

**City of North Ridgeville**  
**Mayor's Message**  
**Winter 2017-2018**

It's hard to believe that 2017 is coming to a close. This year has been incredibly busy and we've accomplished a lot. To learn more about highlights from this year and the outlook for 2018, please consider attending my State of the City Address on Friday, January 19, 2018 from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM at the North Ridgeville Academic Center. The event is sponsored by the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce and does require reservations. For more information or to reserve a seat, please contact Marjorie Snyder at (440) 327-3737.

Let's not forget about the less fortunate in our community during this joyous holiday season. North Ridgeville Community Care does a wonderful job throughout the entire year providing goods and services including food, clothing, rent and utility assistance for those in need from generous donations provided by our community and beyond. During the holidays, they administer an Adopt-A-Child Program and open up the Christmas Store for their clients to shop for their family members. Again, the Christmas Store is stocked with all of the donations provided by our wonderful community members. So, while you are out shopping this holiday season, please consider adding Community Care to your shopping list. For more information on how you can help, please call Community Care at (440) 353-9716.

In the spirit of giving, thank you to the North Ridgeville Corn Festival Committee for their generous contribution of 43 personal flotation vests that were donated to the North Ridgeville Police Department.

I am happy to share the new Fire Station that will be built on Ranger Way across from the new North Ridgeville Academic Center is moving forward with groundbreaking to occur the first week in January 2018. The new station was designed by Mull & Weithman Architects and recently the bid was awarded to Infinity Construction. The new station is slated to open in Spring 2019. As the project moves forward, more information will be shared on our city's website.

Another project moving forward is the Center Ridge Road widening project. Bids are currently being accepted by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) with an award date of December 11, 2017. Construction is scheduled to begin April 2, 2018 with an expected completion date of October 2019. As the project moves forward and we receive updates from ODOT, these details will be communicated via our website and in future issues of the Community Connection.

The construction along the Lorain Road corridor is moving along quite nicely. The erection of University Hospitals just east of the Ohio Turnpike entrance is looking more like a hospital with each passing day. The opening of this facility may be as early as October 2018. Also on Lorain Road at Victory Lane, Burger King is underway and will open for business in early 2018. First Federal Lakewood recently celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony at their new location at the corner of Lear Nagle Road and Center Ridge Road. The former bank location at Pitts Blvd. and Center Ridge Road will be demolished as part of the Center Ridge Road widening project. Let's not forget Arby's on Center Ridge Road. They recently closed for renovations and are now open for business.

In closing, I would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

*Mayor G. David Gillock*