

# The Block



The Newsletter of the Hereford/Highland Area Block Watch, Inc.

Fall/Winter 2011

## Letter from the President

Hello neighbors. We had another successful spring and summer. We started out the season with our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We had a great turn out, the weather was pretty nice and the kids had a great time as usual. The Annual Pot Luck, Caribbean Night and Ice Cream social had a smaller attendance than we have seen in the past, but we had a great time and celebrated together as a community with great music. The highlight of the summer was our 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade with at least twice as many children as recent years. The costumes, decorated bikes, wagons and floats were fantastic. It will be hard to top the outcome next year, but I know we can and will!

The fall/winter season events are gearing up. We have been working on our 3<sup>rd</sup> Fall Frolic, 1 mile fun run/walk. This year it will be on Saturday December 3 at 9 a.m. We will meet at the park. The route starts at the park, up N. Highland, to Metz, Casterton, Edgerton, Conger, Doplar, N. Highland and around the back of the park. Last year we had a great turnout and we are hoping for even more this year. I know a few of you in the neighborhood have started running, so this would be a great way to keep that blood pumping! Please make sure you register ahead of time. We hope to have enough shirts for everyone. Afterwards we will take some time to clean up our lovely park to prepare it for winter. Remember to bring your rakes, tarps, blowers, etc.

On Saturday December 17 from 12 – 2 p.m. we will have Holidays in the Park. Weather permitting, Spring Mist Farms will be there again with Santa's reindeer and horse drawn carriage rides. The Block Watch will bring cookies and cocoa for everyone to enjoy. We may even have a special visitor!

We encourage all of you to email us with any questions or concerns. We would also love to hear from you about different event ideas, musicians, etc. We are always looking to spice things up. In the past we have thrown around the idea of a block party, but have never been able to make this happen. If anyone could provide suggestions or would be willing to take on the task of organizing, please let us

know. We would also like to know of any new neighbors that have moved into the neighborhood this year so we can welcome them.



*A reminder of summer: The July 4th Parade had outstanding participation this year. The children were extra creative in their bike and float decorating. Photo by Mary Lu Ramsey*

We are grateful that the city approved our grant for another year. This will allow us to continue all of our great events, send out newsletters, welcome neighbors with gift baskets and keep everyone informed of activity in our area.

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to our neighborhood and the block watch. Your efforts continue to make our neighborhood the best neighborhood.

Sincerely,  
Danielle Edgar

## Kids' Column (New Feature!)

Hello everybody! This is Whit Woodruff, here to be the first person to write this new column. Here, we will be discussing good habits for studying. And trust me; I'm a kid, too. I know how boring it is to study. I thought of more interesting ways that always help me get A's.

- Flashcards. Always flashcards. Whether it's Math, Chinese, or Social Studies, flashcards work like a charm.
- When you're watching TV, whenever there's a commercial, memorize one thing for your test, or do one question of your study guide.

- What I am about to say will shock you, but if you have a study guide for your test, do it the night before! It helps you keep the information fresh in your head.
- Make your own study guide if you don't have one, or tell your mom/dad what your test is covering and have them make it for you.
- Use the book. I know it's long and boring, but so are meetings in the real world. You've just got to live with it.

Well, that's it for now, folks. Next time, we want someone else to write the column. E-mail Michelle Byrne at [hhs.block.watch@gmail.com](mailto:hhs.block.watch@gmail.com) with ideas, and she might take your ideas for the column (kids only)!

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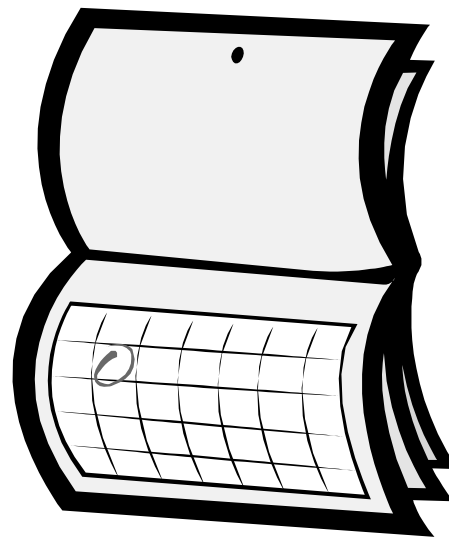
## UPCOMING EVENTS—Mark your calendar

**Fall Fun Run and Park Clean Up.** Saturday, Dec. 3. We will once again sponsor a one-mile fun run, and afterwards we will prep the park for winter. This event will start around 9 a.m. at the park. Please remember to bring rakes, tarps, leaf blowers and anything else to help get the park ready for the winter season and to make the spring clean up easier.

**Holiday Open House at Highland Square Branch Library.** Saturday, December 3rd from 12-2:00. Enjoy some holiday treats while taking in the festive sounds of the Miller South Show Choir.

**Holiday in the Park** will be Sunday December 17 from 12-2 p.m. We will have Spring Mist Farms at the park again with their reindeer and the horse drawn carriage. We will have some cocoa, cookies, and maybe a special visitor! If you are able to help in any way, contact the Block Watch.

**Highland Square Branch Library Book Sale.** Saturday, February 4th, 2012. Doors are open from 10:00-3:00, with a pre-sale for Friends members only from 9:15-10:00. For more information about library events, contact Jenny Hebert [jglosh@aol.com](mailto:jglosh@aol.com)



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## **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**



### *Clip and Post*

FIRE - POLICE - MEDICAL EMERGENCY: 9-1-1  
POLICE—Non-emergency: 330-375-2181  
CITY SERVICES EXCEPT EMERGENCY: 3-1-1  
(To call 3-1-1 from a cell phone, dial: 330-375-2311)  
POISON CONTROL CENTER: 800-872-5111  
ANIMAL WARDEN: 3-1-1  
SEWER PROBLEMS: 330-375-2666  
SNOW CONTROL: 3-1-1  
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING: 3-1-1  
WATER PROBLEMS: 330-375-2420  
NUISANCE COMPLAINTS: (Junk Cars, Graffiti, Weeds): 3-1-1  
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HIGHLAND SQUARE LIBRARY: 330-376-2927  
KEEP AKRON BEAUTIFUL: 330-375-2116  
CITY COUNCIL OFFICE: 330-375-2256

## **Important or Useful Websites**

### **Sheriff/Registered Sex Offenders:**

[www.co.summit.oh.us/sheriff/sexoffenderdisclaimer.htm](http://www.co.summit.oh.us/sheriff/sexoffenderdisclaimer.htm)

**City of Akron:** [www.ci.akron.oh.us](http://www.ci.akron.oh.us)

### **Highland Square Business Association:**

[www.highlandsquare.org](http://www.highlandsquare.org)

**State of Ohio:** [www.state.oh.us](http://www.state.oh.us)

### **State of Ohio Prisoner Search/Inmate Information:**

[www.drc.state.oh.us](http://www.drc.state.oh.us)

**Summit County:** [www.co.summit.oh.us](http://www.co.summit.oh.us)

**Clerk of Courts:** [www.cpclerk.co.summit.oh.us](http://www.cpclerk.co.summit.oh.us)

### **Akron Municipal Court/ Clerk of Courts:**

[www.courts.ci.akron.oh.us](http://www.courts.ci.akron.oh.us)

**Prosecutor:** [www.co.summit.oh.us/prosecutor](http://www.co.summit.oh.us/prosecutor)

# Shop Fair Trade at Market Path

Fair trade is a market-based approach to alleviating poverty and promoting sustainability. It empowers people financially through the payment of fair wages as well as improved social and environmental workplace standards.

The Market Path provides a place to promote social justice, honesty and integrity in the local retail market. We are your local fair trade store.

The Market Path has extended hours until Christmas for your shopping convenience. Stop in to check on new products added to our store each week.

Open Nov. 25 & 26 9-9:00 pm

Extended hours through December 23rd

Monday – Thursday 11-8

Friday & Saturday 10-9

Sunday 1-5

Open December 24th 10-5:00

**The Market Path**

833 W. Market Street (beside Chipotle)

Akron, OH 44303

[www.themarketpath.com](http://www.themarketpath.com)



**The Block**  
219 Metz Ave.  
Akron, OH 44303



# FALL FUN RUN & PARK CLEAN UP

**Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 AM**

Start the morning with a brisk 1 mile run, then enjoy doughnuts and cider while we do a quick final rake of the park. All ages & abilities welcome. Fill out registration below and submit to 219 Metz Ave. by Dec. 2nd. T-shirts available while supplies last.

\$5 donation per family is greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to HHABW.

## Registration:

Name (please list all): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact number or email: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt sizes (1 per registered participant, while supplies last):

Child: Med \_\_\_\_\_ Lg \_\_\_\_\_

Adult: Med \_\_\_\_\_ Lg \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_



## HOLIDAYS IN THE PARK

**Saturday, Dec. 17 from 12-2:00 (Note this is a change of time since the last flier!)**



Join us for cocoa, cookies and cheer in the park! Spring Mist farms will be back this year with their reindeer and sleigh rides. Santa will be there as well! To participate, bring a wrapped and labeled gift (nothing more than \$10 please!) to 923 Hereford by Friday, Dec. 16.

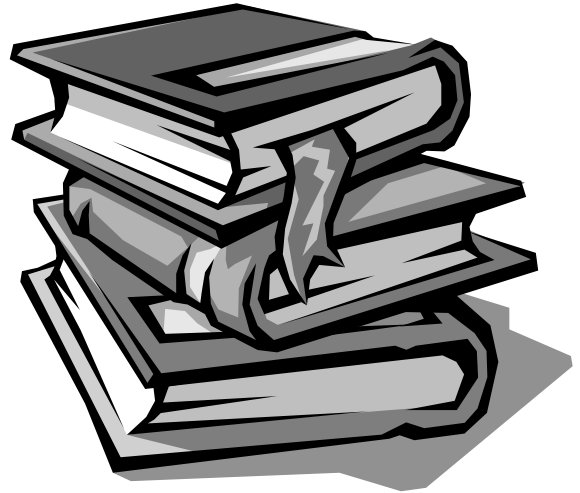
## Registration:

Name(s) and age(s) of children: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Be a Friend!**  
**Join the Friends of**  
**Highland Square Branch Library!**

In 2007, the new Highland Square Branch Library opened as part of the redevelopment of the Highland Square area. Currently, our branch houses a collection of over 75,000 items, including books, magazines, movies, and reference materials, as well as a variety of works from a number of local artists such as Don Drumm, Mark Soppeland, Bob Pozarski, P.R. Miller, and Leroy Flint, among others. In addition, it proudly showcases an eclectic display of paintings and creations from aspiring young neighborhood artists who take part in the library's many hands-on programs. If you would like to be part of this thriving community, become a Friend of Highland Square Branch today. Your membership and participation will support a variety of information services, book talks, book sales, and other unique programs and activities.



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ home/cell

**Email Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Interested in volunteering?**    Yes    No

**Membership Level:**    \$2.00    \$5.00    Other \_\_\_\_\_