

# Community Connection

Quarterly newsletter of the City of North Ridgeville ~ April 2009

## Mayor's Message...

By the time you get this, our Spring and Summer sports program will be underway. Soccer sign ups, City softball and baseball and Hot Stove baseball are some of the many ways for your kids and grandkids to be involved in a team sport and learning, of course, those skills necessary to play the game. These are lessons that will become invaluable later on, lessons like sharing, good sportsmanship, how to win gracefully and, of course, how to make the best of losing. It is interesting to me to look at the number of the children involved in our programs, which I'll get back to.



Mayor St. David Hillock

We have a great softball and baseball facility at Shady Drive that will be even better after we add ADA approved bathroom facilities at the South end of the park this year. In the rear, we have a great multi-purpose field that was graded and drained a couple of years ago that the North Ridgeville Mini-Rangers play on.

The Root Road Soccer Complex received new bathroom facilities last year and the Soccer Boosters are working hard on renovating and adding to the concession stand.

We've still got some work to do at Frontier Park where the North Ridgeville Football League and cheerleaders play and we plan on adding bathroom facilities there next year. Drainage was added last year and the parking lot has been substantially improved.

Our booster programs are deeply involved in making each of these facilities so much better. We can't thank them enough.

Below are the numbers from the 2008 sports year. You will see we have hundreds of kids and adults involved in our sports programs and they continue to grow each year. It is the goal of Parks and Recreation, Ground Maintenance, the City Administration and Council to provide the best facilities we can. We want you to know we appreciate seeing our residents enjoying the City parks. Have a great season!

### 2008 TOT PROGRAMS

Tot Instructional T-Ball .....	52
Tot Instructional Soccer .....	137
Tot Instructional Flag Football .....	68

### 2008 SPORTS LEAGUES

Youth Basketball .....	295
Baseball .....	959
Softball .....	209
Mini Rangers Football .....	50
Mini Rangers Cheerleading .....	20
North Ridgeville Amateur Soccer League .....	Spring .....721
.....Fall .....	556
.....Traveling .....	150
North Ridgevill Football League .....	345
North Ridgeville Football Cheerleaders .....	105
Adult Softball .....	420
Women's Tennis .....	6



## Issue 11 on the Ballot May 5, 2009



The City of North Ridgeville and the Fire Department (NRFD) take pride in the services that we provide for our customers, the residents and visitors of North Ridgeville. We would like to take this opportunity to provide an accounting of how your tax dollars are being spent and an explanation of the proposed changes. As you may already know, the NRFD began the paramedic service under a 2.0 mil tax levy that was originally passed in November of 1994. Since that time, the levy has come up for renewal or replacement several times and each time has passed overwhelmingly. The current levy was passed as a 1.75 mil levy in 2004, which was a reduction in millage from the original 2.0 mil because of an increase in the number of homes.

Our cost for medical oxygen in 2004 was \$1,645.00 and in 2008 was \$2,858.00, an increase of 74%. The fuel for our paramedic ambulances in 2008 was \$17,657.00, an increase of 236% from our 2004 cost of \$5,266.00. The 2009 paramedic ambulance was purchased at a cost of \$178,374.00 compared to the unit purchased in 2004 for \$138,528.08. As you can see, the cost of providing paramedic services has risen as has most other health care costs.

It helps to know, when analyzing these increases, that our ambulance runs have also increased. Our service cared for 1684 patients in 2004 as compared to 2004 patients in 2008, a 19% increase. The NRFD added a third crew of paramedics each day that can respond to any medical or fire emergency in the City. This increase in the number of paramedics and ambulances was made for the first time since 1979.

Another important improvement has been our effectiveness in treating a patient with chest pain. In cooperation with St. John and West Shore Hospital, the NRFD now provides improved "heart attack" confirmation via 12-lead EKG's, purchased by St. John and West Shore Hospital for our paramedic ambulances at a cost of \$40,000.00 These allow paramedics to recognize "heart attacks" in the squad more effectively so that a patient can be taken directly to a cardiac catheterization lab upon arrival at the hospital. Time is of the essence when dealing with heart problems. The NRFD also uses paramedic levy monies to provide outreach education programs to our residents and businesses. CPR and AED classes have been very popular. Contact the Fire Department at 440-327-5311 for further information. Who knows, you may save a life!

Issue 11 will be on the ballot this May 5 as a 1.75 mil replacement to continue our paramedic service. Because it is a replacement, it will result in an increase in taxes to help compensate for our increased costs. The owner of a \$100,000.00 home will realize an increase of \$9.55 a year. This works out to .80 cents a month or just three cents per day to keep our community safe. The NRFD has kept stats via patient satisfaction surveys in order to assure that we are providing the best possible care. Thanks to the passage of the previous paramedic levies, our patients have been overwhelmingly satisfied with our services. Please take the opportunity to get out and vote!



## Pride Day



Show your *City pride* and join the many North Ridgeville residents on Saturday, May 16 for a morning of sprucing up our City. Planting, litter patrol, tree branch collection and other projects will be taking place on *City property*. If you are interested in helping or know of an area that needs some attention, please contact Missy at 353-0880.



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## *SHRED-IT*

North Ridgeville is ready to help residents fight identity theft, one of the fastest growing crimes in the country. Because identity theft costs Americans billions of dollars every year, it's vital for consumers to protect their identities and private information. Shredding personal paperwork is the key to protection!

The City contracts with Shred-It for three on-site locked shredding consoles that hold specially designed secure "Blue Bags". A bonded Customer Service Representative from Shred-It picks up the console contents on an eight week schedule and takes the filled blue bags to their mobile shredding truck. Here the documents are immediately shredded into unidentifiable small pieces. This process is observed by an employee of the Clerk of Council's office to further ensure the security of the City's confidential records. The Shred-It trucks are incredibly powerful, turning even clipboards and cardboard into fine confetti that can't possibly be reconstructed. There is no need to separate fine papers, staples and paperclips. Shred-It is a company who supports the manufacturing of many different types of recycled paper products. In fact, every time two Shred-It consoles are filled by City employees, we're saving a tree and becoming part of a network that saves over seven million trees a year worldwide. Thus far, the City's use of the Shred-It consoles has saved 56 trees. This is how the City insures all our citizens' personal information is safe and secure.

As part of the City's annual contract with Shred-It, a truck is provided one day a year for our residents use in destroying their confidential paperwork. In 2005, the City began to host a resident Shred-It Day in conjunction with Pride Day and the Pancake Breakfast at the Senior Center. Since 2005, Shred-It has seen 566 vehicles providing approximately 19,020 pounds of paper which have resulted in a savings of 227 trees.

North Ridgeville residents are invited and encouraged to shred their documents, free of charge, during North Ridgeville Shred-It Day on Saturday, May 16, 2009, rain or shine. The Shred-It truck will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the parking lot at the North Ridgeville Senior Center, 7327 Avon Belden Road. Bring your documents to Shred-It and get a coupon worth .50 cents off for each family member at the Fire Department Pancake Breakfast from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center!



## *Traffic Signal Timing*



On Wednesday, March 4, 2009, new traffic signal timing was installed on all Center Ridge Road traffic signals from Lear Nagle Road to Avon Belden Road. A contract was entered into in late 2008 between the City of North Ridgeville and TMS Engineers, Inc. of Stow, Ohio. The \$21,265.00 project was funded by the Ohio Department of Transportation as a means to reduce traffic crashes on this section of US Route 20. Below are some of the improvements that will occur as a result of the timing changes:

- Eastbound traffic will see an average of a 14% reduction in delay.
  - Westbound traffic will see an average of a 9% reduction in delay.
  - Average eastbound traffic stops will be reduced by 2 stops.
  - Average westbound traffic stops will be reduced by 1.2 stops.
  - Fuel consumption will be reduced by 142.87 gallons per day or 52,148 gallons per year. At \$2 per gallon, that is a savings of over \$100,000.00 per year for Center Ridge Road drivers.
  - Hydrocarbon emissions will be reduced by about 198 lbs. per day or 72,343 lbs. per year.
  - Nitrogen Oxide emissions will be reduced by about 26.25 lbs. per day or 9,581 lbs. per year.
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## Quarterly Calendar

-  April 23 SUPER THURSDAY LUNCHEON noon at the Senior Center, \$5 at the door, RSVP at 353-0828.
-  April 24 SPAGHETTI DINNER fund raiser at the Senior Center, 5-7 p.m.
-  May 5 ELECTION DAY
-  May 9 FISHING DERBY at South Central Park from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., co-sponsored by the North Ridgeville Fire Department and the Fishing Club for boys & girls, grades 1-12, cost is FREE. Bring your own pole and bait. Prizes awarded while you eat.
-  May 10 MOTHER'S DAY
-  May 16 PRIDE DAY 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., sprucing up North Ridgeville. Contact Missy at 353-0880.  
FIREMEN'S ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST at the Senior Center, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
SHRED-IT TRUCK will be in the Senior Center parking lot 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
-  May 19 VISITING NURSE'S ASSOCIATION presentation, "Emergency Preparedness", 2:15 p.m. at the Senior Center. Call 353-0828 to register. Refreshments will be served.
-  May 22 SUPER THURSDAY LUNCHEON noon at the Senior Center, \$5 at the door, RSVP at 353-0828.
-  May 25 MEMORIAL DAY CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED.  
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 9:45 a.m., Center Ridge Rd. from Marc's to the Middle School.  
MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY at Ranger Stadium immediately following the parade.  
SPLASH PAD Hours of Operation, Memorial Day thru Labor Day, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
-  May 30 MOVIE IN THE PARK shown at dusk in South Central Park, *Shrek the Third*.
-  June 1 SHADY DRIVE COMPLEX OPENING DAY, 5-8 p.m. - start of City Baseball/Softball Season.
-  June 16 SUMMER CONCERT at the Gazebo in South Central Park, 7-9 p.m., *Mizbehavin*.
-  June 17-20 CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE - contact the Chamber of Commerce at 327-3737 for details. Registration through the Visitor's Bureau, June 1-13 at a cost of \$5, at 33845 Lorain Road.
-  June 21 FATHER'S DAY
-  June 25 SUPER THURSDAY LUNCHEON noon at the Senior Center, \$5 at the door, RSVP at 353-0828.
-  June 27 MOVIE IN THE PARK shown at dusk in South Central Park, *Kung Fu Panda*.
-  June 28 DOG DAYS OF SUMMER, 5-8 p.m. at the Splash Pad, for dogs and their owners.
-  June 30 SUMMER CONCERT at the Gazebo in South Central Park, 7-9 p.m., *Midnight Hour*.
-  July 3 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION; Party in the Park 6-8:30 p.m. at South Central Park; **Fireworks at dusk.**
-  July 14 SUMMER CONCERT at the Gazebo in South Central Park, 7-9 p.m., *Crosslight*.
-  July 16 MEN'S BREAKFAST AND CAR SHOW at the Senior Center. Breakfast at 9 a.m. \$2.50 per person. Register at 353-0828.

*City Baseball/Softball Registration is on-going in the Parks & Rec. office until the leagues are full or the season starts. Contact Parks & Rec at 353-0860.*