

## Community Connection, Spring 2017

### Mayor's Message

During my State of the City Address in January, I opened up the event by stating “I can honestly say that 2016 was the busiest year of my thirteen years as Mayor.” With a number of projects already underway and several on the horizon, I’ve highlighted just a few below. For the complete transcript or video of my speech, visit the City’s website at [nridgeville.org/StateoftheCity.aspx](http://nridgeville.org/StateoftheCity.aspx).

**Lear Nagle Road Reconstruction Project** is ahead of schedule. Terrace Construction will be returning this spring to replace the Chestnut Ridge Road and Lear Nagle Road intersection and to finish driveways, sidewalks, catch basins and to restore properties.

**Center Ridge Road Reconstruction Project** continues to move forward with the utility relocation to make way for the new road. The Ohio Department of Transportation moved the award bid date to November 13, 2017 with construction to begin in April 2018 with an estimated completion date of October 2019.

**Performance Lane** leading to Riddell and Brunswick Zone is now open for use. In addition to the road, utilities, sanitary sewer and waterline were installed.

**Jaycox Road Extension and Water Main Project** construction will begin in April 2017 with an anticipated completion date of August 15, 2017. The road will consist of three lanes south of Center Ridge Road to the new grades 3-8 school parking lot and will allow access to the new fire station that will be built just north of the new school complex. As part of the road project, storm sewers, a new waterline, sidewalks, storm water quality basin and other related work will also be installed.

**Mills Road/Route 83 Roundabout** remains on schedule for construction to begin this summer. This is a joint project with the City of Avon using Ohio Public Works Commission grant funds. Construction costs are estimated at \$1.2 million, less grant funds of \$600,000 leaving North Ridgeville and Avon with \$300,000 each. To complete the construction in the most efficient and cost-effective manner, the intersection will be closed for approximately two months with a temporary road constructed from the north side of Route 83 to the east side of Mills Road.

**Street Paving** by our Service Department in 2016 covered 5.5 miles of streets and 1.5 miles of tar and chip. Planned for 2017, is an estimated total of \$1,120,000 in street paving, a 37% increase over last year. The City will be participating this year in the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Urban Paving Program to pave portions of Lorain Road and alternate State Route 83 at a shared cost.

**Rehabilitate Four Tennis Courts** at South Central Park in the coming months. The City’s Parks & Recreation Department received the NatureWorks Grant in the amount of \$52,244 through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. When completed, the courts will serve a dual purpose – tennis and pickleball.

**Commercial Projects** are on the rise and with the pending Center Ridge Road widening project, I anticipate this will continue once the infrastructure is in place. I have highlighted a few projects below:

- Riddell's new 347,000 square-foot facility on Center Ridge Road at Case Road is nearing completion. They are expected to begin moving their operations from their current facility in Elyria to the new facility in late March.
- North Ridgeville City School District plans to begin the 2017-18 school year in their new grades 3-8 school adjacent to the High School; and, the new Ranger Stadium at the new complex opened in August 2016.
- University Hospitals North Ridgeville Health Center held a groundbreaking ceremony on September 27, 2016. Construction of the 50,000 square-foot facility on Lorain Road will tentatively begin in March 2017.
- Lake Bella Investments will construct a new 12,000 square-foot office building on Cook Road to house Alber & Rice, a structural engineering firm and another tenant to be announced at a later date.
- First Federal Lakewood will be relocating from its current location at Center Ridge Road and Pitts Blvd. to the southwest corner of Lear Nagle Road and Center Ridge Road. Construction is scheduled to begin this year.
- Harvest Ridge Church, although not a commercial project, is under construction to add 15,000 square feet to their existing facility.
- WOW! Cable is continuing to install their infrastructure throughout the City. Residents will soon have an alternative to Spectrum (formerly Time Warner).

I want to take this opportunity to thank our community for their continuing support of these projects. If you have any questions, please call my office at (440) 353-0811

Sincerely,

Mayor G. David Gillock