

View from the Heights

Adopt-a-Park Program is Revitalized

Community Groups are encouraged to volunteer to help keep City Parks clean and well maintained

The City of Huber Heights has reinstated the Adopt-a-Park program for the dozen parks that the City currently owns and maintains. Community groups are encouraged to apply to adopt one of the parks and make a commitment to keep the park litter free and beautiful.

To get started with the Adopt-a-Park program, simply get a group of volunteers together and fill out an application at City Receptionist's desk at City Hall. Groups can consist of friends, neighbors, coworkers, school and civic groups or sports teams. They can be large or small and no special skills are needed to Adopt-a-Park. Please note that we are asking groups that have previously participated in the Adopt-a-Park program to fill out a new application so that we have the most up-to-date information on the group and improve our tracking of Adopt-a-Park participants.



City Employees Brooke Spinks, Trisha Reents and Christopher Lohr clean up Gary Sherman Park

projects with the City. Trash bags and gloves will be provided for your clean up. The Montgomery County Solid Waste District will provide vouchers for the disposal of any litter that the group collects. After any clean ups or projects the City will ask that your group fill out a simple project report form so that your group can notify us of any problems that need City attention and we can track our

HH Clean Sweep Day Planned

October 24th is Make a Difference Day in Ohio. This year Huber Heights will be participating by holding a community clean-up of parks, roadways and neighborhoods. We need volunteers to help! If you are interested please contact us at 937.233.1423.

Fall). The sky's the limit for one day/one time projects! Please call Emily Haney, Community Services Manager, at 237-5824 or email at emily.haney@ci.huber-heights.oh.us if you need guidance on a project or have questions about the application process.

Once your group has been approved for the Adopt-a-Park program be sure to coordinate the scheduling of any clean ups or

Adoptions can be for a whole year or for a one time project. Those that Adopt-a-Park for a whole year will be required to clean up litter or rake the park three times per year (Spring, Summer and

progress in beautifying the parks.

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A community group helps rake leaves at Community Park

Upcoming Events

September 4-7: Plowing/Horseshoeing Contest at Carriage Hill Farm 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

September 26-27 - Country Fair at Carriage Hill Farm Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. , Sun. 12-5 p.m.

October 24: Clean Sweep Day in Huber Heights

October 25: Fall Harvest Party at the Huber Heights YMCA

The View from the Heights is a newsletter to keep you informed about your city.

To sign up to receive this newsletter electronically, please send your email address to admin@ci.huber-heights.oh.us.

Please remember that, due to Ohio Public Records Laws, your email address will become a public record. If you have any questions about the newsletter or the electronic distribution, please call Emily Haney at 937.237.5824

City Notebook: Updates and Reminders from the City of Huber Heights

Prescription Discount Cards: Through a partnership with the National League of Cities the City is offering **free** prescription discount cards to all residents. These cards can be used at most area pharmacies for prescriptions for uninsured residents or for prescriptions not covered by the insurance. These cards can be obtained at City Hall, the Tax Office, the Senior Center, Police and Fire Administrative Offices, the Huber Heights YMCA and the Huber Heights Chamber of Commerce. Call 937.233.1423 for more details.

Thomas Cloud Park: Starting August 1st, the City of Huber Heights will take over the operations of Thomas Cloud Park located at 4707 Brandt Pike. The park offers 12 tennis courts, several baseball and soccer fields, an exercise trail and various playground equipment. Cloud Park is also home to several youth sports organizations, the Warrior Soccer Classic and the Creek Classic. The City will work with all of these organizations to maintain the great working relationships they currently enjoy with the County. For more information about Thomas Cloud Park please call 937.233.1423.

Neighborhood Watch Program: The Neighborhood Watch program allows neighbors to make their neighborhood safer by networking with the Police Division. Increased communications between citizens and HHPD is an effective way to reduce crime. If you are interested in forming or joining a Neighborhood Watch Group please contact Officer Bruns at 937.237.3607.

Bicycle Registration: Operation Identification is a program that allows residents to register bicycles with the Police Division in order to increase the possibility of returning their property if it gets stolen. To register your bicycle online go to www.huberpolice.com/programs/bicyclereg.html.

Garage Sales: Residents are allowed two garage sales per year, with a 30 day lapse between each sale. A free permit is required. You may obtain the permit from City Hall. Call 233-1423 with questions.

Do I need a permit? The Planning and Development Department has developed a helpful guide for Zoning permits on the website at <http://ci.huber-heights.oh.us/DoIneedapermit.html>. You can also call the Zoning Hotline at 937.237.5819 if you have questions.

Block Parties: A permit is required for a neighborhood block party. Please stop by City Hall for an application form. The permit requires a signature from all residences that will be blocked off by the party. For more information on block parties please call 937.233.1423.

Open Burning Guidelines: Many residents like to enjoy cooking over an open fire during the summer months. Please remember these guidelines: only burn clean wood, no leaves, grass or other waste material and; always call the Fire Division Dispatcher at 937.237.3542 before and after any recreational fires.

Welcome New Businesses: Downwright Cycle 4476 Powell Road; Home Boyz Carryout 5962 Old Troy Pike; Legacy Pics 7275 B Bridgewater; Watson's 7815 Waynetown Blvd.

Shelter Reservations: To make a park shelter reservation please call the Huber Heights YMCA at 937.236.9622.



Expanded Senior Center is Open

On June 5, 2009 the Senior Center Board of Trustees celebrated the Ribbon Cutting of the nearly 1,200 square feet addition to the Center. The ribbon was cut by Kay Morgan, widow of Dwight Morgan who had championed the drive to improve the center. Art Couturier and Frank Maas both held the ends of the ribbon. Anyone fifty or over is permitted to join the Center located at 6428 Chambersburg Road. Call 937.233.9999 for more information about the Senior Center

Adopt-a-Park

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Volunteers that complete projects will receive recognition in the City's newsletter, *A View from the Heights*, and a volunteer t-shirt (while they last). Groups that Adopt-a-Park for a full year will receive a certificate for one free park shelter rental as well as recognition at a City Council meeting.

As a kick off to the Adopt-a-Park program, City staff members have adopted Gary Sherman Park for the remainder of 2009. Staff members will clean up the park every other Thursday during their lunch hours. This adoption is another project of the staff Beautification Committee, which seeks and completes projects to improve city property.

Special thanks also goes to the Senior Center for adopting Twin Creeks Park, the Police Division for adopting Community Park and Ron and Kathleen Brenner for adopting a portion of Shullgate Park.

For more information about the Adopt-a-Park program please call 937.233.1423 or visit the city website at www.ci.huber-heights.oh.us.



COPS Graduation

COPS (Concentrating On Positive Stuff) is a program designed by HHPD and instructed by the Public Affairs Officer in the 5th grade at St. Peter's Elementary School. This program focuses on issues such as school bullying and drug and alcohol abuse. For more information or scheduling contact the Public Affairs Office at 937.237.3607.

Pictured above (left) is Sgt. Anthony Ashley with a student and (right) students, Chief Robert Schommer, Officer Mark Bruns and Sgt. Charles Taylor.

Montgomery County Pre-payment program

Did you know that property owners can pay their real estate taxes monthly through one of the Treasurer's Office's monthly pre-payment plans?

Property owners choose:

Monthly Billing—Annual taxes are divided into monthly payments. Customers will receive monthly coupons when signing the pre-payment contract. Each month, customers send in payment with the attached coupon.

Monthly Electronic Billing—Annual taxes are divided into monthly payments. Monthly payments are automatically withdrawn from the customer's bank account.

Semi-Annual Electronic Billing—Taxes are collected during the regular time period (February and July). Semi-Annual taxes are withdrawn directly from the customer's bank account.

Questions?

Contact the Pre-Payment Department of the Treasurer's Office at 937.225.40410, Option 4.

More information can also be found at the Treasurer's Office website located at www.mcoho.org/treasurer.



That the City has a general email box for inquires? Email your question to admin@ci.huber-heights.oh.us if you're not sure where to direct your inquiry. We'll make sure your question is answered or directed to the proper department.

That by City Ordinance, owners of cats and dogs are not permitted to let their pets run loose outside of fenced-in property or other sort of restraint? For your pet's safety and your neighbors' convenience, please make sure that your pets are secured at all times.

That the Fire Division can help make sure your child's car seat is safely secured in your vehicle? Call 937.233.1564 to schedule a child safety seat check.

That the city operates a yard waste drop-off on the north side of Wildcat Road? Acceptable yard waste material includes tree limbs, brush, plants, and leaves. Trash, dirt, topsoil, grass, and construction material of any kind are not accepted. Quality leaf and wood mulch is available and **free** for pickup during open hours for all Huber Heights residents. The site will be open until December this year. Hours of operation are: 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. – Thursdays and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. – on the first Saturday of the month. For more information call the Public Works Division at 937.233.1562.

A Message from the Honey Creek Watershed Association

Beautiful but Complicated

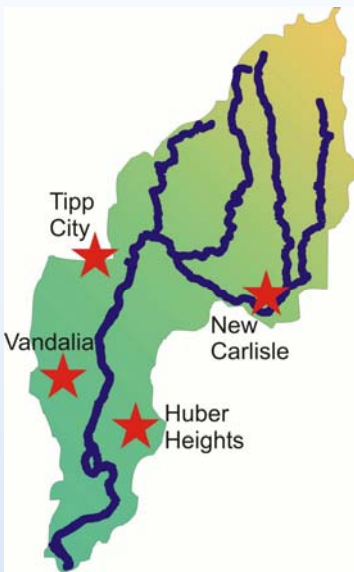
Mother Nature's beautiful and balanced designs can be very difficult to duplicate. In our endeavor of understanding how the importance and health of our local streams help keep our drinking water clean, we need to know what "stream balance" looks like. The Ohio EPA ranks the health of a stream on what levels of biology it is able to support. This premise stems from the understanding that if a stream is able to create a healthy aquatic habitat that can support delicate species, then the stream is healthy and the water is clean.



In order for us to effectively repair our streams that are out of balance, it is important for us to understand Mother Nature's design. One of the many purposes of a stream includes the

transportation of sediment and it does this through the use of flowing water. Healthy

aquatic habitats are created when there is the right amount of flow, kinds of sediment for the stream bed conditions, clean water, temperature and many other factors. Very complicated mathematical equations are needed to help us calculate how this is done.



A simple way of understanding the relationship of sediment transport and the role it plays in healthy aquatic habitats is its ability to create riffles, pools, glides and runs. These are some essential ingredients needed for our intolerant species to survive. It takes Mother Nature awhile to create this balance and it takes us even longer. But balance is not only desired, it's a necessary element that affects our drinking water quality.

The Honey Creek Watershed Association was formed in 2002 by a group of concerned citizens who wanted to preserve the health of our watershed for future generations. The Honey Creek Watershed includes the headwaters, or starting point, of much of the water that flows into

the Great Miami River, downstream to the Ohio River, the Mississippi River, and into the Gulf of Mexico! The Association helps preserve the Watershed by protecting riparian lands, monitoring water quality to identify potential sources of pollution, and education residents about everything from proper septic system maintenance to landscaping with native vegetation. For more information visit www.honeycreekwatershed.org.

Stay Cool in the Pool

The Huber Heights Municipal Pool is now open for the season until September 7, 2009. The pool is located at 5045 Fishburg Road.

Monday-Friday: 12 noon—8 p.m.

Saturday: 12 noon—6 p.m.

Sunday 12 noon—5 p.m.

Memberships are \$140 (family), \$75 (adult) and \$65 (youth). Day passes are also available for \$20 (family), \$6 (adult) and \$4 (youth).

For more information about the Huber Heights Municipal pool please call the YMCA at 937.236.9622.

YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT

Position	Name	Phone
City Manager	Eileen Bensen	937.23.5827
Public Safety Director	Jim Borland	937.237.5837
Planning and Dev. Dir.	Roger Custer	937.237.5818
Finance Director	Don Jones	937.237.5827
Clerk of Council	Tony Rodgers	937.237.5832
Police Chief	Robert Schommer	937.237.3608
Fire Chief	Robert Maimone	937.237.6059
City Engineer	Hanane Eisentraut	937.237.5816
Public Works Manager	Luke Swift	937.237.6064
Community Services Mgr.	Emily Haney	937.237.5824
Water/Sewer Mgr.	Pam Whited (United Water)	937.233.3292

YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Ronald Fisher - Mayor
 Jan Vargo - Vice Mayor & At Large Councilmember
 Mark Campbell - At Large Councilmember
 James Ellis - Ward 1 Councilmember
 Karen Kaleps - Ward 2 Councilmember
 Brian Walton - Ward 3 Councilmember
 Judy Blankenship - Ward 4 Councilmember
 Roger Hensley - Ward 5 Councilmember
 Roshawn Winburn - Ward 6 Councilmember