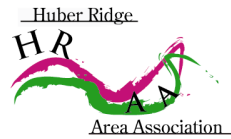


# Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc.

## The Herald

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## Halloween Party at Ridgewood Park



by **Carolyn Cordray, HRAA President**

### **Help Make the Annual Halloween Party Great**

This is the third year that Blendon Township and the HRAA have co-sponsored the Halloween Party.

#### **Event Details:**

*Date: Saturday, October 22nd*

*Time: 6:00pm to 8:30pm*

*Location: Ridgewood Park on Buenos Aires Blvd.*

*Admission Cost: FREE*

Yes, you read that right, this event is free to attend! We do accept and appreciate donations!

Here is what we are looking for this year:

- Candy
- Small toys for game prizes
- Gift cards for prizes and/or possibly a raffle
- Monetary donations to offset the cost of the party
- VOLUNTEERS!!

We need volunteers at the registration table, games, costume contest, hayride, bonfire, trunk or treat, and the haunted woods. Please sign up using this link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044da5ac2fa6f58-hraa1>

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## Cyber Safety and Education Presentation

by **Lynn White, HRAA Block Watch Coordinator**

I am excited to announce that the HRAA has teamed up with the Sunbury Woods Neighborhood Watch team to provide the children of Blendon Township a presentation on Cyber Safety and Education. Dan Houser, a Huber Ridge resident, will be giving his presentation on Saturday, November 12th at 10:00am and again on Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30pm at the Blendon Township Senior Center (6330 Hempstead Road). Watch for sign-up information on the Huber Ridge Area Association Facebook page and/or [www.huberridge.org](http://www.huberridge.org).

This 45 to 60 minute presentation is aimed towards helping children in grades 3rd-8th. Dan will be covering topics such as cyber bullying, apps, and websites that children visit. He has some eye opening statistics about what children in this age group are doing online that parents do not know about. Please plan to attend one of these presentations along with your child.



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## Holiday Lights and Decoration Contest

by **Sharon Ricker, HRAA Contest Coordinator**

The HRAA is again sponsoring a Holiday Lights and Decorations contest this coming December. This will be the ninth year the HRAA has sponsored this contest. Any residency in the Huber Ridge area that is decorated with lights and greenery in the holiday spirit is automatically entered!

Registration is not required and you do not need to be a member of the association. Contest winners receive a holiday gift basket filled with goodies as well a cash prize provided by the association. The date for awarding prizes will be announced on the Huber Ridge Area Association Facebook page and at [www.huberridge.org](http://www.huberridge.org).

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## Holiday Cheer

by **Claudia Carney, HRAA Secretary**

While it may seem early to be thinking about Christmas and the fun, celebrations, gifts, and anticipation that the season brings, many families this year are barely making ends meet. Shutoff notices, bare pantries, hoping for raises and trying to cut corners are the reality many families face all year long. The thought of Christmas is a sad one, as they try to figure out how to provide a semblance of a celebration for their children.

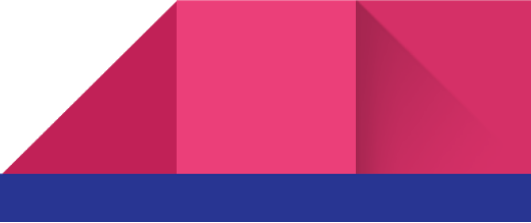
For the fourth year in a row, the Huber Ridge Area Association is undertaking the goal of providing a wonderful holiday for a neighborhood family. Helping is a simple contribution of your time and/or money.

The Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM) will find a family that lives in Huber Ridge, and provide the family's information (ages, sizes and their wish lists) to the HRAA, Inc. In turn, we will raise the funds to provide them with a Christmas they may otherwise not have. We try to raise \$100 per family member, and in the past we have been successful in sponsoring a family with between 5-6 members. This means we need to raise about \$600, and if we raise more we also provide the family with gas and gift cards for a local grocery.

Please donate as much as you can, but even \$5 would help. Just think, if one quarter of the households who live in the Ridge would donate that much, we would have \$1,250 and could sponsor two families! You can either pay with PayPal on our HRAA website at <http://www.huberridge.org/> (click on DONATION in the first dropdown under "Pay Dues or Make Donation", then click in the box under Donation: Event or Program, and type in HOLIDAY CHEER), Once you do this, you will be taken to your personal PayPal account and you can designate and approve the amount of your donation. Easy peasy!! Of course you can also write a check and send or give it to Pam Clegg, our HRAA treasurer or Claudia Carney, and of course cash is acceptable. You can reach us at our HRAA email addresses: Pam is at [Treasurer@HuberRidge.org](mailto:Treasurer@HuberRidge.org) or Claudia is at [Secretary@Huberridge.org](mailto:Secretary@Huberridge.org)

If you aren't able to contribute, please consider becoming a Holiday Cheer elf! You can collect donations, wrap the gifts for the children and/or shop once we have collected the money for the items the family has on their wish list!! It's so much fun to shop for someone when you don't have to spend your own money!!

If you are interested in donating, shopping, collecting, or wrapping, please contact Claudia Carney at the above email address, and thank you so much in advance. Let's make this a blessed holiday for a family in the Ridge!!



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## A Note From The Principal

by **Chris Blados, Huber Ridge Elementary School Principal**

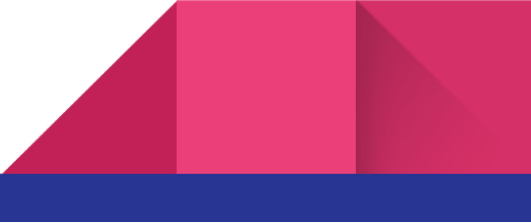
The school year has gotten off to a great start. Students are already working hard learning new skills and increasing their knowledge. We are excited that we are now a 2-1 school in terms of technology. For every two students, there is one ChromeBook computer for students to use. While these computers do not replace the direct instruction that teachers supply to students, they do enhance student learning greatly and prepare them for their future. Blended Learning is what our end goal is with this new technology. Blended Learning in elementary is simply students learning from the teacher in small groups while other students are doing projects, completing assignments, and learning through different forms of technology.

Having so many pieces of technology and using it effectively would not be possible without support from the community. Westerville City Schools is putting a levy renewal on the ballot this year and I encourage you to learn more about it. Here is an excerpt from the district about the levy:

“This type of levy would not be a new tax to the community because it “substitutes” the March 2012 five-year emergency operating levy when it expires at the end of 2017. Approval of the issue would allow the district to continue collecting the same revenue already on the books. However, unlike other operating issues, the Substitute Emergency Levy allows our schools to receive additional revenue from new construction in the district.

Because the district would be able to receive additional revenue when new homes and businesses are built, a Substitute Emergency Levy can actually stretch the time until the Board would need to ask residents to approve a new operating tax. The committee also noted that even though the State of Ohio recently eliminated property tax rollbacks on new levies, a Substitute Emergency Levy would retain the property tax rollback provision for residents. Allowing the levy to expire and requesting new millage in the future would not.”

Again, I encourage you to learn more about it to make an informed vote. Please know that we are always looking for volunteers and would enjoy welcoming the community into the building. Please do not hesitate to contact me, Chris Blados, by calling the school if you would ever have any questions or concerns.



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## WARM Coat Drive

by **Claudia Carney, HRAA Secretary**

Wow, have you ever noticed how quickly children outgrow their winter coats? If you have any children's coats that you would like to have re-loved this winter, consider donating them to the Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM). They will begin collecting gently used winter coats this year beginning in mid-October for distribution to their client's children.

Unlike previous years, due to storage considerations WARM will only be accepting coats for children. Since most of our adult clients have received coats in the past few years, and they rarely outgrow them, it was decided to only collect for the children who are constantly outgrowing their clothes! If you would like to donate new gloves, mittens, scarves or hats for children, those would be greatly appreciated as well.

To donate, please feel free to contact me, Claudia Carney at [Secretary@Huberridge.org](mailto:Secretary@Huberridge.org), or PM me on our Facebook page. I will be happy to pick them up from you and provide a receipt for your taxes if you like. If you would like to take them to WARM directly, they are located at 150 Heatherdown Drive, just down the road from Fazoli's.

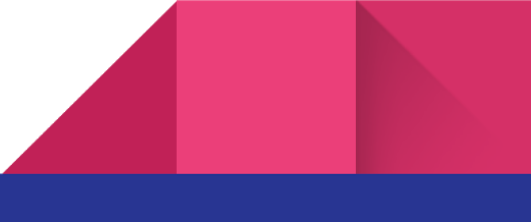
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## Concert In The Park Wrap Up

by **Claudia Carney, HRAA Secretary**

A beautiful evening, wonderful weather and The Ohio State University Alumni Band!! What a way to end the 2016 concert season at our own Ridgewood Park! On August 27<sup>th</sup>, the series was capped with many familiar marching band sounds, and a lively march of neighbors led by a former OSU drum major! The concert was held after the Old Fashioned baseball game on Heritage Day, and while the skies opened up earlier, the rain cleared out just in time for a very enjoyable evening at the concert.

The American Buckeye Grille and Aromaku food trucks were there to provide some new gastronomic pleasures for the concert goers, but good old hot dogs, chips, sno-cones, popcorn and drinks were available for free! Face painting, bounce houses and a water slide provided entertainment for the younger crowd. Some couples took advantage of the fabulous music to step out and dance. Of course, no concert would be complete without the 50/50 raffle! We look forward to the 2017 concert series!!



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## Blendon Township More Joy Run 2016



by **Angie Merrin, HRAA Editor**

On Saturday, August 27th runners and walkers of all ages took off from Ridgewood Park for a 5k around the neighborhood. This was the 2nd year for this fundraising event in memory of Jane Juergens. The proceeds from the event were applied toward the memorial garden in the park. Be sure to stop by and visit it.

Thank you participants, volunteers, and neighbors for helping the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. and Blendon Township put on this meaningful event. For more pictures please visit "Blendon Township More Joy 5k Run" on Facebook.

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## Heritage Day Old Fashioned Baseball Game



by **Nick White, 13 year old Huber Ridge Resident**

My name is Nick White and I am 13 years old and I live here in Huber Ridge. I was lucky enough to be able to play in the Old Fashioned Baseball game at Ridgewood Park on Heritage Day on August 27<sup>th</sup>. We hosted the Muffins at our baseball field in the park. Unfortunately, the Muffins defeated the Blendon Brigade 9-5. But we all had fun playing as a team.

Big thanks to Jim Welch for helping me get on the team to play. I am hoping to play again next year. Maybe we will win next time.


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## Rumpke

by **Angie Merrin, Editor**

Blendon Township uses Rumpke as our trash, recycling, and yard waste removal company. If you are having trouble with your service please report them to [refuse@blendontwp.org](mailto:refuse@blendontwp.org). This way the township can track the problems and report them to Rumpke. Our pickup day is Fridays (Saturdays after a holiday).

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## Nominating Committee and Elections

by Carolyn Cordray, HRAA President

At the October 3rd meeting of the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc., the membership approved this year's nominating committee: Cathy Shinaberry, Janet Brown and Dennis Overholts. Their mission will be to contact members in good standing (meaning those whose dues are paid up to date) to get commitments to run for the officer positions of the HRAA, Inc. Officer positions are President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Terms of office are one calendar year. The nominating committee will need to deliver a slate of candidates to the HRAA membership at the December 5, 2016 meeting.

### Officer Duties:

**President** - Leads general membership and executive meetings of the HRAA, Inc., oversees functions performed by officers as well as all standing committees of the HRAA, Inc. helping out where needed. Assures that the bylaws of the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc are followed.

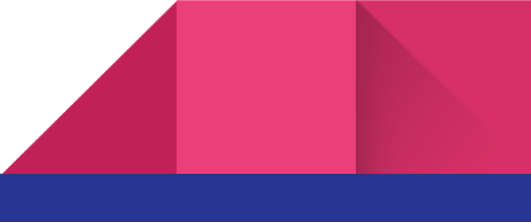
**Vice President** - Steps in to lead general membership and executive meetings of the HRAA, Inc. in the absence of the President, coordinates all aspects of spring and fall community garage sales and engages meeting speakers. Assists with standing committees of the HRAA, Inc. as needed.

**Secretary** - Solicit agenda items from executive committee, create and print meeting agendas, document notes from meetings and create and print minutes for general membership meetings and executive committee meetings of the HRAA, Inc.

**Treasurer** - Handle all financial matters of the HRAA, Inc., making timely deposits of checks and cash, writing checks for expenses, reconciling bank statements and creating monthly reports of financial activity of the association.

Securing leadership for the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. is critical to the health and survival of the association and all of the events, activities and programs provided by our neighborhood group. Our all-volunteer based organization is made up of neighbors like yourself, that are interested in investing time and energy into making our neighborhood a better place. Please consider sharing your time and talents with the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. Election of officers for the Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc will be at the January 2, 2017 general membership meeting.

If you are interested in running for one of these offices for 2017, contact the Nominating Committee by emailing [NominatingCommittee@huberridge.org](mailto:NominatingCommittee@huberridge.org).



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## Snow Safety

by **Angie Merrin, Editor**



It won't be long before winter is here! Please remember to remove your cars from the street during a snow emergency. Our township service department works hard to clear the roads for us. Let's help make their job easier by moving our cars out of their way. It's not only helpful, but it's the law!

Additionally, property owners are responsible for clearing the snow and ice off their properties' sidewalks and driveway. Many children use our sidewalks to get to and from elementary school as well as to the bus stops. Please help keep our neighborhood children safe. If you are in need of help or do not have the time to shovel, feel free to request help on our Facebook page (Huber Ridge Area Association). Many neighbors would love to lend a helping hand to someone in need.

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## Fall Leaf Removal

by **Angie Merrin, Editor**

Blendon Township does not provide leaf pickup at the curb. Leaves must be raked into Rumpke approved yard waste containers for pickup on Fridays. When raking, please be sure to rake the street gutters as well. When leaves are left on the street, they wash into the sewer and can cause flooding. This flooding may result in street and personal property damage. Doing this one extra step could save you money. Thank you in advance for keeping your yard and the streets of Huber Ridge clean this fall!

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## Fire Hydrant Flushing In October

by **Chris Stevko, Communications Coordinator**

During fire hydrant flushing you may experience low water pressure and/or discolored water. Huber Ridge is scheduled for October 18th, 19th, 20th, 25th, and 26th.





## Blooms Winners

by Pam Clegg, Blooms Coordinator

Stewart Flaherty, Blooms Chairman and donor, awarded first place winners Barry and Debbie Gorsuch with daughter Hannah, 6304 Rosebay Court, Sunbury Woods



Sharon Ricker, Blooms judge and donor, awarding second place winners Roger and Carol Betts, 5664 Spohn Court, Huber Ridge



Carolyn Cordray, HRAA president, awarding third place winners Timmie and Mark Hintz, 3680 Santiago Drive, Huber Ridge



Blooms participants Lanita and Al Davis, 3547 Dempsey Road, Huber Ridge



Blooms participants Wendy and Harlan Henderson, 3704 Bader Court, Huber Ridge



Blooms participant (non-competitive) co-coordinator and judge Diane Lobdell, 3669 Bolamo Drive, Huber Ridge. Husband Norman (not pictured) also gardens with her



Blooms participant Renee Rohrey and son, 6511 Bunting Court, Sunbury Woods



Please visit "Blendon Huber Ridge Blooms" on Facebook for more pictures!

## Save The Date!

by Chief John Belford

If you think drug problems are not your problem, you might want to think some more. On October 25th at 6:30pm we are going to have a very special meeting at the Blendon Township Senior Center. It will be special because we are going to stop talking about the problem and start doing something about it. Please join us.

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  - ♦ Multiple Listing Service
  - ♦ Zillow/Trulia, Realtor.com, Carleton Realty.com
  - ♦ Hundreds of websites including other brokerage Websites!

Liz Loew also sponsored the HRAA Community Garage Sales. Thank you Liz!

## Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc.

### Officers:

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Kiosk Coordinator - Jim Welch

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## Calendar of Events

**October 22nd Halloween Party at Ridgewood Park 6pm-8:30pm**

**October 25th Call to Action- Combating Drugs at Blendon Township Senior Center 6:30pm**

**October 31st Trick or Treating 6-8pm**

**November Holiday Cheer Donation Kickoff**

**November 5th Women's Self Defense Class at The Blendon Township Senior Center**

**November 12th Cyber Safety Presentation at The Blendon Township Senior Center 10am**

**November 15th Cyber Safety Presentation at The Blendon Township Senior Center 6:30pm**

**December 16th Holiday Lights and Decoration Contest**

**December 5th HRAA, Inc. General Meeting at The Blendon Township Senior Center 7pm**

**December 3rd Breakfast with Santa at The Blendon Township Senior Center  
(pre-registration required) 9-11am**

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## Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc. Membership

Please use this form when mailing in membership dues.

**First/Last Name(s) of Adult(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

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Annual membership dues are \$15 per household payable at anytime. Please make checks payable to the "Huber Ridge Area Association, Inc." and mail to Thom Conley at 3533 Makassar Drive, Westerville, Ohio 43081. Dues may also be paid with paypal by visiting [huberridge.com](http://huberridge.com).

