



CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE



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Mayor's Message...

As we move into the summer months, construction season is in full swing! When you drive around our city you will see there are a lot of projects in the works. This is certainly positive because it is a sign that we are committed to enhancing our infrastructure. Highlighted below are just a few of the many projects.

Center Ridge Road Reconstruction Project. The road widening project is progressing quite nicely. Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is overseeing the construction by Fechko Excavating and providing ongoing construction updates on their website. You can access their site via the city's website at nridgeville.org by clicking the icon "ODOT Center Ridge Road Widening Project Construction Updates." When you visit this link, you'll also be afforded the opportunity to sign up for project updates in Lorain County including the Center Ridge Road project.



New Headquarters Fire Station. The construction of the new station on Ranger Way is on schedule. The basement walls and apparatus bay footers have been poured and the first floor walls are taking shape. If you visit the city's website and click on Departments, Fire and the link "New Fire Station Progress Video" you'll be able to see an aerial view of construction progress. Every couple of weeks, a new video will be added to the library showing the progression.

Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Grant. As a member of NOPEC, the city is eligible to participate in the grant program to finance eligible efficiency or energy infrastructure projects. Because North Ridgeville is both an electric and gas member, the city received \$6 per enrolled account for gas and \$8 per enrolled account for electric totaling \$117,100. NOPEC has approved our submitted projects to include LED conversion in several of our city-owned facilities – City Hall, Shady Drive Complex, Soccer Complex, Frontier Park and South Central Park. Also approved is insulation of our Service Department garage and installation of energy efficient HVAC in our Shady Drive recreational building to replace temporary propane heaters. These projects will begin in the coming weeks. This grant program is expected to continue for the next two years.

Lorain County Community College (LCCC): A Point Of Pride For Our County And Our City. While attending a recent dinner function at LCCC featuring their culinary students, I had the opportunity to dine with LCCC President Dr. Marcia Ballinger. It was during our conversation that I decided it was time to remind our residents how fortunate we are to have a university partnership campus in our city.

LCCC was recently recognized by the American Association of Community Colleges as first in the nation for Excellence in Student Success. The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) is the primary advocacy organization for the nation's community colleges, representing nearly 1,200 two-year, associate degree-granting institutions and more than 12 million students. AACC presented the award to LCCC President Dr. Marcia Ballinger (a North Ridgeville resident) at its annual conference on April 30. Earlier this year, LCCC was recognized for the second consecutive year in a row as first among all Ohio community colleges in student success, which is defined as completion, transfer and persistence.

LCCC is certainly a point of pride for all of Lorain County and is making a positive impact on our city and residents. In the last five years, 1,071 North Ridgeville high school students earned 4,531 college credits from LCCC at no cost to families. Additionally, all college credits earned at LCCC are guaranteed to transfer to any Ohio four-year public university, saving families \$1,812,000 at Ohio four-year university costs.

I also want to send my personal congratulations to the 200 North Ridgeville residents who graduated on May 12 earning certificates, associate, bachelor and master's degrees from LCCC and its University Partnership. They are part of LCCC's largest graduating class of 2,018 graduates in 2018!

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

Passing Of Two City Family Members. Most of the time my job is a lot of fun, but sometimes it is very difficult. Such was the case in the month of April when we lost two of our city family members. **Police Sergeant Dean Mraz** passed away unexpectedly. He served our community since 1995 and had been a member of our detective bureau, part of our motorcycle unit, a D.A.R.E. officer and a field training officer. Dean's friendly and contagious manner will be missed by all who knew him and has come in contact with him.

Also in April, our long time Director of the Office for Older Adults **Rita Price** passed away after a short battle with cancer. Rita served as Director for fifteen years and will be hard to replace. Rita touched so many lives in our community and those that we serve. Rita was not only a great leader, but a very energetic, caring and compassionate individual. She volunteered her time and talents to many organizations including St. Peter Church and Lions Club. Having said that, we are extremely fortunate to find someone, not to replace Rita, but to continue her leadership in her own style.



Meredith Brescilli has been with the Parks and Recreation Department for nearly three years. She came to us from the City of Barberton where she had experience working with seniors. When the position of Director of the Office for Older Adults became available, Meredith expressed interest in assuming this role. After discussing with the current leadership in Parks and Recreation and the Office for Older Adults, it became very apparent all supported this transition. As is often said, sometimes when one door closes another opens. Meredith will have big shoes to fill. I believe Meredith will be just as successful as Rita but in her own right. She has already impressed me with her enthusiasm and new ideas for expanding the role of the Office for Older Adults. Please join me in welcoming Meredith in her new position!

If you have any questions, please contact my office at (440) 353-0811. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

Mayor G. David Gillock



UPDATE ON STREET REPAIRS AND PAVING PROJECTS

The city will see over \$1.5 million in street repairs this year with the city's share coming in at approximately \$1.2 million. The city does recognize that not all streets can be done but has prioritized the list of streets that will be paved this year within the budget limitations.

As part of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Urban Paving Program, portions of Lorain Road/Route 10 will be paved. 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. ODOT will be paying for 80% of the paving items, leaving the city's share at approximately \$307,463. This project is scheduled to begin sometime in July or early August.

The Service Department has begun paving the following streets at a total cost of approximately \$600,000:

Bender Road, Branch Street, Cornell Avenue (southern half), Fern Tree Lane, Gate Moss Oval, Leafy Mill Lane, Leslie Avenue, Mills Industrial Parkway, Olive Avenue (southern half), Wallace Blvd. (southern half), West Point Drive and Westwood Drive. As the Service Department moves through the list of streets, you'll find the latest schedule on the city's website.

In addition, the city will spend nearly \$300,000 this year on full-depth concrete repairs primarily on Highland Drive and Denise Drive.

FIRST ENERGY CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

There are a number of programs available to Ohio customers who are having difficulty paying their electric utility bills. The Financial Assistance Programs include Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP Plus), Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), HEAP Crisis Programs, and Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAE) Fuel Fund. Also offered are Ohio Energy Conservation Programs to include Community Connections Program, Ohio's Home Weatherization Assistance Program and Electric Partnership Plan. For more information or to determine eligibility, contact Ohio Edison at 1-800-633-4766.

REPLACEMENT OF MILLS ROAD BRIDGE OVER FRENCH CREEK

The city obtained a grant through the Ohio Department of Transportation's Municipal Bridge Program to provide federal funding for a major portion of the costs to replace the Mills Road bridge over French Creek. The bridge is located on Mills Road midway between Westminster Avenue and Greenwich Avenue. The replacement is necessary due to the serious condition of the bridge deck concrete slab, design loading deficiencies of the foundation, and inadequate waterway opening. The bridge width will be widened from 27 feet to 40 feet and sidewalks will be added. The project is in the preliminary design stage, and construction is estimated to begin in spring of 2020.

One lane of traffic will be maintained during construction with the use of portable temporary signals. Alternative detour routes will be 1) Route 83, Riegelsberger Road and Jaycox Road or 2) Route 83, Center Ridge Road and Jaycox Road. Part-width bridge construction will be used to complete the bridge in two phases. Temporary right-of-way will be acquired in order to provide space to construct temporary pavement to maintain traffic during construction. The total cost of the design, construction and right-of-way acquisition is estimated to be \$1,329,470. Federal grant funds total \$768,579.00.

If you have any questions, please contact the Engineering Department at (440) 353-0842.

LORAIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Lorain County Solid Waste Management District Collection Center announced new hours of operation for residents to drop off household hazardous waste, e-scrap, recyclables, fluorescent lamps and ballasts, scrap tires, and papers to be shredded. The new 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.

BOULDER DRIVE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

The water main on Boulder Drive will be replaced this year because of the number of breaks and the age of the infrastructure. The project is currently in the design phase and construction plans are to be completed by the end of July 2018. The project will go to bid with estimated construction to begin middle of September or early October and is expected to be completed in approximately 12 weeks, weather permitting. If you have any questions, please contact the Engineering Department at (440) 353-0842.

Did You Know...?

- you can sign up to receive eNews via email and/or text message. When the need arises that the city needs to communicate time-sensitive information to residents, e.g., road closures, bulk trash collection reminders, etc. an e-mail and/or text message will be sent to subscribers. Visit nridgeville.org and click on the eNews Signup tab to register for this free service.
- that 75-90% of car seats aren't installed properly? The Fire Department offers FREE car seat installations and checks. Call (440) 327-5311 to schedule an appointment to ensure a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician is on duty to assist you.
- permits are required to hold a garage sale or to sell a vehicle. The cost is \$2 per permit and limited to two each per calendar year. Garage/moving sales are to be no more than four consecutive days. Vehicle sale permits are for a period not to exceed thirty days. More information will be provided to you when obtaining your permit.
- recreational fires require a permit and can be obtained at no cost to the property owner and is valid for the entire year in which it was issued. To obtain a permit, visit nridgeville.org/Fire.aspx to access the link.
- there are sewer deduct meters available for outside water usage, allowing the customer to pay for water that is used outside without paying for the sanitary sewer usage. The cost for the water meter is \$275.10. For more information, contact the Utilities Department at (440) 353-0841.
- "Watch Your Speed...Please Drive Safely" signs are available at no cost to residents that would like to display one in their front yard. Stop by the Mayor's Office at City Hall to pick one up today.
- the city allows for a sanitary sewer credit based on the water consumption needed to fill a swimming pool. You must call the Utilities Department at (440) 353-0841 prior to filling the pool and the pool must be a minimum of four feet deep and the amount of water used must be equal to at least 80% of the volume needed to fill the entire pool.
- the city has available at no cost "No Soliciting" window decals for residents that would like to prevent unwanted solicitors. You can find an up-to-date list of registered solicitors on the city's website at nridgeville.org/PermitsandLicensing.aspx.
- FREE family entertainment is offered at South Central Park gazebo every Friday during the summer months. See Community Calendar on page 4 for details on the Movies in the Park and Summer Concert Series.

Community Calendar

- Daily** **Splash Pad** at South Central Park opens daily from 10 AM-8 PM thru Labor Day. The splash pad is free and open to North Ridgeville residents only.
- June 4, 18** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- June 8, 22** **Movies in the Park: 6-8 *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* and 6-22 *Spider-Man Homecoming***
Bring your chair, have a picnic dinner, catch up with your neighbors and enjoy the free movie series at South Central Park beginning at dusk.
- 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.
- June 13-16** **Citywide Garage Sale Days** – To register, visit the Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau between June 1-8 at 34845 Lorain Road or call (440) 327-3737 for more information. Please note: No garage sale permit from City Hall is needed to participate in this event.
- June 15, 29** **Summer Concert Series: 6-15 Hoop & Co. and 6-29 Brethren.** Free concert at South Central Park Gazebo from 7-9 PM. Bring the family out along with your lawn chairs or blanket to enjoy this traditional summer pastime.
- June 26** **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.
- July 2, 16** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- July 3** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Day**
- July 3** **Star Spangled Celebration** – Party in the Park at South Central Park from 7-9:30 PM. Fireworks at dark. Food vendors, bounce houses, balloon twisters and live music. *Rain date is July 5 – fireworks only.*
- July 4** **Independence Day** – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.
- July 6, 20** **Movies in the Park: 7-6 *The LEGO Batman Movie* and 7-20 *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle***
Bring your chair, have a picnic dinner, catch up with your neighbors and enjoy the free movie series at South Central Park beginning at dusk.
- July 13, 27** **Summer Concert Series: 7-13 The Attraxxion and 7-27 Sammy Deleon y su Orquesta**
Free concert at South Central Park Gazebo from 7-9 PM. Bring the family out along with your lawn chairs or blanket to enjoy this traditional summer pastime.
- July 26** **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.
- August 3** **Senior Center Fundraiser Summer Concert with Logan Wells** from 2-3 PM at the North Ridgeville Early Childhood Learning Community (behind Dairy Queen). Tickets are \$8 presale at the Senior Center or \$10 at the door. For more information, contact the Senior Center at (440) 353-0828.
- August 3, 24** **Movies in the Park: 8-3 *Coco* and 8-24 *Black Panther*.** Bring your chair, have a picnic dinner, catch up with your neighbors and enjoy the free movie series at South Central Park beginning at dusk.
- August 6, 20** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- August 7** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Day**
- August 10-12** **Corn Festival** on Bainbridge Road between Root Road and Avon Belden Road. For more information on festivities, please visit nrcornfest.org or call (440) 218-9802.
- August 17, 31** **Summer Concert Series: 8-17 Southern Cross Band and 8-31 Jam Machine**
Free concert at South Central Park Gazebo from 7-9 PM. Bring the family out along with your lawn chairs or blanket to enjoy this traditional summer pastime.
- August 23** **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.
- September 3** **Labor Day** – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.
- September 4, 17** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- September 5** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Day**
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