



Community Connection, Spring 2019

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Mayor's Message...

By now I'm sure you have heard or read somewhere that I'm retiring as your Mayor at the end of 2019. I will have completed 16 years, four terms, as your Mayor and I'm just as excited and committed now as I was back in 2004 when I first took office. It has truly been an honor to have served the residents of North Ridgeville! What will I do in retirement you ask? I'm looking forward to spending more time with my family, traveling and simply enjoying the simple life out on Lake Erie in my fishing boat. And, let's hope the fish are biting in 2020!



I will continue to work as hard in 2019 as I've done the past 15 years. There's still work to be done! We will continue to work diligently with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) on the widening of Center Ridge Road. Because of the delay in utility relocation, ODOT has informed the City that the project completion date is anticipated to be in fall of 2020.

Highlighted below are several projects that are currently underway or are planned for 2019:

Mills Creek Conservation and Flood Control Project. The City acquired the property necessary at the end of 2018 to move forward with the design for the conservation area and flood control detention basin. The City was awarded approximately \$1.4 million in grant funding from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for this project. To complete the plan in its entirety the cost is estimated at \$4 million and will be done in phases.

Replacement of Maddock Road Bridge. After recent inspections and analyses, it has been determined that the bridge on Maddock Road over the Ridgeway Ditch is in need of replacement. The engineering and design work is scheduled for 2019 with bridge construction in 2020.

Crack Seal Program. The City will be contracting out additional pavement crack sealing to be done in tandem with our Service Department. The areas that will be included in the contract are Ridgefield and Waterbury subdivisions. A total of \$75,000 was appropriated in the 2019 budget and is estimated to cover approximately 30 lane miles of crack sealing.

Catch Basin Rehabilitation Project. The City will be adjusting and/or reconstructing catch basins at various locations throughout the city. A total of \$125,000 was appropriated and a priority list has been created by the Service Department. The contractor will work on the priority list until the funds have been exhausted.

Westfield Wastewater Treatment Plant Decommissioning and Sanitary Sewer Extension. The Westfield Wastewater Treatment Plant has reached its useful life and will be decommissioned in 2019. The City will extend a new sanitary gravity main to tie into and accept the flow that previously entered the plant. The new gravity sewer main will tie into the Westerly sanitary trunk sewer at the corner of Shady Drive and Sugar Ridge Road. The approximate cost of the decommissioning and sewer extension project is \$3 million.

Water Main Replacement. There are frequent and numerous water main breaks on Stoney Ridge Road and Schaefer Drive. The water main will be replaced with new eight-inch water mains on Stoney Ridge from Center Ridge Road south to Schaefer Drive and west the entire length of Schaefer Drive.

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

Pavement Condition Rating Project. The City has allocated \$65,000 to enter into contract with a consulting engineering firm to identify the current pavement condition rating of all city roadway segments. The firm will gather and provide the necessary data and subsequent reports to the City to assist in the development of annual capital improvement plans and budgets and aid in the development and/or revision of long-range transportation infrastructure programs.

Mildred Street Reconstruction and Extension Project. The City conducted in 2018 the engineering work and right-of-way acquisitions to reconstruct and extend Mildred Street. The construction phase will take place in 2019 and when the project is completed, will provide continuous access from Avon Belden Road to Jaycox Road. The City applied and was awarded a grant from Ohio Public Works Commission in the amount of \$350,000 to offset the cost of the approximately \$1 million project.

If you have any questions regarding these projects, please feel free to call my office at (440) 353-0811 or the City Engineer's Office at (440) 353-0842.

Sincerely,

Mayor G. David Gillock



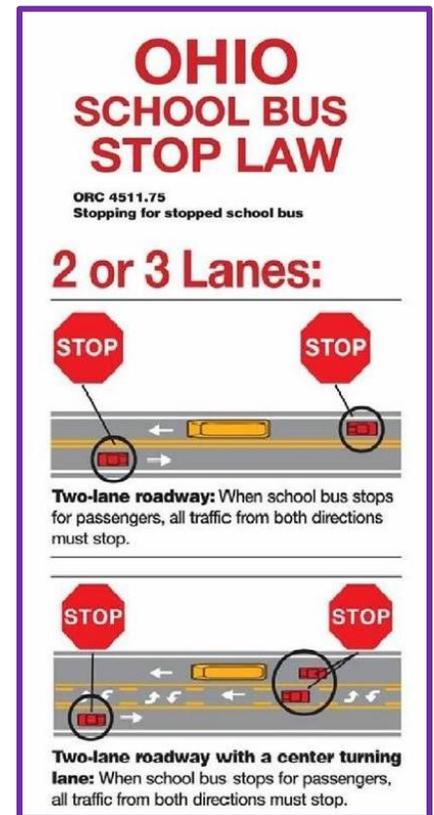
Stopping for Stopped School Bus

Many of you have seen the news reports regarding the rash of drivers illegally passing school buses in North Ridgeville. This is a serious safety concern that as a community needs to be addressed. Since the first day of school on August 29, 2018 thru February 18, 2019, there have been 56 citations written for drivers disregarding the law.

This article serves as a reminder that passing a stopped school bus is **ILLEGAL** on all two- or three-lane roads. The Ohio Revised Code 4511.75 also states drivers "shall stop at least ten feet from the front or rear of the school bus and shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion, or until signaled by the school bus driver to proceed."

The law also states that when a highway is divided into four or more traffic lanes, a driver need not stop for a school bus approaching from the opposite direction which has stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school child. Currently in North Ridgeville, there is only **ONE** section of road that this statement would apply – Lorain Road from Bagley Road east to the city limit (North Olmsted). When in doubt, **STOP!**

Also, as a reminder, according to the Ohio Revised Code 4511.21, the speed limit in school zones is 20 mph during recess and during the opening and closing hours of schools. Please pay attention and help keep the children in our community safe!



Lorain County Solid Waste Management District



The Lorain County Solid Waste Management District Collection Center is open to Lorain County residents to drop off household hazardous waste, e-scrap, recyclables, fluorescent lamps and ballasts, scrap tires, and papers to be shredded. The hours are Mondays Noon-4 PM, Wednesdays Noon-6 PM and Saturdays 9 AM-3 PM. The Collection Center is located at 540 South Abbe Road in Elyria. This service is free to Lorain County residents with a valid I.D. For a complete list of accepted items, visit the city's website at nridgeville.org or contact their office at (440) 329-5440.

Paramedic Levy Renewal

Next year will mark the 25th anniversary of North Ridgeville's paramedic service. In 1995, the residents of North Ridgeville passed a paramedic levy to hire seven firefighter/paramedics and equip the Fire Department ambulances to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) care. The program has been a huge success and we are proud of the fact that all 36 of our Fire Department staff are now state certified paramedics. The Fire Department currently staffs three ambulances each day and answers over 3,000 Emergency Medical Service (EMS) calls a year. In 2017, our paramedic service became one of six EMS agencies in the State of Ohio to receive the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services accreditation which signifies that we have met the "gold standard" determined by the ambulance industry to be essential in a modern EMS provider. Our EMS service also receives an American Heart Association Mission Lifeline Achievement Award each year for our successful care of cardiac patients in the field.



The paramedic levy is on the ballot every five years for voter approval. The Fire Department considers this to be our "report card" from our residents. If we have done a good job over the past five years and the residents are happy, that is reflected by the number of votes the paramedic levy receives. This year, there is a paramedic levy renewal on the ballot with a .5 mill increase to provide for an increase in Fire Department staffing.

Currently two of the three ambulances that the Fire Department operates each day are staffed with three firefighter/paramedics. The third ambulance is only staffed with two firefighter/paramedics. Although two personnel can handle any first response to an emergency, we feel it is necessary to transport critically ill or potentially unstable patients with three firefighter/paramedics. The two person ambulance is also the only crew without an officer or what most would consider a formal boss. When the two person ambulance currently responds to a critically ill or potentially unstable patient, the Fire Department sends a second ambulance or calls for mutual aid to assist with the transport.

The paramedic levy renewal with .5 mill replacement that is on the ballot this May would allow the Fire Department to hire three additional firefighter/paramedics and promote three current firefighter/paramedics to lieutenant. This would result in three fully staffed ALS ambulances in service each day. It will also improve the Fire Department's ability to respond to other fire and rescue emergencies. The Fire Department has not seen an increase in staffing in over 11 years.

The current paramedic levy is a 1.75 mill levy. The May renewal with .5 mill increase would result in a 2.25 mill paramedic levy. This would be an increase of \$17.50 **per year** on every \$100,000 of home valuation. If you have any thoughts or questions concerning the City's paramedic service or the upcoming renewal/increase, please feel free to contact Fire Chief John Reese at (440) 353-0803.

Safetyville 2019

Attention!!! Important Changes for 2019 Safetyville Registrations.



The North Ridgeville Police Department is sponsoring its annual Safetyville program in June 2019. Safetyville is designed for children entering Kindergarten in the fall, but it is not a pre-requisite for Kindergarten. Classes are set up as one week sessions, Monday through Friday, for one and half hours each day and the cost is \$25 per child. The weeks available for sign up will be June 10 thru June 14 or June 17 thru June 21.

A new online registration will be available along with the traditional, in-person, registration. Those times and dates will be made available in the near future. Please "be on the lookout" on the North Ridgeville Police Department's Facebook page, city's website and other media outlets for information when it becomes available.

If you have any questions please call Patrolman Calvin Cross/Administrative Assistant Somer Oliva at (440) 353-0799. Thank you and we look forward to another great year!

Community Calendar

- March 4, 18** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- March 5, 12** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days** (3/5 Route 83 and all homes east; 3/12 all homes west of Route 83)
- March 10** **Daylight Savings Time** begins. As a reminder, turn your clocks ahead one hour.
- March 13** **Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock** from 8-9 AM at City Hall in Council Chambers. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- March 21** **Regional Income Tax Agency Municipal Taxpayer Assistance Event** from noon-7 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall. RITA agents will work with taxpayers on a first come, first serve basis to answer questions and assist with RITA municipal income tax return preparation.
- April 1, 15** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- April 2, 9** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days** (4/2 Route 83 and all homes east; 4/9 all homes west of Route 83)
- April 8** **Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock** from 8-9 AM at City Hall in Council Chambers. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- April 13** **Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt.** Lions Club of North Ridgeville is sponsoring a pancake breakfast from 9 AM-1 PM at the Academic Center Cafetorium, 34620 Bainbridge Road (enter through the main entrance). Rotary Club of North Ridgeville will be sponsoring the annual Easter Egg Hunt at 1 PM at the Ranger Stadium, ages 1-9. Gates open at 12:30 PM. Please bring a basket to collect the eggs.
- April 19** **Good Friday** – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.
- April 26** **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 3** **Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock** from 8-9 AM at City Hall in Council Chambers. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- May 4** **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. Visit the Parks & Recreation Department website at nridgeville.org/parksandrec to register for the event.
Discover the Ridge from 9 AM-5 PM. Kick-off event at 10 AM at My Wood Loft, 39097 Center Ridge Road. Family-friendly open house event throughout the city. Sponsored by the North Ridgeville Visitors Bureau. For more information call (440) 327-3737.
- May 6, 20** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- May 7, 14** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days** (5/7 Route 83 and all homes east; 5/14 all homes west of Route 83)
- May 7** **Election Day** – Exercise your right to vote. Polls open at 6:30 AM and close at 7:30 PM.
- May 18** **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 Brandon Sweet, Parks & Recreation Department, at (440) 353-0880 or bsweet@nridgeville.org.
Garden Club of North Ridgeville Plant and Bake Sale from 9 AM-1PM at the Giant Eagle Plaza by Dollar Tree.
- May 25** **Splash Pad** at South Central Park opens daily from 10 AM-8 PM thru Labor Day.
- May 27** **Memorial Day** – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday; trash collection delayed one day.
Memorial Day Parade at 9:45 AM departing from the Senior Center parking lot to the North Ridgeville Academic Center. Memorial Day Ceremony at the Ranger Stadium immediately following the parade.
- June 1** **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.
- June 3, 17** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- June 4, 11** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days** (6/4 Route 83 and all homes east; 6/11 all homes west of Route 83)
- June 4** **Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock** from 8-9 AM at City Hall in Council Chambers. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.

Senior Center

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

- March 14; April 11; May 9** **Super Thursday Luncheon** with entertainment at noon. Cost \$5.
March 7, 21; April 4, 18; May 2, 16 **Men's Breakfast** from 9-10 AM at the Senior Center. Cost \$3.
March 28; April 25; May 23 **Women's Brunch** from 10:30-11:30 AM at the Senior Center. Cost \$3.
May 30 **"Young at Heart" Brunch** from 10:30-11:30 AM at the Senior Center. Cost \$3.