

**City of North Ridgeville**  
**Mayor's Message, Fall 2017**

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 25th 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While we are on the subject of recycling, out-of-date Yellowbooks are recyclable.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*