



## Community Connection, Fall 2017

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### Mayor's Message...

This is an exciting time for North Ridgeville City Schools with the opening of the new North Ridgeville Academic Center. The new center houses grades 3 through 8 and is adjacent to the High School and Ranger Stadium. It is a state-of-the-art facility and progressive in the teaching and learning techniques that are being used in today's education. Also, with the kids back to school, please remember to drive safely and be aware of the children walking and biking to/from school and follow the laws regarding bus traffic and safety. We have so much to be proud of in our City and this is just one example as to why.



More good news! The City received our 25<sup>th</sup> grant approval from the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District in the amount of \$38,548.57 and nearly \$2 million in total. Funding is based on the total tonnage of recycling collected in each community in which North Ridgeville continues to be one of the community leaders in Lorain County when it comes to their residents recycling. These grant dollars received are earmarked for purchases of items that are made from recycled materials. Through the years, we have purchased items to benefit our community such as trash receptacles, picnic tables and benches, traffic cones, barrels and barricades, playground equipment and rubber mulch for playground areas, community message boards, food service containers for Meals on Wheels, recycling brochures, and so much more. The grant also provides us with the funds to purchase "Watch Your Speed" signs that we make available at no cost to our residents. If you would like a sign for your yard or development, please stop by the Mayor's Office to pick one up. Thank you for participating in our community's recycling program!



While we are on the subject of recycling, out-of-date Yellowbooks are recyclable. They have notified us that the Yellowbook phone book delivery of the Lorain County, OH directory will be delivered beginning October 5 through November 2. Residents have the choice to opt-out or request what publications they would like to receive by visiting [www.yellowpagesoptout.com](http://www.yellowpagesoptout.com).



The North Ridgeville Heart & Sole is asking residents to complete a short, anonymous survey. The responses help the group to decide what to do for the city of North Ridgeville next! Since 2014, Heart & Sole has invested nearly \$400,000 in our community, making the healthy choice easier. It takes less than 30 seconds! Please visit <https://goo.gl/rKosgy> to complete the survey no later than September 30.

With fall just around the corner, so are cooler temperatures and lots of family activities. Please check out the Community Calendar on the last page of the newsletter. I hope to see you at one of the upcoming events! If you have any questions, please contact my office at (440) 353-0811.

Sincerely,  
Mayor G. David Gillock

### Special Leaf Collection, October 31-November 28

Leaves may be placed at the curb in plastic bags beginning October 31 through November 28 on regular trash pick-up day. After November 28, 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.



# NEWS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## North Ridgeville Fire Department To Host Annual Health & Safety Fair



On Saturday, October 7 from 10 AM-2 PM (rain or shine), the Fire Department will host its annual Health & Safety Fair in observance of National Fire Safety Awareness Month. The safety fair is held at Fire Station #1 located at 7090 Avon Belden Road and is designed so that residents of our community can enjoy a fun-filled family-friendly day of tips about healthy living and home fire safety. There will be local businesses, hospitals, charitable organizations and city departments on hand to offer information and giveaway items. There is entertainment for the kids including a bounce house, fire safety trailer, and Kasey the Fire and Life Safety Dog show. All residents are invited to attend.

## Star Spangled Celebration A Huge Success



Founding Father John Adams famously predicted in a letter to his wife Abigail on July 3, 1776, that the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence would become a great celebration in our country. It would be marked by, among other things, “bonfires and illuminations, from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.”

The City of North Ridgeville has a long tradition of celebrating our nation’s birthday as Adams predicted – – with fireworks over South Central Park.

Thanks to an outpouring of support from area businesses and individuals in our great community, we once again had a fabulous display. Below is a list of our generous donors:

All Points Trucking, Inc. of NE Ohio  
The Baker Family  
R.W. Beckett Corp.  
Beckett Gas  
Bogner Family Funeral Home  
Branam Fastening Systems  
Bulk-N-Bushel  
Bernadine Butkowski  
J P Diederich Sons Inc.  
General Services  
Devona & Kevin Grundy  
Hall’s Towing  
Kalt Manufacturing Co.  
Kendall CPA’s LLC  
Kitchen Works

Kiwanis of North Ridgeville  
Frank & Mary Kuffa  
Thomas & Helen Lavelle  
North American Cronite Inc.  
North Ridgeville Auxiliary Police  
North Ridgeville Carstar  
North Ridgeville Chamber  
of Commerce  
North Ridgeville Corn Festival  
North Ridgeville Lions Club  
Casey L. O’Conor, DDS  
Poppees Popcorn  
VFW 9871 of Ohio Charities  
Veite Cryogenic Equipment  
and Service Corp.  
Wilson’s Tree Service



If you are interested in contributing to next year’s display, donations can be made out to “The North Ridgeville Fireworks Fund” and mailed to 7090 Avon Belden Road, North Ridgeville, OH 44039. We are looking forward to next year!

Thank you,  
*Chief John C. Reese and the North Ridgeville Fire Department*

## Simple Recycling – Free Curbside Recycling Program



North Ridgeville has a long history of recycling. The City started in 1992 by placing recyclable items in blue bags to be placed at curbside each week on trash day. Then, after piloting a two-cart system in several areas of the City the program was rolled out citywide in March 2011. Placing a mix of items from glass, plastic to paper in the green recycling containers has made it easier and more efficient for homeowners to take part in the community recycling program.

The City has signed an agreement, at **no cost** to the City or residents, with Simple Recycling to offer curbside collection of clothing, shoes, accessories, home goods such as kitchenware, books, toys, etc. Residents are provided orange Simple Recycling bags to place their items in and leave at curbside every Tuesday on collection day. Simple Recycling has trucks in the City every Tuesday to pick up the items left out in the orange bags. Additional bags are available by calling Simple Recycling at (866) 835-5068 or by e-mail at [info@simplerecycling.com](mailto:info@simplerecycling.com). To learn more about Simple Recycling visit [www.SimpleRecycling.com](http://www.SimpleRecycling.com).

Many residents already donate these items to North Ridgeville Community Care, Goodwill, Salvation Army, AMVETS, Planet Aid or other worthy organizations. You are encouraged to continue to donate your items to your charity of choice. This new program merely provides you with another option. The choice is yours.

Thank you for continuing to support the City’s recycling efforts and keeping waste out of landfills.

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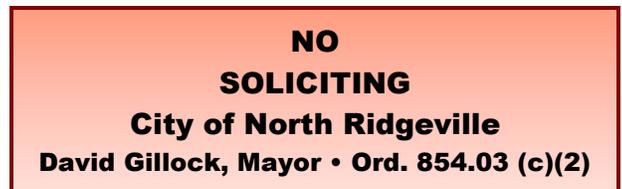
## Door-to-Door Solicitors

Chapter 854 of the North Ridgeville Codified Ordinance “Peddlers, Canvassers and Solicitors” defines this as any person who sells or offers for sale within the City any goods or chattels of any kind or description by going from house to house or from place to place through the streets of the City, taking such goods or chattels with him or her, or any person who sells such goods or chattels by subscription or by taking orders for future delivery of the same. This definition shall not apply to any minor under the age of eighteen years.

No solicitor who intends to go in or upon private property or a private residence for any commercial purpose shall do so without first registering in the Office of the Mayor and obtaining a solicitation permit. This permit is valid for one year from the date issued. Each solicitor at all times shall carry with him/her the permit to be shown when requested by the resident. If a solicitor is unable to produce a solicitation permit issued by the Mayor’s Office, please contact the North Ridgeville Police Department immediately at (440) 327-2191 to report the incident. All door-to-door activity, of any nature, shall be restricted to the hours of 10 AM to 8 PM on Monday through Saturday and Noon to 5 PM on Sunday.

A “no solicitation or canvassing” sign posted in a visible and prominent location at a residence shall be sufficient to notify any unwanted peddlers, canvassers or solicitors that the permittee may not come upon the premises or if upon the premises the solicitor or canvasser shall leave immediately upon becoming aware of the sign or being made aware of the sign. If a solicitor ignores the sign and proceeds to conduct business in such a manner as to constitute a trespass upon private property or fraud, misrepresentation or false statements made in the course of conducting the activity, please report this to the Administrative Offices at (440) 353-0819. Permits may be revoked for any violation of the ordinance.

There are free “No Soliciting” window decals available at City Hall for residents that would like to prevent unwanted solicitors. You can find the ordinance in its entirety and an up-to-date list of registered solicitors on the City’s website at [nridgeville.org](http://nridgeville.org).



## Community Calendar

- September 5, 18** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- September 6** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Day**
- September 9** **Garden Club of North Ridgeville** will be sponsoring a plant and bake sale from 9 AM-1 PM at the Giant Eagle Plaza (by the Dollar Tree). For more information contact Brenda at (440) 365-8522.
- September 20** **Big Band Dance and Concert** from 7-10 PM at Emerald Event Center, 33040 Just Image Drive in Avon. Featuring the music of Dan Zola Orchestra. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance at the Senior Center.
- September 22** **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.
- September 22** **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 2, 16** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- October 3** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Day**
- October 6, 7** **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 Club and will take place at South Central Park from 6-9 PM. Cost is \$2 per person. Non-perishable food items will be collected to benefit Community Care.
- October 7** **Fire Department Health & Safety Fair** from 10 AM-2 PM at Fire Station #1, 7090 Avon Belden Road. This is a fun-filled family-friendly event with tips about healthy living and home fire safety. There's entertainment for the kids including a bounce house, fire safety trailer and Kasey the Fire and Life Safety Dog show. Admission is free.
- October 7** **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, straw fight and hay rides (weather permitting).
- October 19** **Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock** from 8-9 AM at Gourmé Family Restaurant, 32775 Lorain Road. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- October 27** **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.
- October 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.
- October 30** **Lorain County General Health District Flu Shot Clinic** from 1-3 PM at the Senior Center. Medicare and most major insurances are accepted. For more information or questions, call the LCGHD at (440) 322-6367.
- Oct. 30-Dec. 8** **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.
- October 31** **Trick-or-Treat** will be observed 6-7:30 PM – citywide. 
- Oct. 31-Nov. 28** **Special Leaf Collection** - Leaves may be placed at the curb in plastic bags on regular trash pick-up days.
- November 5** **Daylight Savings Time Ends.** As a reminder, turn your clocks back one hour.
- November 6, 20** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- November 7** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Day**
- November 7** **Election Day** – Exercise your right to vote. Polls open at 6:30 AM and close at 7:30 PM.
- November 10** **Veterans Day** – City Hall closed in observance of the holiday.
- Nov. 17-Jan. 1** **Magic of Lights** – Drive-thru holiday light festival open daily from 6-10 PM at Victory Park Ohio. For more information visit [www.MagicOfLights.com](http://www.MagicOfLights.com).
- November 23, 24** **Thanksgiving Holiday** – City Hall closed in observance of the holiday.
- November 28** **Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock** from 5:30-6:30 PM at City Hall in the Conference Room. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- December 2** **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.  
**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.
- December 4, 18** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- December 5** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Day**
- December 6** **Fair Housing Board Meeting** at 10 AM in the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.