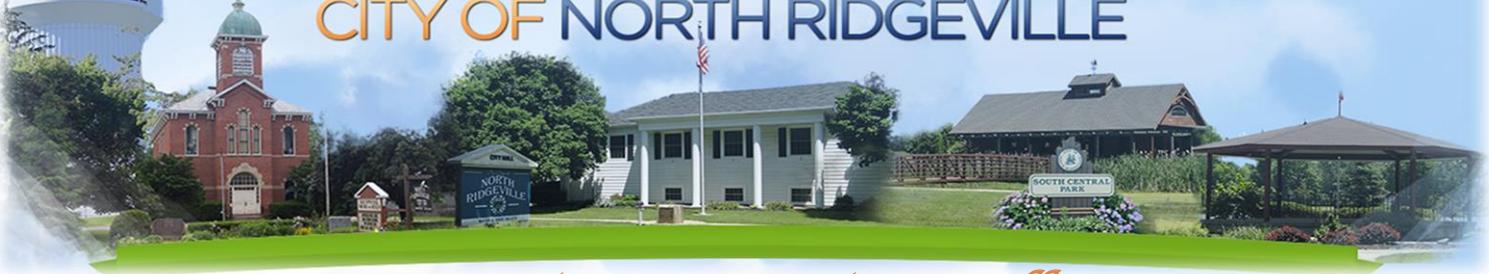


CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE



Community Connection, Fall 2015

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Mayor's Message...

The plans are nearing completion for the Lear Nagle Road Reconstruction Project. The Lorain County Engineer's Office will forward the plans to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Central Office in Columbus for final approval and permission to go to bid. Once approved by ODOT, the County Commissioners will proceed with the final approval to go to bid. Bids are tentatively scheduled to go out in October, bid opening in November with work to begin in Spring 2016.

Lorain County Engineer's Office will manage the project. ODOT Safety Funds which provides financing at 100% will be used first. When these funds are depleted, they will start using the 80-20 funding in which the city will be billed for the local share portion as the project proceeds. The city portion has been funded through Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs) to be repaid out of the Street Levy.



Mayor G. David Gillock

This project is finally becoming a reality. Funding for this project was approved by NOACA over 12 years ago before I took office. During an open house at LCCC many years ago, I discovered the funding was on the books but no action had been taken. Upon inquiry, ODOT informed the city they were getting ready to delete it from the approved funding list because of lack of interest. I informed ODOT the city was definitely interested and the project was revived. The city engaged Arcadis Engineering to begin working on the project.

Shortly thereafter, the Lorain County Engineer's Office made available a \$600,000 interest-free loan to finance the engineering needed to complete detailed drawings of the project. At that point, the city began working on how to fund the remainder of the project. The total project cost is \$12,749,977. The city's responsibility is \$3,455,454 which includes \$850,270 for a new water line separate from the road project. The city will realize \$9,294,523 in federal and state funding. Excluding the water line, the city will ultimately pay \$2,605,184 or 20.5% of the total road construction project.

This will be a tremendous improvement for our residents and the city. Anyone who has driven Lear Nagle Road between 6:30-8:30 AM or 4-5:30 PM will appreciate the need for this project to relieve congestion. Anyone who drives Lear Nagle at all will appreciate the need to replace the winter-worn and damaged road with a modern thoroughfare including new water lines, new storm sewers and sidewalks. Adequate turning lanes will also be added at Chestnut Ridge Road and Lear Nagle Road.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at (440) 353-0811.



DOOR-TO-DOOR ENERGY SOLICITORS

NOPEC has been getting numerous reports of door-to-door solicitors from at least one energy marketer informing residents that their community is no longer a member of NOPEC. This is completely false. North Ridgeville is a member of NOPEC and has been a member since its inception in 2000. NOPEC continues to be North Ridgeville's governmental opt-out aggregator for both natural gas and electricity. If you have a solicitor that gives you false information you can always verify our community's membership in NOPEC by visiting www.nopecinfo.org or by calling NOPEC's customer service number for natural gas at 1-855-667-3201 or electricity at 1-800-292-9284. If you feel you have been moved or slammed to another supplier, you should call your utility company and report it. However, before any supplier can move you to another program you will receive a rescission letter from your utility. You have 7 or 10 days to rescind an enrollment with a supplier you don't want and you will need to call the number provided in the rescission letter.

If you have a complaint about door-to-door solicitors making untrue statements, we would also suggest that you report inappropriate sales behavior to PUCO (Public Utilities Commission of Ohio) at www.puco.ohio.gov or call the PUCO consumer complaint line at 1-800-686-7826.

Mills Road and Route 83, Proposed Roundabout

Through the years the city has been asked, "when are you going to do something about this intersection?" The most recent traffic study conducted in September 2014, completed by ODOT at no cost to the city, suggested widening the intersection with turning lanes or putting in a roundabout. Because this intersection is shared with the City of Avon, discussions soon began with their city officials and an engineering firm that specializes in roundabouts. In the coming weeks, a cooperative agreement with the City of Avon and the necessary legislation will be presented to City Council to move forward with the proposed project.

The projected cost for the roundabout is \$800,000. The cooperative effort with the City of Avon will allow the cities to apply for federal funding and Ohio Public Works Commission funds for the improvements with little or no cost to residents of Avon or North Ridgeville. Moving the intersection slightly to the northeast on property owned by the City of Avon, reduces land acquisition costs for the project, which could not be done by widening the intersection with turning lanes. The projected installation date is summer 2017.



The following quote is provided by the ODOT study regarding the effectiveness of roundabouts, "would provide a decrease in delay for the intersection as it would allow traffic to operate at more of a free-flow condition with the implementation of a roundabout. Roundabouts provide an increase in traffic capacity and provide the highest reduction in crashes as are proven to reduce injury, fatal and overall crashes as compared with a traditional signalized intersection."

Lorain County Shred Day and Food Drive

Lorain County Shred Day and Food Drive will be held **Saturday, November 7** from **9 AM-noon** at the Lorain County Solid Waste District Collection Center (parking lot), 540 South Abbe Road, Elyria. This event is FREE to Lorain County residents and you must present identification showing proof of residency. There's a limit of five boxes or five blue grocery bags per vehicle. The event is being sponsored by the Lorain County Board of Commissioners and Solid Waste Management District in partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate. Most needed items include cereal, peanut butter, tuna, soup, beef stew and vegetables. For more information contact the Lorain Solid Waste Management District at (440) 329-5440.

Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance

You are invited to attend a special memorial service to honor those who tragically gave their lives 14 years ago on this day.

WHEN: Friday, September 11 at 8:30 AM
WHERE: South Central Park Gazebo

Schedule Of Events:

- Moment Of Silence
- Pledge Of Allegiance
- North Ridgeville Police Honor Guard Flag Detail
- Taps Performed By Lou Simonyi
- Pastor Dr. Tom Joyce To Deliver Prayer
- State Representative Nathan Manning To Address The Audience
- Patriotic Songs Led By North Ridgeville High School A Cappella Choir
- Safety Vehicles From Fire And Police On Display
- Equipment Used By The New York Fire Dept. At The World Trade Center On Display
- Refreshments Served In The Community Cabin Provided By Liston Funeral Home

New Fire Station Needed

On November 3, you'll see **Issue #32**, a 20-year .84-mill bond issue on the ballot for consideration. This levy is needed to build/relocate a new headquarters fire station which will replace fire station #1 on Avon Belden Road. If approved, homeowners would see an increase in property taxes of about \$30 a year per \$100,000 of home valuation.

History and Challenges Related to Fire Station #1:

- Fire Station #1 was built in 1957 for an all-volunteer fire force serving less than 8,000 residents. In 1967 the department began full-time staffing and in 1981 an addition was added, but still left the station inadequate. More than fifty years later, the station is now serving nearly 32,000 residents.
- Fire Station #1 is the only full-time fire station in Northeast Ohio that is utilizing a mobile home for living space.
- The current station is undersized and has inadequate restroom facilities for the number of staff.
- Firefighter turnout gear storage is non-existent and the station is lacking apparatus space which leaves expensive equipment outside in the weather.
- The station is located 200 feet from one of the city's busiest intersections with no traffic control devices in place for access/exit from the station.
- The current location is not conducive with the continued growth of the city.
- Fire prevention and training offices are non-existent and the current classroom is makeshift and significantly undersized.
- The station lacks a clean room for medical supplies and equipment, a decontamination room to clean dirty medical equipment and an adequate location to service and fill self-contained breathing apparatus.

Knowing that any replacement for this 58 year-old station needs to be built to last 30 to 50 years into the future, Fire Chief John Reese presented to City Council and Administration a study and plan completed by the Columbus-based architectural firm of Mull and Weithman. The proposed new headquarters fire station would be 22,594 square feet and would cost an estimated \$8.2 million including construction, land acquisition, furniture and equipment and construction contingencies. The relocation of the fire station will also decrease overall average response times and provide for increased safety and efficiency.

If you have any questions or would like to see the study and plan, please contact Fire Chief John Reese at (440) 327-5311.

Outdoor Fitness Equipment at South Central Park

North Ridgeville Parks & Recreation Department is happy to announce six pieces of outdoor fitness equipment were recently installed at South Central Park along the walking trail. This was made possible by Lorain County General Health District and North Ridgeville Heart & Sole. The equipment was funded through the Communities Preventing Chronic Disease Grant made possible by the Ohio Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Please stop by the park and try out the new equipment!



7-Day Rescue: Pilot Program in Plant-Based Nutrition



Exciting Opportunity! North Ridgeville Heart & Sole Challenge is seeking 60 people who live or work in the city of North Ridgeville to participate in a 7-Day Rescue: Plant-Based Nutrition Pilot Program to demonstrate the powerful benefits of following this healthy eating plan. Beginning on **Thursday, October 1 at 6:30 PM**, participants will meet at Miller Nature Preserve in the Orchid Room, 2739 Center Road in Avon, to hear national speaker and best-selling author, Rip Esselstyn, as he unveils his newest book (to be published 2017) and invites you to partake in the 7-Day Rescue Pilot. The event will include a packet of materials, meal plan, grocery list, cooking demo and sampling, PLUS ongoing support during the week-long program. The group will reconvene on **October 15 at 6:30 PM** at Miller Nature Preserve to celebrate successes. The goal of this pilot is to see real results in just 7 days including decreased total cholesterol, blood sugar, blood pressure and even weight loss. All costs will be paid by a grant through the North Ridgeville Heart & Sole Challenge. For information or to register, email plantbasedCLE@gmail.com or call Laurie Kortowich at (440) 653-6498.

Special Leaf Collection, October 26-November 24

Leaves may be placed at the curb in **plastic bags** beginning the week of October 26 through November 24 on the regular trash pick-up day. After November, leaves in plastic bags can only be left out as extra trash the first full week of each month during bulk pick-up. From April through October each year, yard waste must be placed in brown yard waste bags for weekly collection. Please call the Utilities Department at (440) 353-0841 with any questions.



Community Calendar

- September 7** **Labor Day** – City Hall closed in observance of the holiday.
- September 8, 9** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days**
- September 8, 21** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- September 9** **Heart & Sole Challenge Healthy Strides** combines a casual 30-minute walk, preceded by a brief informative talk. Come walk with us at 6 PM at Waterbury Development, Terrell Drive. Andrea Dunn, RD, Dietician, Cleveland Clinic will be the guest speaker. For more information visit www.NRheartandsole.com.
- September 11** **Patriot Day and National Day Service and Remembrance Ceremony** at 8:30 AM at South Central Park Gazebo.
- September 23** **Heart & Sole Challenge Healthy Strides** combines a casual 30-minute walk, preceded by a brief informative talk. Come walk with us at 6 PM at Waterbury Development, Terrell Drive. Mayor David Gillock and Lorain County Health Commissioner Dave Covell will be the guest speakers. For more information visit www.NRheartandsole.com.
- September 24** **Big Band Dance and Concert** from 7-10 PM at DeLuca's Place in the Park. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at the Senior Center. All proceeds benefit the Senior Center and Lorain County Office on Aging.
- September 25** **Mayoral Forum** at 7 PM in the Community Room, North Ridgeville Education Center presented by the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at (440) 327-3737.
- September 29** **Spaghetti Dinner** at the Senior Center from 5-7 PM. Cost: \$7 adults, \$6 seniors and \$4 children 10 and under. Take-out available.
- October 3** **Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock** from 8-9 AM at Pioneer Ridge, 9464 Saw Mill Drive. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- October 5, 6** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days**
- October 5, 19** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- October 9, 10** **Spookville** is a wooded ¼-mile trail that makes you feel like you are part of a horror movie set in the woods. Appropriate for all ages. The event is presented by North Ridgeville Lions and will take place at South Central Park from 6-9 PM. Cost is \$2 per person.
- October 10** **Lorain County General Health District Flu Shot Clinic** from 10 AM-3 PM at the North Ridgeville Education Center. For more information call (440) 322-6367.
- October 19** **FallFest** is a free event held from 4-6 PM at South Central Park. Families will experience fun games, food vendors, face and pumpkin painting, magic show, straw fight and hay rides (weather permitting).
- Oct. 26-Nov. 24** **Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock** from 8-9 AM at Arabica, 33101 Center Ridge Road. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- October 30** **Special Leaf Collection** - Leaves may be placed at the curb in plastic bags on regular trash pick-up days.
- October 31** **Tots Trick-or-Treat** at 1 PM at City Hall. Bring your little witches and goblins to march in a parade and receive ghoulish treats donated by city employees. This is a free event for ages up to 5 years old. Please pre-register by visiting the Parks & Recreation's website or by calling (440) 353-0860.
- November 1** **Spaghetti Dinner** at the Senior Center from 5-7 PM. Cost \$7 adults, \$6 seniors and \$4 children 10 and under. Take-out available.
- November 2, 3** **Trick-or-Treat** will be observed 6-7:30 PM – citywide.
- November 2, 16** **Daylight Savings Time Ends**. As a reminder, turn your clocks back one hour.
- Nov. 2-Dec. 11** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days**
- November 3** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- November 7** **Holiday Food and Toy Drive** to benefit North Ridgeville Community Care. Non-perishable food items and toys in original packaging may be dropped off at City Hall, Senior Center and Parks & Recreation Department.
- November 11** **Election Day** – Exercise your right to vote. Polls open at 6:30 AM and close at 7:30 PM.
- November 17** **Shred Day & Food Drive** from 9 AM-Noon at Lorain County Solid Waste Management District, 540 South Abbe Road, Elyria. Free to Lorain County residents with ID. Limit of 5 boxes or 5 blue grocery bags per vehicle. Non-perishable food items will be collected at the event and donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank.
- November 26, 27** **Veterans Day** – City Hall closed in observance of the holiday.
- December 5** **Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock** from 4-5 PM at City Hall Mayor's Conference Room, 7307 Avon Belden Road. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- December 5** **Thanksgiving Holiday** – City Hall closed in observance of the holiday.
- December 5** **Holiday on the Ridge** is the city's kick off to the holiday season. The self-guided tour takes you to multiple craft shows, business open houses and special events. Sponsored by the North Ridgeville Visitors Bureau.
- December 5** **Tree Lighting Ceremony** at South Central Park Gazebo at 5 PM. This is an annual tradition where local scouts decorate the tree, High School Choir will lead the spectators in festive songs of the season while Mayor Gillock lights the community tree.