



# CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE



## Community Connection, Spring 2018

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### Mayor's Message...

During my fifteenth State of the City Address in January, I opened up the event by stating “My how things have changed!” For the complete transcript or video of my speech, visit the city’s website at [nridgeville.org/StateoftheCity.aspx](http://nridgeville.org/StateoftheCity.aspx). With a number of projects already underway and several prospects, I’ve highlighted just a few below.



**Center Ridge Road Reconstruction Project.** The long awaited road widening project will officially begin April 2. The contract was awarded to Fechko Excavating by the Ohio Department of Transportation with a preconstruction meeting held at the District 3 ODOT Office in Ashland on February 26 to review the progress schedule for discussion and approval. Construction is slated to begin on the east end with Lear Nagle Road to Jaycox Road to be completed this construction season, and from Jaycox Road to Stoney Ridge Road next season with an expected completion date of October 2019. As more details become available, you’ll find the latest news on the city’s website at [nridgeville.org](http://nridgeville.org).

**ODOT Urban Paving Program.** Starting June 1 with an expected completion date of August 31, ODOT will be repaving portions of Lorain Road/Route 10 whereby ODOT will pay for 80% of the paving items. Our share is anticipated to be \$307,463. Lorain Road will be repaved from the Ohio Turnpike ramps to the Cuyahoga County line, including the I-480 ramps. The intersection of Lorain/Lear Nagle/Cook will be excluded as it was done last year as part of the Lear Nagle Road widening project. In addition, Lorain Road west of Route 83 to Alternate 83, and across Alternate 83 to Chestnut Ridge Road will be repaved.

**Lorain Road/I-480 Interchange Improvements.** Smith Paving and Excavating was awarded the contract for this project to begin work late March/early April with an expected completion date of August 31. Project highlights include reconstructing the median on Lorain Road to accommodate a new northbound left turn lane, replacing a traffic signal at the ramp to provide 4-way operation and installation of curbs and sidewalks. These modifications will provide Leppo Rents improved access to their facility while at the same time making adjacent properties more desirable to be developed. ODOT is paying 83% of the construction costs associated with this project.

**ODOT Bridge Foundation Painting and Repair.** At no cost to the city, ODOT will be performing bridge painting and minor structure repairs at three locations – I-480 over Route 10, I-480 over Lorain Road and Route 83 over Route 10. The work is expected to begin April 1 and may require detours to be announced at a later date.

**Avon Belden and Bainbridge Road Traffic Signal Modifications and Sidewalk Project.** D.L. Smith was awarded the contract to begin work April 16 with a completion date of no later than July 20 to install a traffic signal pedestrian crossing, concrete sidewalk on Avon Belden Road from Aurenson Road to Bainbridge Road, curb ramps, crosswalk pavement striping, and minor storm drainage work. The cost of the project is \$70,000 but through grants received from Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency (NOACA), the city’s share is \$17,648.



**Fire Station Headquarters.** The groundbreaking ceremony for the new headquarters fire station was held on January 10. The new station will be located at 7000 Ranger Way across from the new Academic Center. The new headquarters was designed by Mull & Weithman Architects and will be completed by Infinity Construction with an anticipated opening date of spring 2019. I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the community for supporting this initiative.

## Mayor's Message (cont'd)...

**Commercial Projects** are on the rise and with the Center Ridge Road widening project, I anticipate this will continue once the infrastructure is in place. I have highlighted below a few projects that are currently underway or are expected to begin this year:

**University Hospitals.** The \$32.4 million, 50,300 square-foot facility, being constructed on Lorain Road is ahead of schedule with an anticipated grand opening celebration to be held in June. This freestanding emergency department, outpatient laboratory services, physical therapy, primary and specialty care physical services will be a welcome addition to our community.

**Rudolph Libbe Group (RLG).** RLG will be moving their Cleveland offices to North Ridgeville. They purchased a 44,000 square-foot industrial building on Mills Industrial Parkway and have begun renovating the space. As a result, in just a few short months 50 employees will call this new location home.

**Danbury of North Ridgeville.** Lemmon and Lemmon has proposed an assisted living and independent living facility to



be constructed at the southeast corner of Lorain Road and Bagley Road. As part of the facility, there will be 106 units of assisted living and memory care with an additional three-story structure built to house

69 units dedicated to independent living. A total of 80 full-time equivalent employees are expected as a result of this project.

**The Avenue at North Ridgeville Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center.** North Coast Architects representing

Progressive North Ridgeville Real Estate LLC is proposing a 85,370 square-foot nursing home and rehabilitation center. The center will be built on Lear Nagle Road, north of Washington Boulevard, and include 103 private resident suites and three court yards. The new facility will house approximately 100 employees.



**Burger King** opened for business in recent weeks at the corner of Lorain Road and Victory Lane. **MyWoodLoft.com** is now occupying the former Sandusky Electric building on Center Ridge Road on the west end of town. **North Ridgeville**



**CARSTAR** on Center Ridge Road is currently completing a 6,422 square-foot addition to their building. **RGI Inc.** on Mills Road is completing a 3,600 square-foot addition to the front of their building. **North Ridgeville City Schools** continues to move forward with an 8,916 square-foot addition and remodel of the North Ridgeville Education Center (aka Early Childhood Learning Community) behind Dairy Queen on Center Ridge Road.



I want to take this opportunity to thank our community for their continuing support of these projects. If you have any questions, please call my office at (440) 353-0811.

Sincerely,

*Mayor G. David Gillock*

## News from the Police Department

### Welcome Kelsey Garrabrant

On October 2, 2017, Kelsey Garrabrant was sworn in as the first female police officer in the history of the North Ridgeville Police Department. Kelsey has already been serving the residents of North Ridgeville for the past 2 ½ years as a fire/EMS dispatcher at the Westcom Dispatch Center. She has also served as a corrections officer at the North Royalton Police Department and a dispatcher at the Wellington Police Department. Kelsey is enrolled in the Lorain County Community College Police Academy and will begin her field training the last week of April. When you see Officer Garrabrant on the streets of North Ridgeville, please take the time to congratulate and welcome her to our great city!



### Safetyville Program, June 2018



The North Ridgeville Police Department is sponsoring the annual Safetyville Program. The program provides an educational setting in which children are exposed to various safety topics with regard to traffic, school bus, bicycle and pedestrian activity, stranger danger, 911, and drug, gun and fire safety. The children receive their lessons inside an enclosed classroom and then practice these lessons inside a realistic miniature village that is adjacent to the classroom. The miniature village includes streets, sidewalks, a working traffic light, railroad crossing and several miniature replica buildings.

Safetyville is designed for children entering Kindergarten in the fall, but it is not a pre-requisite for Kindergarten. It is open to North Ridgeville residents and non-residents are welcome to attend. Classes are set up as one week sessions, Monday through Friday, for 1 ½ hours each day. Cost is

\$25.00 per child which covers all classroom material, instruction and a Safetyville t-shirt. Payment is due upon registration.

Registrations are on a first come, first served basis at the North Ridgeville Police Department, 7307 Avon Belden Road.

Please select only one of the sessions being offered:

Session #1	June 11-15	8:30-10:00 AM
Session #2	June 11-15	10:15-11:45 AM
Session #3	June 11-15	Noon-1:30 PM
Session #4	June 18-22	8:30-10:00 AM
Session #5	June 18-22	10:15-11:45 AM
Session #6	June 18-22	Noon-1:30 PM

For more information, please contact Patrolman Calvin Cross at (440) 327-2191.



## **FRIENDLY REMINDERS:**

- Building permits are required for most home improvement projects including additions, alterations, decks, sheds/barns, fences, swimming pools, replacement windows, re-siding and re-roofing. And, prior to hiring a contractor to conduct any work on your property make sure they are licensed and bonded to work in the city. When in doubt if a permit is needed or if the contractor is registered, contact the Building Department at (440) 353-0822.
- Grass clippings being blown into the street will be washed down the storm sewers which will clog inlets and restrict the flow of the sewers resulting in street flooding. Keep stacks of firewood, tree limbs and yard equipment away from creeks, ditches and waterways. When the water rises it will take these stored items with it causing blocked waterways.
- Dog walkers are required to pick up after their dog when they leave a deposit in a neighbor's yard or on a tree lawn and to properly dispose of the feces in a sanitary manner in a proper receptacle.
- Drop boxes are located in the lobby of the Police Department for safe disposal of drugs in pill form and syringes that are expired or no longer needed.

## Community Calendar

- March-April** **Baseball and Softball Program Registration** is open until filled. Practice begins the week of April 16 with opening day May 12. To register, visit the Parks & Recreation Department website at [nridgeville.org/parksandrec](http://nridgeville.org/parksandrec).
- March 5, 19** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- March 6** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Day**
- March 8** **Regional Income Tax Agency Municipal Taxpayer Assistance Event** from 1-7 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall. RITA agents will work with taxpayers on a first come, first served basis to answer questions and assist with RITA municipal income tax return preparation.
- March 11** **Daylight Savings Time** begins. As a reminder, turn your clocks ahead one hour.
- March 24** **Easter Egg Hunt** at 2 PM at the Ranger Stadium located at the Academic Center, ages 1-9. Gates open at 1:30 PM. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of North Ridgeville.
- March 29** **Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock** from 4-5 PM at City Hall in the Conference Room. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- March 30** **Good Friday** – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.
- April 2, 16** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- April 3** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Day**
- April 23** **Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock** from 8-9 AM at City Hall in the Conference Room. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- April 27** **Spaghetti Dinner** at the Senior Center from 5-7 PM. Cost \$7 adults, \$6 seniors and \$4 children 10 and under. Take-out available.
- May 5** **Fishing Derby** at South Central Park from 8 AM-noon. The derby is free with donations of \$5 accepted the day of the event for Aluminum Cans for Burned Children. Bring your own rod and bait. To register, visit the Parks & Recreation Department website at [nridgeville.org/parksandrec](http://nridgeville.org/parksandrec).
- May 7, 21** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- May 8** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Day**  
**Election Day** – Exercise your right to vote. Polls open at 6:30 AM and close at 7:30 PM.
- May 12** **Discover the Ridge** from 9 AM-3 PM. Family-friendly open house event throughout the city. Pick up a brochure at the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce listing participating businesses and enjoy a spectacular day. Sponsored by the North Ridgeville Visitors Bureau. For more information call (440) 327-3737.
- May 19** **Lorain County Pride Day** from 9 AM-noon. Residents are encouraged to clean up, fix up, paint and spruce up our community. Interested organizations and individuals should contact Meredith Brescilli, Parks & Recreation Department, at (440) 353-1503 or [mbrescilli@nridgeville.org](mailto:mbrescilli@nridgeville.org).
- May 23** **Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock** from 8-9 AM at City Hall in the Conference Room. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- May 26** **Splash Pad** at South Central Park opens daily from 10 AM-8 PM thru Labor Day.
- May 28** **Memorial Day** – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday; trash collection delayed one day.  
**Memorial Day Parade** at 9:45 AM from the Senior Center parking lot to the Academic Center. Memorial Day Ceremony at the Ranger Stadium immediately following the parade.
- June 4, 18** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- June 5** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Day**
- June 9** **Touch-A-Truck** from 10 AM-noon at the North Ridgeville High School parking lot. Free event, ages 2-10 years old. For more information contact Parks & Recreation Department at (440) 353-1503.

### Senior Center

*Please call (440) 353-0828 to make reservations for the following events or to obtain a complete listing of activities.*

- March 29** “Luau” Young at Heart brunch at 10:30 AM at the Senior Center. Cost \$3.  
**March 8; April 12; May 10** **Super Thursday Luncheon** with entertainment at noon. Cost \$5.  
**March 1, 15; April 5; May 3, 17** **Men’s Breakfast** from 9-10 AM at the Senior Center. Cost \$3.  
**March 22; April 26; May 24** **Women’s Brunch** from 10:30-11:30 AM at the Senior Center. Cost \$3.