

Block Watch Programs for 2016

Hi neighbors!

I am very happy to announce that Carolyn and Eric Cordray, Kristy Meyer from Sunbury Woods Neighborhood Watch and I have had several meetings to get a few block watch training sessions together for the year.

The first one being an Active Shooter Training Class presented by the Westerville Police Department. They will both be held at the Blendon Township Senior Center. One of them was held Tuesday, April 19th, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and the second one will be held on Saturday, May 7th, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. All details are on the HRAA Facebook page as well as the HRAA website. There is still time to register for the May 7th class!

Secondly, we are planning a Bullying Class for children on August 2nd, National Night Out, lead by Huber Ridge Elementary School counselor Adam Rex. This will be done in Ridgewood Park. Watch for more details!

Lastly, we are planning an Internet Safety Presentation for children a little later on in the year. This will be done at the Blendon Township Senior Center using their Wi-Fi. Children will connect to the Wi-Fi on their own device (tablet, phone, laptop, etc.) during the class. One of the things they will learn about is Internet stranger danger, the person they think they are talking to may not actually be that person.

I am really excited about all of the scheduled events coming up and I hope that you and your family will be able to attend these functions.

If anyone is interested in joining the Huber Ridge Block Watch please contact me, Lynn White at blockwatch@huberridge.org or [614-849-8321](tel:614-849-8321). Your contact information is not shared with anyone. Block Watch membership is totally anonymous.

-Lynn White, Block Watch Coordinator



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Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms Garden Show and Contest July 10, 2016

What is it? – A judged contest and show of the best gardens and yards of the Huber Ridge and Sunbury Woods communities.

When is it? – Sunday, July 10th from 1-5 p.m.

Who can enter? – Presently the contest and tour is open to all adult residents of the Huber Ridge and Sunbury Woods areas, owner or renter. Membership in the HRAA, Inc. or the Sunbury Woods Civic Association is not required. There are no costs to participants except time and energy. This year we anticipate new entries in both Huber Ridge and Sunbury Woods. Judges reserve the right to limit entries.

Entry Exception: Previous place winners from 2015 and 2014 abstain from entry to allow others the opportunity.

How to participate – The preferred method of participation is resident initiated. We count on such entries. If you believe your garden is ready for sharing, then please complete an application (found at www.huberridge.org) and bring or mail it to Pam Clegg, 3614 Makassar Drive. You will be contacted.

Judges from the Blooms Committee will also travel the Huber Ridge and Sunbury Woods neighborhoods searching for prospective entries. When we think we have found one, we will leave a flyer on the door with all the details. But we cannot see everything, e.g., backyards; so please do not hesitate to enter! This is a contest where every participant wins something.

Some Background – Formerly called “Huber Ridge Blooms,” your HRAA, Inc. has sponsored a free garden show and contest every July since 2008 to showcase the outstanding gardens of our residents. Trustee Stewart Flaherty is the initiator of Blooms and is our Honorary Chairman. Last year we added “Blendon” to our name because we included our Sunbury Woods neighbors in order to expand our contest goals. That addition proved to be very rewarding as all three who entered placed! Please see our Facebook page for photos, “Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms Community Organization.”

Judging – Judging takes place prior to the tour typically the week after July 4th. Participants are notified of date and time judges plan to tour their garden. Judges will wear name tags and participants will be informed of who they are via email. We take photos to help us remember the garden and for publishing either on social media or in the newspaper. View our Facebook page for past years’ photos.

Prizes – There are first (\$100 gift card), second (\$50 gift card), and third place winners (\$35 check), and if warranted, Honorable Mention (TBD). Prizes will be awarded at a private Gardener's Reception the evening of the tour. Prize donors are: Stewart Flaherty, Sharon Ricker, your HRAA, Inc., Barbara Crawford, and Hoover Gardens.

Why Blooms? – The purpose of this garden show and contest is to reward the hard work of specified Blendon residents who beautify our community and to provide the opportunity for residents to showcase their creativity in landscaping and gardening. It is a judged event and a garden tour open to the public.

The testimony of one of our winners from 2015 is that “Blooms is a fun event worth entering.”

-Pam Clegg, Blooms Coordinator



Westerville Area Kids Lunch Club

Looking for something to do this summer when school is out? Maybe just a little something to just break up the day?

The Westerville Area 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 Kids Lunch Club began in the summer of 2011 at Ridgewood Park, and has successfully expanded each year since. In 2015 a total of 18,695 lunch meals and 21,294 weekend meals were supplied to children in need, totaling 39,989 meals. Additionally, KLC distributed over 88,000 pounds of fresh produce at the sites.

This upcoming summer, the Kids Lunch Club will serve on weekdays at our very own Ridgewood Park. Hours are from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every day, rain or shine from May 31st thru August 12th and you don't have to sign up, just show up. First come, first served!

To see how the club sets up, go to: <http://youtu.be/XLIwiH06pv8>

Also, the KLC would love volunteers to help with the programs! Do you enjoy the great outdoors, face painting, crafts, exercise/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 Stephen Gale at: Stephen@warmwesterville.org, 614.899.0196 ext. 220.

-Claudia Carney, Secretary



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- 2:30 p.m. - Officer Justin Whiteside, BTPD Badge #292 straightens his uniform tie and pets his dog goodbye. Halli, an Australian Blue Heeler, watches her hero (the guy who feeds her and rubs her belly) head out the door and off to work. Unit 292 drives the 1.9 miles from his apartment to the police station and loads his gear into Patrol Car #R1.
- 2:50 p.m. - Unit 292 pulls out of the parking lot and onto Hempstead Road to commence patrol (10 minutes before the shift actually starts).
- 3:05 p.m. - Dispatched Run; Child in the street Claridon Road. Child not located. Talked to the caller. Caller did not know where the child lived.
- 3:21 p.m. - Unit 292 comes upon a stranded motorist on Cleveland Ave. Broken axle. Stops and checks on driver. He has a tow truck on the way.
- 3:30 p.m. - Dispatched Run; Injury Crash; car vs motorcycle at SR3 & Corporate Dr. Car at-fault. Friend took the rider to the hospital.
- 4:08 p.m. - Dispatched Run; Dog running loose on Bolamo Dr. Found the dog and returned it to owner.
- 4:49 p.m. - Dispatched Run; Driver locked his keys in his car on Sunbury Road. Cancelled en-route.
- 5:08 p.m. - Dispatched Run; Burglar alarm at a house east of Hoover Reservoir. Checked the house. False alarm.
- 5:25 p.m. - Dispatched Run; Keys locked in car at Hoover Dam Park. Entry gained.
- 6:35 p.m. - Traffic violator on SR161. Friendly Warning issued.
- 6:47 p.m. - Business checks at Glengary Center.
- 6:52 p.m. - Unit 292 checks two homes on the vacation house watch in Huber Ridge. All okay.
- 6:58 p.m. - Unit 292 stops to play some basketball with the kids on the playground at Huber Ridge School. A neighbor sees him get out of his police cruiser and, not sure what is about to happen, starts cell phone video. The neighbor later posts the video on Facebook.
- 7:47 p.m. - Dispatched Run; Medics request assistance. Report of a heart attack at a residence in Huber Ridge. Medics transported the party to the hospital.
- 7:55 p.m. - Dispatched Run; Report of two customers in a heated argument at a bar at Glengary Center. 292 and several other officers responded. Verbal only. Dispute mediated.
- 8:44 p.m. - Dispatched Run; Report of a drunk driver. Caller following. Caller lost sight at last known address. Area checked, not located.
- 8:58 p.m. - Neighborhood patrol in Sunbury Woods.
- 9:05 p.m. - Walking patrol around Wilder School. No activity other than the janitor on duty.
- 9:22 p.m. - Traffic violator on SR161. Citation issued for speeding.
- 9:37 p.m. - Unit 292 turns off of Westerville Road onto Morse Road and observes six cars (spun out) and debris scatted along about 300 yards of roadway. One car on fire. Two people laying in the road. One is a woman with a broken leg being tended to by civilian witnesses. Unit 292 is the first responder on the scene. Ignoring the danger, Unit 292 runs to a man lying on the ground right next to a burning car and drags him to the curb. Blendon Township Police Unit 287 (Officer Kevin Flynn) arrives and starts battling the flames with his fire extinguisher. Other Columbus Police and Fire units and Sheriff's Deputies arrive. The crash is in Columbus jurisdiction. Sadly, the man that 292 pulled away from the flames does not survive. Pronounced at the scene.
- 10:04 p.m. - Dispatched Run; "Officer in Trouble" on Cleveland Avenue. Unit 292 responds with lights and sirens. The subject of the dispatched run, a Sharon Township Police Officer, marks on the radio that he is okay, was just not answering his radio. Unit 292 shuts down his emergency run and returns to patrol.
- 10:07 p.m. - Dispatched Run. A missing juvenile has been located by Unit 287 in Huber Ridge. Unit 292 responds also. The missing teen is re-united with her parents.
- 11:00 p.m. - Unit 292 parks his cruiser at the station and finishes his paperwork for the shift.
- 11:30 p.m. - Unit 292 drives the 1.9 miles back to his apartment.
- 11:35 p.m. - Halli gets a belly rub and a doggie treat...from her hero.

-John C. Belford, Chief of Police

Free Energy Efficiency Program

When the wind blows and your windows are closed, do your curtains fly up? Have you leaned against a wall in your home and felt the unwelcome chill of an uninsulated house?

If so, you might be interested in a free program for eligible home owners and renters that is provided by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). MORPC is a voluntary association of Central Ohio governments and regional organizations that envisions and embraces innovative directions in transportation, energy, housing, land use, the environment and economic prosperity.

MORPC offers free residential energy efficiency programs that keep homes warmer in the winter, cooler in the summer and reduce energy bills. These income-eligible programs are available year-round to Franklin County residents. To be eligible you must rent or own a home in Franklin County and your total household income during the preceding 12 months must be equal to or less than 150-200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) Plus and Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) recipients are encouraged to apply.

Call (614)621-1171 to check your eligibility and apply for the program over the phone. You can also email wx@morpc.org for more information.

MORPC's experienced professionals perform home energy inspections and safety checks and identify measures that improve the safety and comfort of the home. Based on eligibility the client may receive the following energy-saving services at no cost:

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And yes, even if you rent, MORPC will come and do an energy audit of your home. If you qualify for services, they will contact your landlord and provide necessary services for free (NO cost to the landlord!!).

-Claudia Carney, Secretary

Halloween Party Coordinator Needed



One of the most popular events sponsored and coordinated by the HRAA, Inc. each and every year for several years now is the Halloween Party held the Saturday before Halloween at Ridgewood Park. We are looking for someone to head up this annual favorite. We already have a list individuals willing to take on coordinating areas of the party such as the Haunted Woods and Trunk or Treat. We are searching for one or two individuals to take on this year's overall coordinator role. If you are organized and love planning parties, this is the perfect opportunity for you! If interested, please text or call Carolyn Cordray at 614-446-4020 or email her at President@huberridge.org. Coordinators must be members in good standing with the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc., so if you're not already a member, what better reason to join than this?

A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of a yard sale. In the center, a white rectangular sign with a wooden post reads "Yard Sale" in red cursive letters. To the left of the sign is a blue ceramic vase filled with garden tools, including a shovel and a rake. Next to it is a small table lamp with a yellow shade and a base decorated with colorful patterns. In front of the lamp is a round, multi-colored object resembling a beach ball or a decorative sphere. To the right of the sign is a yellow wicker chair with a green cushion. Behind the chair is a blue wheelbarrow filled with more garden tools, including a shovel and a rake. In the foreground, there's a yellow watering can and a purple flower pot. The entire scene is set on a patch of green grass.

To register simply contact Carolyn Cordray with your name, address, phone number, and email. Please include one or two of your big garage sale as they will appear next to your address on the map. Please be sure to select items that you feel will draw shoppers to your sale. Registrations have already begun to come in so register today! Send your email to President@huberridge.org or call (614)882-1310.

-Carolyn Cordray, President



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Blendon Township More Joy Run/Walk – August 27th

Last year's race was a HUGE success so we decided to make this an annual event!



Mark your calendars now:
August 27th at 8 a.m.!

This annual event started and continues in order to honor the memory of Jane Juergens, former Huber Ridge and Blendon Township resident. Jane was tragically attacked on October 20th, 2013 while in the Ridgewood Park woods and unfortunately lost her life. She spent her life diligently working to make it better for all by spreading her joy, positivity and light in her words and actions. Helping people shine their brightest and be confident in themselves was what she was best known for. The proceeds from this 5K will be applied toward the serene and aesthetic memorial garden in the park that captures the beauty and joy so appreciated by Jane. The memorial garden honors Jane's memory and legacy and is a lovely addition to Ridgewood Park for those that love and use it.

Please consider joining us this year by registering to run/walk, volunteer or cheer on the runners and walkers as they run "The Ridge". Visit our Facebook page "Blendon Township More Joy Run" to see last year's pictures and to stay up-to-date with this year's information.

-Angie Merrin, Editor

*Additionally, Jane Juergens Memorial pavers are available for purchase with your personalized dedication. Please contact Linda Harter Mon-Fri 8:00 - 4:30 at 614-882-1270 for more information.



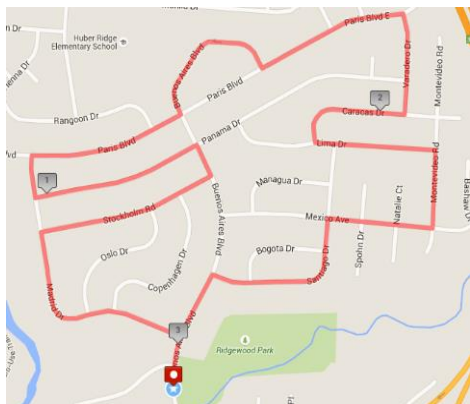
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Race Route



Last year's participants loved seeing so many of the neighbors and volunteers cheering from their homes, the park, the school and turns along the course. They loved the motivational signs, water being handed out and the clapping and cheering! The race route will be the same this year. So be sure to move all cars off the route the night before the run. Come join us for this fun neighbor event!

Contact Angie Merrin with questions, volunteering opportunities and how to become an event sponsor at huberridgeeditor@gmail.com

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What's Happening around HR

As part of the Township bond the light at Buenos Aires and Paris Blvd. will be replaced. Unfortunately, there are several underground utilities at that corner so the new footers (base) of the lights have to be put in the same location as the existing poles. The traffic light will have to be removed first. The township will install 4 stop signs while this is in process and the new traffic light is supposed to be completed and operational by August 15th. Please obey the stop signs and have some patience while at the intersection during this time. Thank you for your understanding.

-Jim Welch, Township Trustee



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Ridge-A-Palooza Completes Its Run

The Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. and Faith Covenant Church co-sponsored the hugely popular Ridge-A-Palooza summer community event for the past seven years. Ridge-A-Palooza had a great run, becoming bigger with more attractions each year. Last year we saw the addition of an art show, spinning wheel demonstration, a gallery of photographic history of Huber Ridge, a booth publicizing the first ever Blendon Township More Joy Run, and a booth manned by the Huber Ridge Elementary PTA. Although the event attracted many residents and guests, we frequently struggled to recruit a sufficient number of volunteers from both the neighborhood and church.

This year, Faith Covenant Church was interested in downsizing the event, partly due to the lack of volunteers, and in an effort to channel their mission dollars to other areas. After being presented with the proposed modifications, the membership of the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. felt that the adjustment proposed by Faith Covenant Church would result in an event that would compromise attendance.

Despite the discontinuation of Ridge-A-Palooza, Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. and Faith Covenant Church both look forward to continued community support of one another in the future.

-Carolyn Cordray, President

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11th Annual Plant Swap – May 7th

Caution: the following activity can be habit forming!

Have you been playing in your flower beds yet? I hope you have! If you need to thin your precious perennials or have changed the look of your beds, don't throw the leftovers in the yard waste bin! Bring them to the annual plant swap on May 7th, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the shelter at Ridgewood Park, rain or shine. Everything is fair game, and it's all free to share.

We in Huber Ridge are a generous group: you don't have to bring anything to find some plants to take with you! There are always plenty to go around, as there are usually plants left to add to the park's beds. But for best selection, come early and stay late.

Here are a few tips for sharing:

- Put your plants in containers you can part with, so the recipients won't have to return them to you. Some of the best are disposable plastic cups or storage containers. Larger plants can be put in garbage bags with damp newspapers so they won't be too heavy.

- Be sure to identify your plants as well as you can with all the information you have. Helpful facts about sun/shade, height, spreading, and water/drought tolerance would certainly be appreciated. If you don't have that information though, bring them anyhow! Some of the local green thumbs might know, or will look them up for you.

- Try to keep roots in dirt, as bare roots are less likely to survive transplanting.

If you have any questions about plant propagation, a little research will help you discover the best way to divide your bounty. Sharing is a great way to beautify the neighborhood and your own gardens at the same time.

-Lori Mann, Beatification Coordinator



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GreenSpot Backyards Rebate Program

The Community Backyards Program is Officially Underway!

Visit www.greenspotbackyards.org for program information, including rebate eligibility, workshop registrations, and the online course and quiz. For participating municipalities, residents can receive rebates for rain barrels, compost bins, and native plants. New this year, to help with the City of Columbus' Branch Out campaign, eligible residents in participating municipalities can also choose to receive their rebate toward a tree!

The rebate process can be time-consuming, so they have also partnered with Rain Brothers LLC, Scioto Gardens, and City Folk Farm Shop to offer immediate rebates! You can find native plants at Scioto Gardens, rain barrels at Rain Brothers, and compost bins and native plants at City Folk!

Questions? Call (614) 486-9613 or email Kristin Hilson, Program Coordinator, at khilson@franklinswcd.org

-Jim Welch, Township Trustee

2016 HRAA Officers

Officers:

Carolyn Cordray - President (President@huberridge.org)

OPEN - Vice-President

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Pam Clegg - Treasurer (Treasurer@huberridge.org)

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2016 officers were elected at the January meeting. The position of Vice-President is available to a member in good standing (dues paid to date). In this role the duties are to arrange for speakers at our general meetings and to coordinate the two community garage sales. Please contact Carolyn Cordray if you are interested in this position.

2016 Calendar of Events

At the January HRAA, Inc. general meeting, the membership present agreed on the following dates of events, activities and programs of the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. for 2016. Our membership has moved our general meetings to Mondays this year to better suit our individual calendars. Be sure to save these dates for your favorite HRAA, Inc. events!

5/7/2016	HRAA, Inc. Annual Plant Swap, Ridgewood Park – FREE EVENT!
5/21/2016	HRAA, Inc. Community Garage Sale-Register your sale for FREE Advertising!
6/6/2016	HRAA, Inc. General Meeting, Blendon Township Senior Center, 6330 S Hempstead Rd
6/11/2016	Blendon Township Concert in the Park
7/10/2016	Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms Garden Show and Contest
7/16/2016	Blendon Township Concert in the Park
8/1/2016	HRAA, Inc. General Meeting, Blendon Township Senior Center, 6330 S Hempstead Rd
8/2/2016	National Night Out
8/27/2016	Blendon Heritage Day, More Joy 5K Run and Concert in the Park (plenty of volunteer opportunities)
9/17/2016	HRAA, Inc. Community Garage Sale – Register your sale for FREE Advertising!
10/3/2016	HRAA, Inc. General Meeting, Blendon Township Senior Center, 6330 S Hempstead Rd
10/22/2016	Halloween Party, Ridgewood Park, 6pm to 8:30pm
11/16/2016	Holiday Cheer Program Kick-Off
12/5/2016	HRAA, Inc. General Meeting, Blendon Township Senior Center, 6330 S Hempstead Rd
12/16/2016	HRAA, Inc. Holiday Lights and Decoration Contest

Our newsletter, *The Herald*, is scheduled to be printed and delivered again in June and September.

We are planning some Block Watch events but the dates are not yet determined. Please be sure to watch our website at www.huberridge.org and our Facebook page "Huber Ridge Area Association" for details on all calendar events and upcoming plans for Block Watch.

Why Become an HRAA Member?

- Strong vibrant neighborhoods don't just happen. They're the result of collective effort and hard work. You invest a lot of time and money into your home and property. Joining the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. is how to invest and build (Y)OUR community.
- The Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. (HRAA) brings neighbors together to create events and programs that promote a greater sense of community. Such events and programs the HRAA already has in place are:
 - Block Watch Program
 - Quarterly Newsletter
 - HRAA Facebook Page
 - Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms
 - Holiday Cheer Program
 - Holiday Lights Contest
 - Annual Plant Swap
 - Clean-Up/Landscaping Entrance Signs
 - Website www.huberridge.org
 - 2 Community Garage Sales
 - Halloween Party in the Park
 - Sponsor of Concert in the Parks and 5k
- The HRAA, Inc. creates community service opportunities for adults and children. There are many great opportunities for our neighborhood children to fulfill their school district's community engagement hours.
- The HRAA, Inc. has been a leader in bringing forward and coordinating efforts to impact change in issues important to residents such as water rate hikes through the PUCO and coordinating Meet the Candidate nights. Provides a forum for residents to learn about important changes to our township such as JEDZ, Community Plan, etc.
- Membership provides the funds used to bring these events and programs to the residents as well as to better communicate important matters to the neighborhood. It will also support events and projects determined valuable by our membership.
- As you can see, the HRAA, Inc. is actively involved in a range of issues that impact our community, so it is well worth the small investment of \$15 annually.
- Whether you can be an active participant or a supportive member, we need your paid membership so the HRAA, Inc. can be a catalyst for improvement in our neighborhood! The HRAA, Inc. is guided by orderly processes intended to protect and best serve the neighborhood. Membership allows your household to vote when decisions are being made – let your vote count!
- Make an investment in the future of your neighborhood, all this for a mere \$15 per year annual dues. Why NOT join? Make an active choice today to be a part of our FUTURE! Become a member of the Huber Ridge Area Association today. Dues can be paid at any meeting, through Paypal at www.huberridge.org or by mailing in the form below.

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 at 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