

Highland Heights Green Task Force



Summer 2021 Newsletter

Judy Dearden, President

LATE WINTER STORM

The end of winter this year brought heavy, wet snow to our area. With that storm came much damage to many of our landscape plants, including many trees. Some of us only lost a few branches, while others had to take down entire trees that became too damaged. Perhaps if you lost a tree (or more) on your property, you would consider replacing at least one tree. Not only are trees beautiful, but they are also our friends. It is wise of us to remember that we need trees to live, even if trees do not need us. With all things in nature, we should leave enough for the seventh generation.

AFTER THE SNOW MELTED

I started picking up trash along Highland Road during my walks. In two days, going just 10 houses down in each direction from my starting point, I collected 3 bags of trash from along the sidewalk. It is often easy to tell when the trash has come off trash trucks or our garbage bins, or when it was trash thrown out of a vehicle window. Thinking about this, I am hopeful that we may form a community volunteer group to help with a city-wide clean-up in early spring, and perhaps beyond. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please send me an email. More details on this project should be coming soon.

RECIPIENTS OF THE HIGHLAND HEIGHTS GREEN TASK FORCE, ALAN LORENZ ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Johnny Gaudio and Josh Davidson as the 2021 recipients of the Alan Lorenz Environmental Scholarship. Johnny will be pursuing a degree in Chemical Engineering at The Ohio State University and Joshua Davidson will be pursuing a degree in Environmental Science. We wish both of these fine young men success in their chosen careers.

ALKALINE BATTERY RECYCLING

Thank you to all who have been dropping off your batteries for recycling! The location of the recycle boxes are in the reception area at Highland Heights City Hall as well as one at the Wildcat Fitness Facility at Mayfield High School. Over 400 lbs. have been collected and gone on to be recycled.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

For those who do not know, there is a Little Free Library in our city park in front of the pool house. The box has been well used over the past 5 years since it was installed. More books were recently added, but we would like to

ask everyone to help us keep it stocked during the summer months. Kids' books are always a hit, but books appropriate for young adults and adults are also needed. We thank you in advance!

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

July 7, 2021 - Green Book Club Book Reviews

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Highland Heights City Park (Lower Pavilion near the pool)

Everyone is invited!

September 1, 2021 - "Algae Blooms & Conditions of Lake Erie", Christopher Winslow, PhD, OSU,

Ohio Sea Grant College Program, Director

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Highland Heights Gazebo (if raining, event will be moved to the Highland Heights Park Barn)

September 26, 2021 : Freecycle/E-Waste Drive

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Highland Heights Park Barn

Volunteers needed - please contact Judy Dearden at 440-646-9820 if you are available to help.

Thank you to all for continuing to be interested in our shared environment and how to keep it and ourselves healthy.

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