



# CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE

## Community Connection, Winter 2015-16

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### Mayor's Message...



First of all, let me start by saying thank you for providing me the opportunity to continue to serve as your Mayor for another four years. We have a number of projects in the works that I am happy to be a part of and bring to fruition in our great city. I have highlighted a few of the projects below and you'll find updates on several of them on the following pages:



- \* Center Ridge Road and Lear Nagle Road reconstruction projects
- \* A new assisted living facility to be constructed at the corner of Lorain Road and Bagley Road
- \* University Hospitals investment of \$32.4 million to build a state-of-the-art outpatient health center and freestanding emergency department on Lorain Road at the Turnpike entrance
- \* The school district is building a new grades 3-8 school and athletic complex on Bainbridge Road
- \* A proposed joint initiative with the City of Avon to construct a roundabout at the intersection of Route 83 and Mills Road
- \* A new Fire Station Headquarters. A sincere thank you goes out to the voters that supported issue #32 that will make the new fire station a reality. As we move forward with this project, updates will be posted on our city's website and will appear in subsequent newsletters.

Once these projects are completed, the landscape of the community will take on a new look and pave the way for future economic development. My administration has met with a number of prospective businesses that may locate to our city once the infrastructure is in place. Even though the construction phase may cause a few headaches along the way, when it is all said and done, it will be a time to celebrate our city's accomplishments.



If you haven't visited our parks recently, new artistic bike racks have been installed throughout our park system as part of the Communities Preventing Chronic Disease Grant. Another great addition to South Central Park is the new energy-efficient decorative lighting that illuminates the parking lot. We will continue to work towards adding more amenities to our parks as funds become available.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Ward 3 Councilman Dr. Ron Arndt and Ward 4 Councilman Bob Olesen for their years of service and dedication to the community as they finish up their terms at the end of December. I would like to welcome incoming Ward 3 Councilman Bruce Abens and Ward 4 Councilman Bob Chapek as they begin their journey serving the residents effective January 1, 2016.

I plan to continue the monthly Coffee & Conversations with the Mayor and invite you to stop in to enjoy casual conversation and a cup of coffee on me. The dates are included under the Calendar of Events section and are also posted on our city's website. Or, if you have any questions at any time, don't hesitate to contact my office at (440) 353-0811.

As we move into the holidays, may this joyous season bring you peace, health and happiness throughout the coming year.

*Mayor G. David Gillock*



## **PROJECT UPDATES:**

### **Olive Avenue Water Main Replacement**

The city has entered into a contract with Charles Akers Construction, Inc. for \$997,349 to replace the existing six- and eight-inch water mains on Olive Avenue, the six-inch water main on Lewis Street, the existing eight-inch water main on Branch Street and on Cross Street between Olive Avenue and Wallace Blvd. All existing water mains will be replaced with eight-inch mains. Construction is expected to begin in December 2015 with a completion date of May 2016. Traffic will be maintained during construction. Tree lawns, drives and other property disturbed by construction will be restored by the contractor at their cost.

### **Lear Nagle Road Widening**

The project includes the widening of Lear Nagle Road from just south of Center Ridge Road to Lorain Road, and the widening of Lorain Road, Chestnut Ridge Road and Cook Road on each side of the Lear Nagle Road intersection. The project also includes replacement of drives as required, new traffic signals, water main replacement, extension of two existing culverts, addition of storm sewers, and the addition of sidewalks. Columbia Gas of Ohio has completed their utility relocation work and Ohio Edison is in the process of relocating their facilities with an expected completion date of December 2015. Lorain County Engineer's Office will be administering the construction per City of North Ridgeville and Ohio Department of Transportation requirements and has awarded the \$947,854.75 construction contract to Terrace Construction Company, Inc. Construction is expected to begin in early Spring 2016, but some work such as the placement of temporary pavement for maintaining traffic may be performed prior to that date.

### **Center Ridge Road Widening**

The project includes the widening of Center Ridge Road from Stoney Ridge Road to Lear Nagle Road. It also includes the realignment of the Root Road and Ridgeview Blvd. intersection, new traffic signals, a 10 foot-wide multi-use path on the south side, storm sewers and four detention basins. Side streets will be improved adjacent to Center Ridge Road, and a new street named Sinta Run will be constructed from Jaycox Road to the Northridge Plaza (Marc's shopping center). The bridges over Robinson Ditch on Center Ridge Road and Root Road will be replaced.

Property acquisition by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is complete. A few parcels to be acquired using eminent domain are still in court, but access for the new permanent right-of-way has been obtained. ODOT is administering the building demolition contract, and work is well underway by All Aspects Contracting.

A new sanitary sewer will be installed on the south side of Center Ridge Road for the properties that do not currently have sewer service. These areas include approximately Ridge Plaza to 1,000 feet east of Ridge Plaza, 350 feet west of Root Road to 900 feet east of Root Road, 400 feet west of Jaycox Road to 1,700 feet east of Jaycox Road, 300 feet east of Emerald Street to 1,300 feet east of Emerald Street, and Main Avenue to 300 feet east of Broad Blvd. DiGioia Suburban Excavating LLC has been awarded the contract by the city for \$1,544,841. Construction is expected to begin in January 2016 near the Root Road intersection. Traffic and driveway access will be maintained during construction.

Utility relocation by Columbia Gas, Ohio Edison and Windstream is expected to begin as early as December 2015 and be completed by the end of 2016. ODOT is expected to advertise the roadway construction project in January 2017 and construction is expected to begin in the Spring of 2017. Two-way traffic will be maintained during construction.

### **State Route 83 Bridge Deck Replacement**

The Ohio Turnpike & Infrastructure Commission will be replacing the bridge deck on State Route 83 over the Ohio Turnpike. This project requires a two-phase deck replacement, with an anticipated start date of February 2016 and a completion date of June 2016. One lane, two-way traffic will be maintained at all times.

### **West Point Weir Modification**



Modifications were made to the West Point weir to take better advantage of the available storage in the 22-acre West Point detention basin. The primary orifice was reduced by half and the height of the weir was increased by 18 inches. Reducing the orifice size reduces the flows permitted to continue downstream and raising the height increases the amount of water that can be stored and released later. Completing this first step alone in our multi-step plan will



provide an additional 11 million gallons of storage at the West Point basin, and more importantly, reduce the base flood elevation six inches in the Pitts/Gina area.

## University Hospitals Coming to North Ridgeville

University Hospitals (UH) recently announced plans to build a \$32.4 million state-of-the-art outpatient health center and freestanding emergency department in North Ridgeville later this year with a projected completion date in 2017. The proposed 50,300-square-foot ambulatory health center and freestanding emergency department will sit on more than 30 acres of land on Lorain Road at the entrance to the Ohio Turnpike.



The new health center's design is being finalized and initial plans include a freestanding emergency department, outpatient laboratory services and physical therapy, primary and specialty care physician services. Services will include UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital pediatric services, heart and vascular, orthopaedics, pain management, general surgery and rehabilitation. A major component of the new facility is a freestanding emergency department which will be operational 24/7. The emergency department will be fully integrated medically and operationally with the UH system and provide leading-edge technology and imaging.

## News from the North Ridgeville Fire Department

On behalf of the members of the North Ridgeville Fire Department and Citizens for a Safe Community, I would like to thank the North Ridgeville community for overwhelmingly passing Issue #32 to build a new headquarters fire station. Below is one of many success stories that I would like to share with you which is a testament of what we do on a daily basis to keep our residents and community safe.

On July 16, 2015, Mrs. Kim Nakoff of North Ridgeville dialed 911 because her husband Charles had collapsed in their home. Charles, who is 56 years old, had no pulse and was not breathing. The 911 operator instructed Kim on how to begin performing CPR on her husband while waiting for help to arrive. Within 4 minutes the North Ridgeville Fire Department paramedics arrived and began to care for Charles. The paramedics placed Charles on the LUCAS CPR device, hooked him to a heart monitor, started an IV and began administering cardiac medications. Charles was also defibrillated (shocked) several times and transported to University Hospitals St. John Medical Center. On arrival, Charles was still pulseless and not breathing on his own. St. John's staff continued Charles' resuscitation efforts and eventually got a pulse and had Charles trying to breath on his own. In total, he was pulseless for over an hour! Charles spent several weeks in the hospital, but eventually walked out of the hospital with zero neurological deficits.

On November 4, 2015, Charles and Kim Nakoff attended the Heart Hero's Celebration that was organized by University Hospitals. Charles had dinner with me and the members of the North Ridgeville Fire Department that assisted with his care. Those members are Lieutenant/Paramedic Greg Laborie, Firefighter/Paramedic Colt Eberling, Firefighter/Paramedic Jeremy Mason, Firefighter/Paramedic Chris Federan and Firefighter/Paramedic Alex Shear. Everyone enjoyed the evening and the North Ridgeville Fire Department is very proud that Charles survived and will continue on with his life.

The North Ridgeville Fire Department has partnered with area hospitals to offer the most advanced emergency medical care possible. Last year's addition of the LUCAS devices to all of our Medic Units helped us to save Charles' life. Each year the Fire Department continues to update training and technology in order to provide our residents and visitors with the best care available.

If you have any questions or would like to tour any of our fire department facilities or see the equipment, please feel free to contact us at (440) 327-5311.

*Fire Chief John C. Reese*

## North Ridgeville Magazine 2015-16

By now you should have received the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the *North Ridgeville Magazine* in the mail. This annual publication is a joint initiative between the City of North Ridgeville and the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce and is produced at no cost to the city by Great Lakes Publishing. Extra copies of the publication are available at City Hall.



Please note on page 11 the following **correction**:

Cost of the Center Ridge Road Widening Project is **\$54.5 million** (not \$1.5 million)

## Community Calendar

- December 7, 8 Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days
- December 7, 21 City Council Meeting at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- December 9 Fair Housing Board Meeting at 10 AM in Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- December 17 Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock from 8-9 AM at City Diner, 34900 Center Ridge Road. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- December 24, 25 Christmas Holiday – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.
- December 27 Singing Angels will perform a free concert at St. Julie Billiard Church, 5500 Lear Nagle Road. Doors open at 3:30 PM. Sponsored by O'Neill Healthcare, North Ridgeville and The Woods at French Creek on behalf of the North Ridgeville Senior Center.
- January 1 New Year's Day – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.
- January 4, 5 Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days
- January 4, 19 City Council Meeting at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- January 4 Baseball/Softball online registration begins for tots t-ball (ages 3-4 years old) and baseball/softball program (ages 5-18 years old). Visit [nridgeville.org/parksandrec](http://nridgeville.org/parksandrec) to take advantage of early bird discount rates by registering before April 29 for t-ball and March 4 for baseball/softball.
- January 14 State of the City Address by Mayor G. David Gillock at the North Ridgeville Education Center. The event is sponsored by the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 327-3737.
- January 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.
- January 26 Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock from 8-9 AM 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.
- January 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.
- February 1, 2 Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days
- February 1, 16 City Council Meeting at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- February 13 Daddy Daughter Dance from 7-9 PM at the North Ridgeville Middle School. Cost per couple is \$30 resident/\$40 non-resident, each additional child \$10. Ages K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Pre-register January 4-February 5 by visiting [nridgeville.org/parksandrec](http://nridgeville.org/parksandrec) or call (440) 353-0860.
- February 15 Presidents' Day – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.
- February 26 Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock from 8-9 AM at Kim's Restaurant, 37863 Center Ridge Road. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- March 7, 8 Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days
- March 7, 21 City Council Meeting at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.



### Senior Center

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

- December 31 "Young at Heart" Happy New Year Breakfast 2016 at 9:30 AM at the Senior Center. Cost \$3.
- Jan. 14; Feb. 11; Mar. 10 Super Thursday Luncheon with entertainment at noon. Cost \$5.
- Jan. 7, 21; Feb. 4, 18 Men's Breakfast from 9-10 AM at the Senior Center. Cost \$3.
- Jan. 28; Feb. 25 Women's Brunch from 10:30-11:30 AM at the Senior Center. Cost \$3.

