City of North Ridgeville Mayor's Message, Summer 2017

With the summer months upon us, so are warm temperatures, sunshine and orange barrel season.

Let's start by addressing the planned construction for the coming months.

Lear Nagle Road widening project is in its final stages with Terrace Construction working at the intersection of Chestnut Ridge Road and Lear Nagle Road. Beginning June 5 at 6 AM, Chestnut Ridge Road will be closed from Lear Nagle to approximately 500 feet west for 30 days weather permitting to install new pavement, curbs, driveways and sidewalks. They'll also continue their work on Lear Nagle to complete the curbs, driveways and sidewalks followed by restoration of properties (top soil, seed and mulch) and finally the permanent striping. The contractor is ahead of schedule; however, they do have until October 2017 to complete the project.

Center Ridge Road continues to move forward with utility relocation underway; however, the majority of this work is completed. This project is being overseen by the Ohio Department of Transportation and is expected to go out to bid with an award date of November 13, 2017. The construction phase of the road is planned for April 2, 2018 thru October 11, 2019.

Jaycox Road Extension and Water Main Project are well underway and on schedule to be done by August 15, 2017. The road will consist of three lanes south of Center Ridge to the new North Ridgeville City School District's Academic Center and will also allow access to the new fire station which is scheduled to break ground later this year.

Mills Road/Route 83 Roundabout construction will begin after Ohio Public Works Commission releases the grant funds of up to \$693,722 to offset the cost of this \$1.2 million project which is expected to occur July 2017. The remaining funds needed to complete this major project will be split between the City of North Ridgeville and the City of Avon. To complete the construction in the most efficient and cost-effective manner, this intersection will be closed for approximately two months. When more concrete information becomes available as to the timeline of this closure, you'll find the information on the City's website at nridgeville.org.

Let's move on to warm temperatures and sunshine.

Movies in the Park will be held this summer on select Friday nights sponsored by our very own Parks & Recreation Department. Bring your chairs, a picnic dinner, catch up with your neighbors and friends and enjoy the free movie series at South Central Park. Movies will begin at dusk on the following Friday nights: June 16, 30; July 14, 28 and August 4, 25. For movie updates during the season including cancellations because of weather conditions, visit the Rainout Line tab on the Parks & Recreation website at nridgeville.org/parksandrec.

Star Spangled Celebration will take place at South Central Park on Monday, July 3 from 7-9:30 PM. Enjoy a fun-filled family event as we celebrate our Independence. There will be food vendors, live music, bounce houses and face painting prior to the spectacular fireworks show at dark. *Rain date for the fireworks only will be Wednesday, July 5*.

Corn Festival will take place August 11-13, 2017. This event is sponsored by the North Ridgeville Corn Festival Committee. For more information and schedule of events, visit their website at nrcornfest.org or by phone at (440) 218-9802.

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What better way to enjoy a family gathering than at our parks and to enjoy all the amenities they have to offer. I would like to remind you that the gazebo and pavilions at South Central Park are available for rental. Contact our Parks & Recreation staff at (440) 353-0860 to plan your next outing.

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

Sincerely, *Mayor G. David Gillock*