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2nd Annual Blendon Township More Joy Run

**Mark your calendars for August 27th at 8:00am
for the Blendon Township More Joy Run 5k.**

Come out to support this wonderful neighborhood event! Pre-register at <http://www.allsportsraces.com/blendon-township-s-more-joy-run.html>

All participants will receive a t-shirt and a medal!

The proceeds from this event will be applied toward the serene and aesthetic memorial garden in the park that captures the beauty and joy so appreciated by Jane Juergens. Jane was a Huber Ridge resident who lost her life while jogging in the Ridgewood Park woods on October 20, 2013. The memorial garden helps honor Jane's memory and legacy. It helps restore Ridgewood Park for those that love and use it. Please help support this great cause by registering your family and friends to run/walk around Huber Ridge. This is a great way to meet your neighbors, visit the memorial garden, and support a great cause all at the same time.

Everyone had a great time last year! Visit the Blendon Township More Joy Run Facebook page to see pictures of last year's event.

Not only do we need runner and walkers, we need sponsors and volunteers! If you are interested in sponsoring this event or volunteering, please contact Angie Merrin at huberridgeeditor@gmail.com.

-Angie Merrin, Editor

How To Use The Facebook Search Engine To Find Almost Anything

So, you wake up one morning and find a water leak. You KNOW you need a plumber but who do you call? You remember seeing posts on the Huber Ridge Area Association Facebook page, but WHERE has that post gone now? Frazzled, you begin scrolling and scrolling and scrolling. Well, scroll no more! Use the built in Facebook search to find what you are looking for!

To begin, go to the Huber Ridge Area Association Facebook page and look for the magnifying glass, type in any keyword(s) as this will pull up past discussions.



Once you master that you are ready to try another neat trick! Expand your horizons and use Facebook's all encompassing search! Look at the very top of your screen for the search bar with the magnifying glass.



Now type in "Huber Ridge plumber" and posts pertaining to all keywords will appear. This allows you to search multiple groups simultaneously as well as your friends that have posted on their individual pages.

Facebook's The "Other" Box

Many people are not aware that Facebook has the "other" box. What is the "other" box? Well, let's say you are trying to join the Huber Ridge Area Association page and one of the administrators is attempting to contact you to verify your address. If you are not Facebook friends then the message likely went to the "other" box. The "other" box is a catch-all for messages from people you are not friends with on Facebook. You cannot access the "other" box from an app or mobile device.

Here is how to check if you have pending messages in your "other" box. Click on the message icon.



Once you click on the icon look at the top and click "Message Requests."



Be sure to look for "see filtered requests" under the last message.

[See filtered requests](#)

-Chris Stevko, Communications Coordinator

Huber Ridge Elementary Back To School Information

We want to thank all of our students, parents, and families that made this past school year a success. We had many great accomplishments that should be celebrated. Our state report card for the 2014-2015 school year improved greatly; visit the Ohio Department of Education to check it out. Please remember that a grade of 'C' means that students achieved as they should. Any letter grade above a 'C' means that students achieved more than they were supposed to. On top of that, those improvements were accomplished on the PARRC test, which was much harder than the old OAA achievement tests. Huber Ridge Elementary achieved so well that we are no longer in the Ohio Improvement Process, which helps schools focus on closing achievement gaps in students. In the last three years, Huber Ridge has been named a High Progress School of Honor, has raised our achievement on the new state tests, and we have closed our achievement gaps. Great work done by the teachers and students; tremendous community support has made that possible. Thank you to all!

While we want to celebrate our successes, please know that we will never stop working hard to make the community proud of Huber Ridge Elementary School. Another aspect that the school has improved on that affects our academics is our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support) behavior system. Please visit www.PBIS.org for overviews of the system, as it is different than the traditional 'clip' system. Students are rewarded and praised for positive behavior and the building, as well as each classroom, has various ways to promote student success. We know we can do better and plan on doing that this upcoming school year.

Some important dates for the 2016-2017 School Year: August 9th: Back to School Days; August 17th: Meet the Teacher; August 18th: First Day of School; August 31st: Curriculum Night.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our volunteers who have helped in classrooms and in other ways. You are a necessary part of Huber Ridge Elementary! Also, a big thank you to our Huber Ridge PTA, who truly does a tremendous amount of work for our students and staff!

Thank you,
Christopher J. Blados, Principal
Huber Ridge Elementary



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A Message From The Blendon Township Police Chief

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Facebook is only one part of our on-line presence and social media outreach at the Blendon Township Police Department. Our primary web-based tool for reaching the public is our Township website at www.blendontwp.org. This is a great source for all Blendon Township events, services and activities, not just the police department. On the Police page of the Township website you will find our most visited page, the Daily Police Activity Blog, but there is much more than just the daily blog. You can file a police report on-line. Info is also available on Transient Vendors (solicitors), our Township Dog and Parking Ordinances, Sex Offender registration, Vacation House Watch sign up, etc.

When we update our website we try to always post a notice on the various neighborhoods' Facebook pages that there is new information to view. There were a few times that the notice on Facebook did not get posted (for several different reasons). Please realize that if that happens you can still go straight to our website to view the most current info (like the Daily Blog). The blog was updated, only the Facebook notification was not posted.

We also have Township Text alerts, which you can sign up for on the main "Home" page of the Township website. We understand many of you don't like to sign up for text alerts because you don't want your inbox clogged up with every lost cat and bake sale on the planet. I assure you that this text alert is used very sparingly. We average only two or three alerts a year, and mainly for important incidents like school lockdowns or major traffic shutdowns, such as a fatal traffic crash. In the event of an active shooter or a homeland security type real-world crisis in or affecting Blendon Township we would send out a text alert.

We are 100% committed to maintaining a strong presence online, digitally, on social media, websites, and text alerts. It is only through a real partnership with the community, with real two-way dialogue, that we can deliver the full-spectrum of police services that our residents have come to know and expect. We did "community policing" here in Blendon Township before it was ever a catch phrase; serving our residents with a "first name and a handshake". That continues into the age of digital information and social media. Thanks, Chief Belford.

P.S. Don't forget that you are still always welcome to go "low tech" and just call us on the phone or stop by the office!

-John C. Belford, Chief of Police

Blendon Township Summer Concerts in the Park Continue

The 2016 summer Blendon Township concerts in the park series was kicked off Saturday, June 11th with *23 Southbound*, a local country band. The next concert is scheduled for July 16th with *These Guys Live*. The final concert of the summer will be on the Blendon Township Heritage Day, August 27th which will cap off a day of fun activities for residents to celebrate our history here in the township. *TBDBITL - The Ohio State University Alumni Band* will be playing on August 27th. All concerts commence at 6 p.m. and finish at 8 p.m. It is a free event with entertainment, food, bounce houses and of course fun. The Huber Ridge Area Association is a sponsor of the Blendon Township Summer Concerts in the Park series.

-Carolyn Cordray, President

Rules Of The Road

Because of the unique parking situation we have in the Ridge (2-3 cars per home where a one car garage is the norm), we have had many complaints about where folks are parking, how they are parking and what to do when you approach a parked car with another vehicle driving down the other side of the street.

We also have folks who seem bent on ignoring traffic signs (speed limit, stop signs, even traffic lights), so we thought with our beloved children out and about this summer, and with school around the corner, it was time to refresh our knowledge of the vehicle rules in the State of Ohio (*which also means they apply in Huber Ridge*).

(All citations are from <http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/hsy7607.pdf>, Ohio Department of Public Safety, "Digest of Ohio Motor Vehicle Laws")

PARKING: A vehicle must be parked **FACING THE DIRECTION OF THE TRAFFIC ON THAT SIDE OF THE STREET** parallel to and not more than 12 inches from the right curb. On one way streets, vehicles may be parked parallel to and not more than 12 inches from the right or left curb.

No person shall stop, **park** or stand a vehicle in any of the following places, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a law enforcement officer or traffic control device:

1. On a sidewalk (except a bicycle)
2. **IN FRONT OF A PUBLIC ** OR** PRIVATE DRIVEWAY**
3. Within an intersection
4. **WITHIN 10 FEET OF A FIRE HYDRANT**
5. On a crosswalk
6. **WITHIN 20 FEET OF A CROSSWALK OR INTERSECTION**
7. **WITHIN 30 FEET OF A FLASHING BEACON, STOP SIGN OR TRAFFIC - CONTROL SIGNAL**
8. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone.
9. Within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing
10. Beside or opposite a street excavation or obstruction when such parking would obstruct traffic
11. Alongside a vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street
12. On a highway bridge or within a highway tunnel
13. At any place where signs prohibit parking
14. Within one foot of another parked vehicle
15. On a roadway portion of a freeway, expressway or thruway

LANES: Keep to the right. Drive on the right half of the roadway except: (*Only the one pertinent to Huber Ridge is listed*) When an obstruction makes it necessary for you to drive left-of-center (*such as a car parked on one side of the road*), **YIELD THE RIGHT OF WAY TO ALL VEHICLES TRAVELING IN THE PROPER DIRECTION ON THE UNOBSTRUCTED PORTION OF THE ROAD.** *In other words, it is **not** who got there first. If you are driving up Cairo and there is a car parked in your lane, you don't go around it if there is another car approaching from the other direction that does not have a car in their lane. Wait until they proceed, **THEN** drive around the parked vehicle.*

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Rules Of The Road (Continued)

LIGHTS: Lights must be displayed between sunset and sunrise and during any periods of rain, snow, fog or other unfavorable atmospheric conditions REGARDLESS of the time of day. LIGHTS MUST BE USED WHENEVER WINDSHIELD WIPERS ARE USED.

SPEED LIMITS: Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit is **25 MILES PER HOUR** in a residential area.

SCHOOL ZONE: 20 MPH when passing a school building or grounds (school zones) during school recess and while children are going to or leaving school during the opening and closing hours, and when 20 MPH school speed limit signs are erected.

INOPERABLE TRAFFIC SIGNALS: By law, except when a law enforcement officer is present to direct traffic, drivers must TREAT THE NON-WORKING TRAFFIC SIGNAL AS A FOUR WAY STOP. After stopping, due care should be taken before proceeding through the intersection, as other drivers may wrongfully view the inoperable traffic signal a clearance to proceed without stopping.

So basically, the rules haven't changed that much from when we all took driver's ed back in high school. Remember to use common sense and be aware of your surroundings. Please slow down when you see children playing and bicyclists using the roads. Don't text and drive!



Happy summer driving, y'all!!!

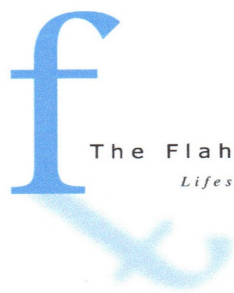
-Claudia Carney, Secretary

HRAA Volunteers Needed!



Looking for a great volunteer opportunity right here in your very own neighborhood that can help increase the value of your property and contribute toward your community in a meaningful way? The Huber Ridge Area Association currently has openings for a Vice-President and a Membership Coordinator. Our Vice-President is responsible for coordinating the two community garage sales we hold each year as well as securing speakers for our six general meetings each year. The Membership Coordinator is responsible for increasing membership. This is a great opportunity for someone who loves this neighborhood as well as talking to neighbors. Creative ideas welcome! If you are a member in good standing (meaning your \$15 HRAA Dues are paid to date) and are willing to donate a little time to help your neighborhood association, contact Carolyn Cordray for details. Contact info: President@huberridge.org or 614-446-4020.

-Carolyn Cordray, President



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Senior Center Car Show

The Blendon Township Car Show will take place again this year at the Senior Center. It will be on August 27th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration for cars is \$10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be raffles, a 50/50 drawing, food and music from the 60's & 70's. The car show is part of the Blendon Township Heritage Days. If you need any additional information please call Donna Jordan at 882-1260 or e-mail her at djordan@blendontwp.org.

-Donna Jordan,
Blendon Township
Senior Center Director

Westerville Rd. Beautification

Now that ODOT has finished the Westerville Road roadwork and sidewalks, Blendon Township residents will soon see some beautification efforts along that stretch of road via landscaping this summer and fall. For additional information and details see the township website at www.blendontwp.org, check the Project link.

-Carolyn Cordray, President

National Night Out – August 2nd

National Night Out is an annual community building campaign. It promotes police and community partnerships as well as neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. National Night Out is held on the first Tuesday in August every year. This year it will be held on Tuesday, August 2nd.

The Huber Ridge Area Association is planning a night for the children at Ridgewood Park starting at 5:30 p.m. We are working on getting a guidance counselor to come speak to the children about bullying. We are also trying to get a taekwondo group to come do a performance for the children. The HRAA will have freeze pops for the children at the park to cool them off from the hot August evening.

Additionally, National Night out is a great time to get out of the house and meet our neighbors. We encourage you to turn on your porch light and mingle with your neighbors. There are a few neighbors that have already started forming meet-ups on their street (Oslo and Caracas). Feel free to start your own! You can ask for Blendon Township Police and/or Fire Departments to stop by. Children love seeing the big fire trucks and the police cars.

-Lynn White, Block Watch Coordinator



Huber Ridge Youth Writer

We welcome the residents of Huber Ridge to write articles for *The Herald*. Rebecca Jones is not only a resident of Huber Ridge but also a student at Huber Ridge Elementary School. She wrote about her experience with Girls On The Run. Be sure to check out her article below! If you or your child would like to write an article for *The Herald* please e-mail Angie Merrin at huberridgeeditor@gmail.com.

-Angie Merrin, editor

Girls On The Run

This was Huber Ridge Elementary schools' first year of participating on Girls on the Run or GOTR. GOTR is a program for girls 3rd thru 5th grade. We met a couple of days a week after school to learn life lessons and run. We did fun games and ran laps. We had some awesome coaches that helped us work up to our 5K which was on May 21st. Our coaches were teachers from school, Mrs. Bechtol, Mrs. Bentz, Ms. Comella, Ms. Weidner, Mrs. Kron, and Mrs. Ramsey. It was hard work but was fun and amazing! The 5k was fun there was a lot of people running and our coaches helped get us through the 5k, they will push you until the end! I loved my experience with Girls on the Run and would recommend it to every girl 3rd-5th grade.

-Rebecca Jones,
Huber Ridge Elementary Student



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Our 9th Annual Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms Garden Show & Contest Results



A HUGE thanks goes out to the seven residents who shared their gardens!

Those who garden usually do so for their own pleasure and enjoyment, and in the process, bless others who appreciate beauty. How often have you observed a home and at a glance noticed -- the colorful flowers, the meticulous care of the beds and grass, the design and placement of plantings -- and then appreciated all the work it took to get the yard that way? Have you ever wished you could knock on the door and boldly ask to see the rest of the yard?

Well, the 2016 Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms Tour allowed many folks to do just that - see some of the beautifully done yards in the Huber Ridge and Sunbury Woods areas. Except you did not have to knock! You were welcomed by hard-working gardeners eager to share their work and beauty with you.

If you visited one or all of the homes on our 2016 Blooms Tour July 10, we **THANK YOU**, because your visit truly encouraged our Huber Ridge and Sunbury Woods gardeners.

This Garden Show and Contest is the brainchild of Blendon Trustee and Blooms Chairman Stewart Flaherty, an avid gardener himself. He believes that beauty is contagious and appreciated by many, so he chose to reward the first place winner of the garden show with a \$100 gift card to a home improvement store. Stewart has done this every year since 2008. **Thank you, Stewart!**

Sharon Ricker, who won Blooms' first place prize in 2008, believes the same as Stewart. For the last eight years, Sharon has donated a \$50 Oakland Nursery gift card to the second place winner of the contest. She also helps coordinate and judge Blooms and is member of the Board of Trustees for the Inniswood Garden Society. **Thank you, Sharon!**

Barbara Crawford, Coldwell Banker King Thompson Realtor, has also been a regular donor to Blooms. When Honorable Mention was warranted, Barbara would donate \$25 to that individual. Each year she gifts participants with something relevant to gardening. Barbara also is an avid gardener and helps to judge Blooms. **Thank you, Barbara!**

Over the years, Hoover Gardens has rewarded Blooms Participants with a special percent off coupon exclusive for each entry. **Thank you, Hoover Gardens!**

Your Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc., (that's YOU if you are a member) has donated over \$200 every year to the Garden Show and Contest for the purpose of rewarding and promoting beautification. Part of this money (\$35) is awarded to the third place winner of the contest. The rest goes toward gift bags relevant to gardening for each participant. **Thank you, HRAA Members!**

Again, thank you, 2016 Blooms Participants!! You ALL worked hard and we appreciate and congratulate you.

To read more about the participants continue reading on page 10.



Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms (Continued)

From Sunbury Woods:

6511 Bunting Court - **Thank you, Renee Rohrey**, for your abundant Echinacea set off by beautiful stones; for your colorful, eye-catching mailbox garden; and for your creative porch display that all stand out on your court.

6304 Rosebay Court - **Thank you, Barry and Debbie Gorsuch**, for outstanding design, many colorful gardens including a vegetable garden, meticulous upkeep, delightful and creative garden art, all incorporated within a family-focused environment.

From Huber Ridge:

3704 Bader Court - **Thank you, Wendy and Harlan Henderson**, for your welcoming settings, for your large combination vegetable/flower garden treated with compost you generate, and for having artistic touches throughout your garden. Yours has the distinction of being the most improved garden.

3669 Bolamo Drive - **Thank you, Diane and Norman Lobdell**, for a show stopping landscape that offers variety, beauty, thoughtful planning, and unique plantings all around your home. Diane also helps coordinate Blooms, has been a place winner in the past, and for the last two years, has also helped judge Blooms. Diane is an Inniswood volunteer. (This address was a non-competitive entry.)

3547 Dempsey Road - **Thank you, Lanita Davis**, for your sea of color from abundant petunias and your wonderful bee/butterfly garden that stand out on Dempsey Road. Because of your diligence in planting, your deliberate choice of color, and your excellence in design, you have made your home stand out among the others.

3680 Santiago Drive - **Thank you, Timmie Hintz**, for creating a well-planned, meticulously maintained, diverse, colorful and creative garden that invites peace, serves as a haven, and pays homage to our Air Force and country at the same time.

5664 Spohn Court - **Thank you, Roger and Carol Betts**, for your colorful, abundant blooms; for your many garden areas; for providing a bird haven with houses and flowers; and for creating a beautiful central, private area to enjoy. Your special rocks created by the grandchildren add a unique and personal touch.

Finally, thank you, Linda and Jeff Laine, publicity chairs for WesterFlora and whose garden has been featured in several garden magazines, locally and nationally. Yet they take time to judge Blooms, which is not an easy task!! Thank you, for your expertise and perspective. Thank you, Elisabeth Clegg, judge, photographer, and all around helper for Blooms from the beginning. Thank you, Hannah Clegg, for being the Blooms photographer from the beginning. Thank you, Carolyn Cordray, HRAA President, for creating the Blooms Committee Thank you cards for residents. Thank you, Marje Obrist, for creating and producing the Blooms award certificates – from the beginning!

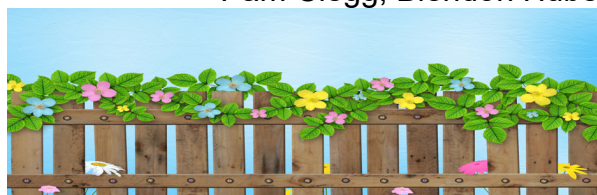
First place winner of Blooms 2016: Barry and Debbie Gorsuch, 6304 Rosebay Court, Sunbury Woods

Second place winner of Blooms 2016: Roger and Carol Betts, 5664 Spohn Court, Huber Ridge

Third place winner of Blooms 2016: Timmie and Mark Hintz, 3680 Santiago Drive, Huber Ridge

Look for photos of winners in the fall edition of *The Herald* or like the page, Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms Community Organization on Facebook.

-Pam Clegg, Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms Coordinator



Halloween Party Just Around The Corner

Have you been to our Huber Ridge Area Association Halloween Party? If not, you are really missing the party of the year! This event has become a neighborhood tradition having been pulled together by residents of the HRAA and other interested residents for many years running and it has consistently drawn the highest attendance of any other event. Residents of all ages come dressed up or not to enjoy the games, prizes, s'mores around the campfire, trunk or treat, costume contest, hayride, free food and the Haunted Woods. Have you ever had a thought as to how the party could be better? We need your ideas as well as a helping hand to bring this popular event together again this year. Now is the time to join our team to bring this event together. Our needs include:

- Co-coordinator for the overall event - Two heads are better than one! A small committee is even better! Help with the preparation and oversight for the party!
- Games coordinator(s) - We've got the games, we just need help with running the games and hand out prizes during the first hour of the party.
- Costume Contest Judges - Review costumes and pick the winners.
- Registration workers - We use a wristband system to register children (under 12) with their responsible adults who brought them in case anyone gets lost or hurt.
- Food service workers - People needed to cook and serve our free food.
- Fire Pit and S'mores - To help with distributing the ingredients to make the s'mores and fire safety.
- Hayride - We need someone to assist riders on and off the hayride as well as instruct riders on safety rules on the ride.
- Trunk or Treat Participants - This is how we distribute our candy AND have a contest for our adult partygoers too! We need participants to decorate their vehicle trunks (or truck beds, van or SUV hatchbacks or possibly even your motorcycle somehow?) Participants will be eligible for prizes for the best decoration and candy will be provided to give out to the children.
- Trunk or Treat Judges - Pick the best trunk decorations!
- Haunted Woods - Need help with set up, we have coordinators for this event, just need the help. Also need actors to be in the woods to "scare" those who dare walk through this fun activity! Actors must be at least 13 years of age and have parent permission if under 18.
- Candy Donations – Not available to attend the party but want to contribute? Make a candy donation for the trunk or treat activity.
- Other Donations – Monetary donations are always welcome and would be used to purchase prizes, food, supplies such as safety wristbands, etc. for the party.

We hope you plan to be a part of this big neighborhood event this year, whether you plan to attend or volunteer a little bit of time to help make it great.

Volunteers may sign up through this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044da5ac2fa6f58-hraa1>, or contact Carolyn Cordray at President@huberridge.org or 614-446-4020.

-Carolyn Cordray, President



Start Gathering For The Fall Community Garage Sale

The HRAA Fall Community Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 17th, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Would you like to participate in the Fall Community Garage Sale? As always the Huber Ridge Area Association will be gathering information for those who would like to register their sale to promote it through the advertising tools offered to residents. Specifically, maps are produced and handed out to shoppers in the neighborhood on that day to direct them to the registered sales. Registering your garage sale is completely free whether you are a member of the Huber Ridge Area Association or not. Why wouldn't you register?

Our Community Garage Sales are advertised in *The Dispatch* and five *This Week* neighborhood papers. Additionally, the garage sales are promoted online on the Dispatch Garage Sale Finder, our own website, our own Facebook page and as many other Facebook selling pages as possible. Signs are posted throughout the neighborhood to promote this event as well.

If you are interested in this FREE registration for your garage sale, contact Carolyn Cordray with the following information: Your name, address, email, phone and one or two items that you feel are featured items that would draw shoppers to your sale. We only print your address and items on the map. We collect the other information as we need to communicate the rules and additional tips for promoting your garage sale a little closer to the date. You can email Carolyn at President@huberridge.org or call her at 614-882-1310. Another option is to register through our online registration at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044da5ac2fa6f58-hraa>

-Carolyn Cordray, President

Property Values in Huber Ridge

Jean and I purchased our current home in 2000 toward the end of the robust homes sales period. For a few years afterward our home value increased as other homes did in Huber Ridge. During the height of the recession that followed, our home value dropped below the price we paid. But to my surprise the Franklin County Auditor reported that the Huber Ridge subdivision was rated as one of the best in the county. Even though the homes dropped in value and sales were slow, Huber Ridge homes didn't drop like the rest of the county did.

Now that the housing market is climbing again, sales listed on the auditor's website report Huber Ridge home sales are doing great in comparison - the selling price of our homes has increased and the average home sale in the "Ridge" is reported to be 17 days. I am aware of two homes that sold recently in 1 day, one home that sold in 3 days, and one seller who was offered more than the asking price!

This speaks volumes to you the residents, the community, and the Township. The more we care about and for our community, the better the return on the investment we have in our homes and community.

Although Jean and I are not looking to sell currently, it is very good to know Huber Ridge is in demand for our demographic.

-Jim Welch, Huber Ridge Resident, your neighbor, and your Trustee

Sidewalks

An Interview with Trustee Jim Welch about our sidewalks:

If your home has a sidewalk, then this article applies to you. It especially applies to you if your sidewalk is in disrepair. You can save yourself money by reading and acting NOW in 2016. Why? The price to replace sidewalks will be renegotiated in January, 2017, and the cost will most likely increase. The Township has been given a special rate for the remaining months of 2016.

Q. It IS the responsibility of the home owner to maintain sidewalks associated with their properties, correct?

A. Yes, the homeowner is responsible for sidewalk maintenance – not the township.

Q. Why will home owners suddenly be required to replace sidewalks starting in 2017?

A. Our addressing this issue is not a sudden decision; the sidewalks have been in disrepair for a long time. Your current trustees have chosen to act on the need to improve the overall township infrastructure and we think most will agree that our sidewalks are in great need of maintenance. Sidewalks are crumbling and are not pedestrian safe for exercise, walking, pushing strollers, etc.

Q. What is the special rate for residents needing sidewalk replacement?

A. The 2016 rate for sidewalk replacement is \$8 per square foot; to replace a driveway the special rate is only \$6 per square foot. This is an incredible deal but you are free to get your own quote. Please keep in mind that contractors must follow the township guidelines for replacement.

Q. How important is sidewalk maintenance to the homeowner and the community?

A. It is very important to both the homeowner and the community – for the homeowner, having a proper sidewalk, that is, one that can be safely navigated without trip hazards, protects the owner from potential liability issues and benefits the owner with increased home value. For the community it promotes safe passage and improves the overall appearance of the community which makes the community more desirable.

Q. So homeowners needing sidewalk maintenance can expect notification some time in 2017, correct?

A. Correct, the township will begin notification early 2017.

Q. What if a homeowner gets notified that their sidewalk needs replaced and the home owner simply does not have the money?

A. If notified of needed maintenance and the owner has no funds on hand, there are at least three options how to pay: Apply for the township CIC, have the township do the work and your taxes will be billed, or hire a contractor and pay accordingly.

Q. What is the township CIC?

A. From the township website, "The Blendon Township Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) is a nonprofit corporation that was created by the Blendon Township Trustees and Certified by the State of Ohio, Secretary of State in December 2014." The CIC is one way to help pay for sidewalk replacement if qualified. Even if you do not qualify for the grant because of your income please call the township offices. The CIC board may grant requests based upon certain situations.

Q. Can a resident replace his own sidewalk?

A. Our adopted Sidewalk Maintenance Program has specific requirements to follow. A resident would have to adhere to the standards. If the standards are not met, then the resident would be required to comply.

Q. Where can a resident read about the requirements in the Resolution?

A. Blendontwp.org, Departments/Public Service, then select Sidewalk Replacement Program.

Q. Is there anything residents can or should do to promote the upkeep of their sidewalks?

A. Yes, whether you are the owner or a renter, one of the biggest ways to keep a sidewalk (or a street) from crumbling is weed control. Pull the weeds out when they are small. If the weeds get too large it usually indicates a deep root system. Pulling them out when the ground is hard may damage the sidewalk or the street. Better to use an effective weed killer. Take care of your sidewalk – it is not indestructible and is costly to replace.

We are trying to educate residents NOW to allow for planning and budgeting.

More questions? Call Trustee Jim Welch, [614 306 8080](tel:6143068080).

Sidewalks (Continued)

Some Background:

Sidewalk maintenance is required by the State of Ohio. Maintenance is not a Blendon Township only issue; it is an issue wherever there are sidewalks in the State. What the State does not spell out in their requirement are the methods and specifics of sidewalk maintenance.

On January 28, 2014, Blendon Township Trustees enacted Resolution 201407 which spells out the specifics of who is responsible/accountable for sidewalk maintenance (definitions), what conditions demand replacement (procedures), how property owners will be notified (notification), what will happen if the responsible party does not comply with notification (options for compliance), what responsibility the Township will take (Township responsibility), how the work must be performed (standard for construction, repair and maintenance). You can read the entire Resolution online by going to blendontwp.org, select Departments/Public Service, Sidewalk Replacement Program.

References:

*ORC 723.011 Control of sidewalks, curbs, and gutters.

The legislative authority of a municipal corporation, in addition to the powers conferred by sections 729.01 to 729.10, inclusive, of the Revised Code, may require, by ordinance, by the imposition of suitable penalties or otherwise, that the owners and occupants of abutting lots and lands shall keep the sidewalks, curbs, and gutters in repair and free from snow or any nuisance.

Effective Date: 01-01-1962

*ORC 729.01 Construction or repair of sidewalks, curbs, and gutters at expense of owners.

In addition to the power conferred upon municipal corporations under section 727.01 of the Revised Code to construct sidewalks, curbs, or gutters and levy an assessment therefore, the legislative authority of a municipal corporation may require the construction or repair of sidewalks, curbs, or gutters within the municipal corporation by the owners of lots or lands abutting thereon, and upon the failure of such owners to construct or repair such sidewalks, curbs, or gutters within the time prescribed in the resolution adopted under section 729.02 of the Revised Code, may cause such sidewalks, curbs, or gutters to be constructed or repaired and assess the total cost thereof against the lots or lands abutting thereon, notwithstanding the provisions of sections 727.03 and 727.05 of the Revised Code.

Effective Date: 01-01-1962

-Pam Clegg, Treasurer and Jim Welch, Trustee



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Hi Neighbor!

I'm not just a real estate agent. I have lived in Huber Ridge for over 15 years. I shop at your stores, my children have gone to Westerville Schools, and I am knowledgeable about our area! Whether you are looking to buy or sell, I have the time and expertise to devote to you.

If you or someone you know is thinking about selling, contact me today! I offer the following **FREE** services:

- ♦ **Free** comparative market analysis
- ♦ **Free** advice on pricing your home
- ♦ **Free** consultation on preparing/ staging your home for sale
- ♦ Quality Listing Photos and Virtual Tour
- ♦ Comprehensive Online Marketing:
 - ♦ Multiple Listing Service
 - ♦ Zillow/Trulia, Realtor.com, Carleton Realty.com
 - ♦ Hundreds of websites including other brokerage Websites!

Rumpke Reminders

Are you new to The Ridge or just wondering about why Rumpke didn't pick up something you put out for trash pick-up this week? Here is a quick list of some of the things you need to know about Rumpke trash, recycling and yard waste pick up in our neighborhood.

- Our pick up day is Friday
- Items for pick up cannot be put down at your curb before 5 p.m. Thursday evening (items that are put at the curb before Thursday or after Friday you may find a notice to remove them from the curb from the township code enforcement).
- Trash can be placed out in properly tied bags or cans. Cans with lids are encouraged so as to not invite a wildlife buffet at your curb!
- Further Rumpke curbside pick-up guidelines are on their website at www.rumpke.com/for-your-home/curbside-guidelines
- Recycling-the township has additional containers and lids if needed. Simply stop by the township complex service department or contact John Giamarco Blendon Township Service Department Director at jgiamarco@blendtwp.org or 614-882-2673.
- Acceptable recycling items that can be put in your recycling bins: Plastic bottles and jugs, Glass bottles and jars, Aluminum cans, Steel cans and lids, Paperboard (like cereal boxes), Cardboard, Office paper, Envelopes and junk mail, Newspapers, magazines and inserts, telephone books and catalogs, and cartons. For additional information on acceptable items for recycling see www.rumpke.com/for-your-home/recycling
- Yard Waste - please place leaves and grass clippings in biodegradable bags (NO PLASTIC BAGS) and bundle limbs for collection on your regularly scheduled yard waste day. Bundled limbs should be no longer than 4' in length, no more than a foot in diameter and tied with twine (not wire). Unbundled branches and twigs don't get picked up nor do Christmas trees that are not cut down and bundled.
- Large pick up items: Please contact Rumpke at least 24 hours before your regularly scheduled collection to request a large item pick-up for acceptable large items, and/or excessive amounts of trash. Television sets cannot exceed 32 inches for curbside pick-up. **Any mattress or upholstered furniture must be completely sealed in disposable plastic for removal. Additional fees may apply.**
- To contact Rumpke call 1-888-786-7531.

-Carolyn Cordray, President

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The Herald 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 next issue, please contact Carolyn Cordray.

Advertising rates are as follows:

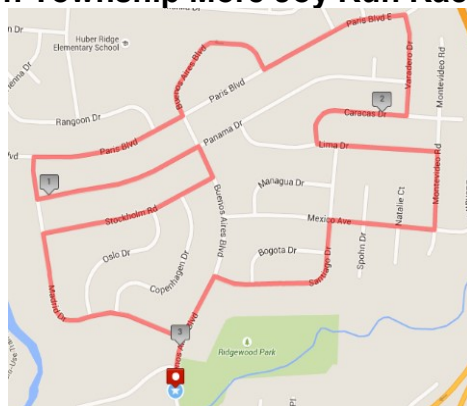
- \$25/issue for a business card ad
- \$65/issue for a quarter page ad
- \$125/issue for a half page ad
- \$225/issue for a full page ad

2016 Calendar of Events

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 (volunteers needed)
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 the fall.

Blendon Township More Joy Run Race Route



Please review the race route for August 27th. If you live on the route we would greatly appreciate it if you would move your car(s) into your garage, driveway, or a nearby street before the start of the run. Last year's participants loved all the neighborhood support! So if you are not participating, consider cheering them on as they pass by your house! Runners love hearing your cheers and applause, reading funny signs, and getting high fives!

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