event of the past.

Our first speaker is Adam Rex, Social Worker at Huber Ridge Elementary School who will be speaking on the subject of "Bullying". Mr. Rex has developed a dynamic program through the school and is very excited for the opportunity to share his message with the community. Mark your calendars to attend Wednesday, May 13th at 6pm at the Blendon Senior Center, 6330 Hempstead Road. The planning committee is trying to arrange for child care during the meeting.

Two future dates will be announced soon but the topics will be Fire Prevention and Cyber Crime. Watch for details on www.huberridge.org and the Huber Ridge Area Association Facebook page.

This joint venture between the HRAA Block Watch and Sunbury Woods Neighborhood Watch is also working on ways to raise money for new Block Watch signs in our neighborhoods. If you would like to be a Block Watch representative please contact Lynn White at Blockwatch@huberridge.org.

- Carolyn Cordray
President



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 huberridgeeditor@gmail.com with your suggestions! We welcome anything and everything related to Huber Ridge. The more neighbors we can feature, the better!

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Celebrating Blendon Township's Bicentennial

March 6, 1815 - March 6, 2015

The Blendon Township Bicentennial will be an all year celebration! There is so much to write about!

In each edition of *The Herald* this year we will cover the following: Fire Department, Cemetery, Senior Center, existing churches, post office, water utility companies old and new, Ridgewood Park, traffic lights, civic associations, block watch, newsletters, as well as the many dedicated individuals who have made so much of our township possible!

It is very exciting for me to have been a resident here for 53 years. I have lived some of the history and proud to have contributed to some.

Sincerely, Your Neighbor,
Almina R. Smock-Weibel

Some interesting facts about Blendon Township by Almina R. Smock-Weibel:

- The first settlers were Edward Phelps and Isaac Griswold who were originally from Windsor, Conn. They built log cabins, planted wheat and Griswold planted an orchard.
- March 6, 1815 our township was first named Harrison Township.
- December 8, 1824 it was renamed Blendon Township.
- In 1840 the population was 972.
- The township consisted of 2 towns: 1839 - Westerville and in 1849 - Amalthea, now known as Central College. Amalthea Historical Society still exists and meets regularly at Central College Church.
- By 1858 the township boasted of 3 post offices with Isaac Griswold as the Postmaster.
- The most prominent religious denominations were Presbyterian, United Brethren and Methodist.
- The first tavern in the township was opened by Frances Olmsted, located at Blendon Corners. The building no longer exists. However, not far from the Blendon Corners is the oldest standing structure in the township since 1815. A log cabin and farm owned by the Noble Family. Descendant Ken Noble would later become a townships trustee. The building is now known as Reiner Realty, owned by Walt Reiner.
- The first marriage in the township took place in 1817 between Ethan Palmer and Lovilla Olmstead. The 1st baby born in the township was Benjamin Moore in 1807. The 1st death in the township was that of Ethan Palmer in 1818.
- The first lawman in the township was Timothy Lee, a veteran of the War of 1812. It is not known if he was elected or appointed to contain the scoundrels of the township at that time.
- While Edward Phelps was known to cut down the first tree in the township, Charles Huber came to our township and had all the trees cut down in the area now known as Huber Ridge.
- Charles Huber built approximately 1000 homes, starting in 1961, and included sidewalks, street lights and our own Huber Ridge Elementary School.
- In 1962, 3 homes on Cairo Road accommodated 125 students: kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 4th graders. Hanby School housed 3rd grade and the Minerva Park Elementary School, located on Cleveland Avenue, at the time, also housed some of the students. In 1963, an additional 3 homes, also on Cairo Road served 324 students. In 1964 Huber Ridge Elementary School was finally completed, opening its doors to 478 students. This past November, Huber Ridge School celebrated its 50th anniversary. It presently accommodates 550 students, kindergarten to 5th grade.

Celebrating Blendon Township's Bicentennial (cont.)

Townships are governed by 3 trustees and one fiscal officer. They are elected in odd numbered years. Our present trustees and fiscal officer are Jan Heichel, Jim Welch, Stewart Flaherty, and Wade Estep.

One of our best known trustees, Jerry Ward, served our area for 26 years. He tragically and unexpectedly died on May 15, 2010. His experience and dedication will long be remembered.



Blendon Township Police Department History

Through the efforts of Ken Noble, a Blendon Township Trustee, our Police department was initiated with one part-time policeman in 1965.

In 1967, Donald L. Champ was hired as the first Police Chief. By 1971, the department had 2 full-time police officers: Chief Bob Schumaker and Officer Pete Foreman. Four auxiliary policemen also served our area.

The first Police Levy was presented to the township in 1971, passing with flying colors!

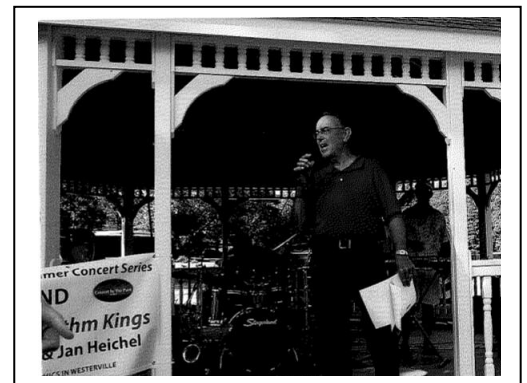


In 1973 Tom Heichel became Police Chief. He served the longest term, 32 years, and was the best known. In 1981 he left the department for a period of time returning on April 13, 2004. Sadly, former Police Chief Tom Heichel recently passed away on March 20, 2015. He will long be remembered for many good works. More recently, Tom, along with several others, was instrumental in bringing the Concerts in the Park to our community!

Presently we are proud to have Police Chief John Belford serving our community. There are now 17 officers in the Blendon Township Police Department.



- Almina R. Smock-Weibel
Historian



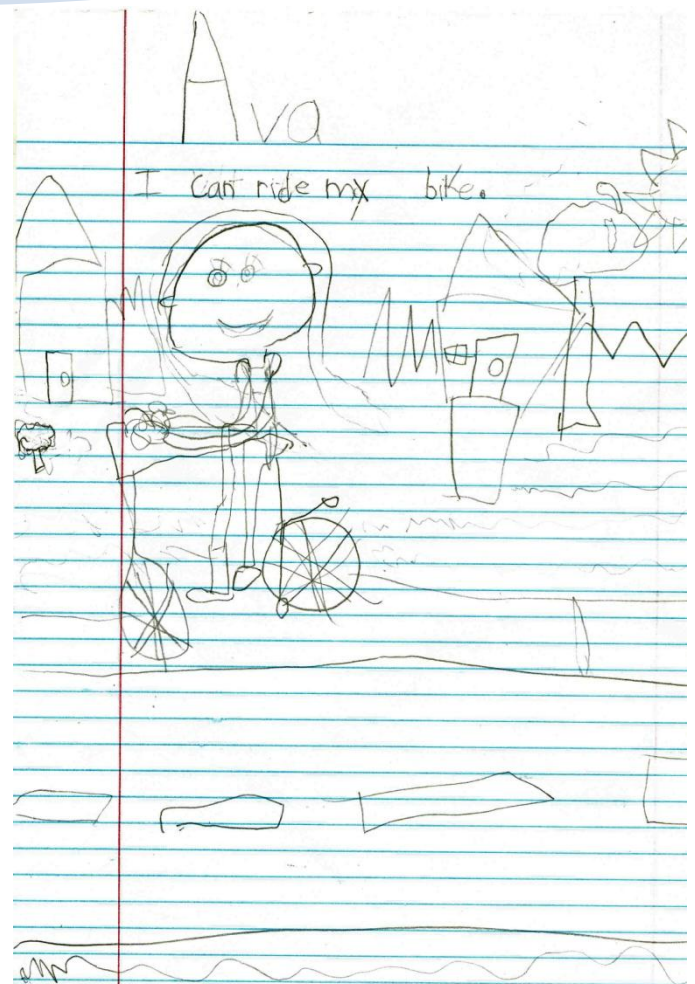
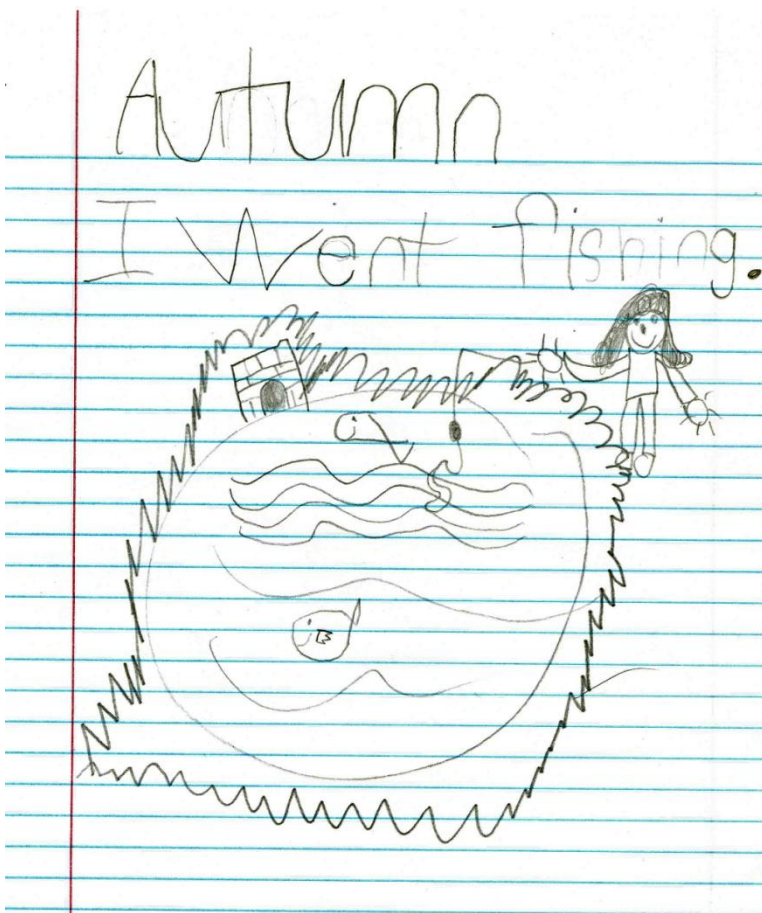
Editor's Note

We would like to thank Almina for all of her hard work on documenting the History of our Township and Neighborhood. Be sure to check out more of her work at Ridge-A-Palooza and other neighborhood/Township events.

If you have old pictures of Blendon Township, please feel free to email them to the editors at huberridgeeditor@gmail.com.

Two Kindergarteners from Huber Ridge want to tell us what they did over their Spring Break! Thanks for sharing Autumn and Ava!

***Kids! If you would like to be published just send us an email to huberridgeeditor@gmail.com**



May 2015

- 9th - Plant Swap**
Ridgewood Park
10am - 12pm
- 13th - Block Watch Training**
Topic: Bullying
Speaker: Adam Rex
Senior Center
6pm
- 23rd - Entrance Sign Clean Up**
161 Entrance
9am
- 27th - Heroin Outreach**
Senior Center
6pm - 8pm
- 30th - Women's Self Defense**
Senior Center
pre-registration required
8am

Calendar of Events**June 2015**

- 4th - General HRAA Meeting**
Senior Center
7pm
- 6th - Community Garage Sale**
- 13th - Concert in the Park**
Gas Pump Jockeys
Ridgewood Park
6pm - 8pm

July 2015

- 12th - Huber Ridge Blooms and Bicentennial Blooms**
- 18th - Concert in the Park**
Scioto Brass Band and Percussion
Ridgewood Park
6pm - 8pm

August 2015

- 1st - Ridge-A-Palooza**
Faith Covenant Church
5pm - 9pm
- 29th - Concert in the Park**

Why Become an HRAA Member?

Your \$15 annual dues go a LONG way to bring to our neighborhood programs, activities, and events that promote a sense of community. We are an all-volunteer organization comprised of your neighbors and we put together so many events on so little.

This year our group has plans for the following: The Plant Swap, Huber Blooms (garden show), two Community Garage Sales, coordinate active Block Watch program, Sponsorship of three Concerts in the Park, three Block Watch Training sessions, Ridge-A-Palooza, a Halloween Party, entrance sign clean up, quarterly newsletters, Cheer program, Holiday Lights and Decoration Contest.

Join our neighborhood association to support these efforts! Joining is easy, you can pay your dues either by bringing them to a meeting, using the PayPal button on our website at www.huberridge.org or complete the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. Membership Form and send a check to Thom Conley, 3533 Makassar Drive, Westerville, OH 43081

HUBER RIDGE AREA ASSOCIATION, INC. MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s) of Adult(s) _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Membership dues are \$15 per household. Dues are for a 12-month period and may be paid anytime throughout the year. Checks are to be made payable to the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. Mail dues to: Thom Conley, 3533 Makassar Drive, Westerville, OH 43081