

North Ridgeville

Community Connection

Quarterly newsletter of the City of North Ridgeville ~ April 2010

Mayor's Message...

It's that time again! Construction season is upon us and orange barrels will be popping up like mushrooms all over the City. Let me bring you up to date on some of the projects that are currently underway or that will be later this year.

All work has been completed on the 30 inch Lorain Road high pressure water main connection to the North Ridgeville Bagley Road water line. To avoid damaging the existing water mains with "water hammer", the pressure from the new connection is being increased in small increments. By the time lawn sprinkling weather occurs, the full allowable pressure will be reached. Also, to help balance the system, the pressure at Root Road and Lorain Road is also going to be increased slightly. Unless there are individual water connection problems, this should increase water pressure reliability in the southeast area of North Ridgeville.



Mayor St. David Sillock

Because of the time required to order and build the concrete box sections for the Boulder Drive culvert replacement, actual culvert work will be starting in late April, early May. The Ohio Edison and Columbia Gas work has been completed. Only one traffic lane will be maintained during the culvert construction work, thus, drivers will need to exercise caution in the area. Work is expected to be completed by the end of July.

Construction on the temporary pavement on the south side of Lorain Road (Phase 3A) will begin soon. Additional work has been required by the gas company as the gas line was not in the plan location and must be relocated along part of the roadway. Traffic will be maintained in both directions during the construction work but there may still be times when delays will be encountered. After completion of temporary pavement on the south side of Lorain Road, work on the permanent concrete pavement will begin on the north side of Lorain Road followed by construction of the permanent concrete pavement on the south side. Work is scheduled to be completed by July 1, 2010.

Plan development is well under way by the consultant hired by the City for Phase 3B which extends from Honeycut to Island Road. When the City receives official notice in July from the Ohio Public Works Commission that we have obtained the funding, we should be ready to go to bid. Completion of this work is expected by late October.

In addition, although you will not see actual construction this year, we continue to work on widening both Center Ridge Road and Lear Nagle. We have been advised that we will be receiving a grant from the Transportation Review and Advisory Committee (TRAC) for approximately \$700,000 towards the Environmental Study that is required by the ODOT 14 step procedure for minor roadway projects (Center Ridge widening). This will require a match of about \$230,000 from the City and we anticipate this expenditure occurring in 2011 (assuming the Street Levy is renewed). We have also obtained "Tier II" status for the project, which means that TRAC considers it a viable project. This ultimately improves our chances of receiving future funding towards this \$30,000,000 project.

In regards to Lear Nagle widening to four lanes, the design engineering work continues towards completion. Congresswoman Betty Sutton requested an earmark of \$9,200,000 in the next federal budget to provide funding for this project. Approval will depend upon the budget process, but at least we are up for consideration and potential funding.



Street Levy Fund

The Street Levy Fund is supported by property taxes received from a voted tax for the construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of roads and bridges. This levy was originally placed on the May ballot in 1990. The Roads and Bridges Levy will only cost an additional .59 cents per month based on \$100,000.00 or \$7.08 per year. Work funded from this levy is to be used in long term projects and equipment that will last at least five years. This levy will also provide matching fund money for projects that would also be state funded. The replacement of concrete pads, curbs and the purchase of crack seal materials will help protect and prevent our road foundation from deterioration and will also give our Service Department the ability to continue street painting and street striping, indicating school zones, edge lines, center lines, turning arrows and pedestrian cross walks, keeping our community safe. The Service Department has been able to purchase our own roller and paving machine, enabling us to perform in-house secondary side street paving and resurfacing. A towable air compressor and jackhammer was also purchased to remove broken concrete and asphalt. These items have saved the taxpayers significantly based upon our ability to perform the work rather than outsourcing the work. The Street Levy Fund cannot be used for salaries or wages.

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Fire Department Thanks!

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The Fire Department is proud to thank our residents for their overwhelming support in passing the Paramedic Levy in May of 2009. Passage of the Paramedic Levy has allowed the Fire Department to provide our residents with an outstanding Advanced Life Support ambulance service in which our Paramedics bring the emergency room to your home. These Paramedics are the same personnel that put on their fire gear to participate in fire suppression rescue incidents. Simply put, one call does it all to protect the life and property of our residents.

Your Fire Department is currently funded by three sources, the City's General Fund, the Paramedic Levy and the Fire Levy, each providing for about one-third of our operating budget. The Fire Levy will only cost residents an additional .59 cents per month based on \$100,000.00 home valuation which amounts to \$7.08 per year. This May, the Fire Levy is up for replacement, originally approved in 1975. Although our community and demand for services is growing, we feel the residents will be well provided for with our current service levels. Again, thank you for your continued support!

Working With Our Youth

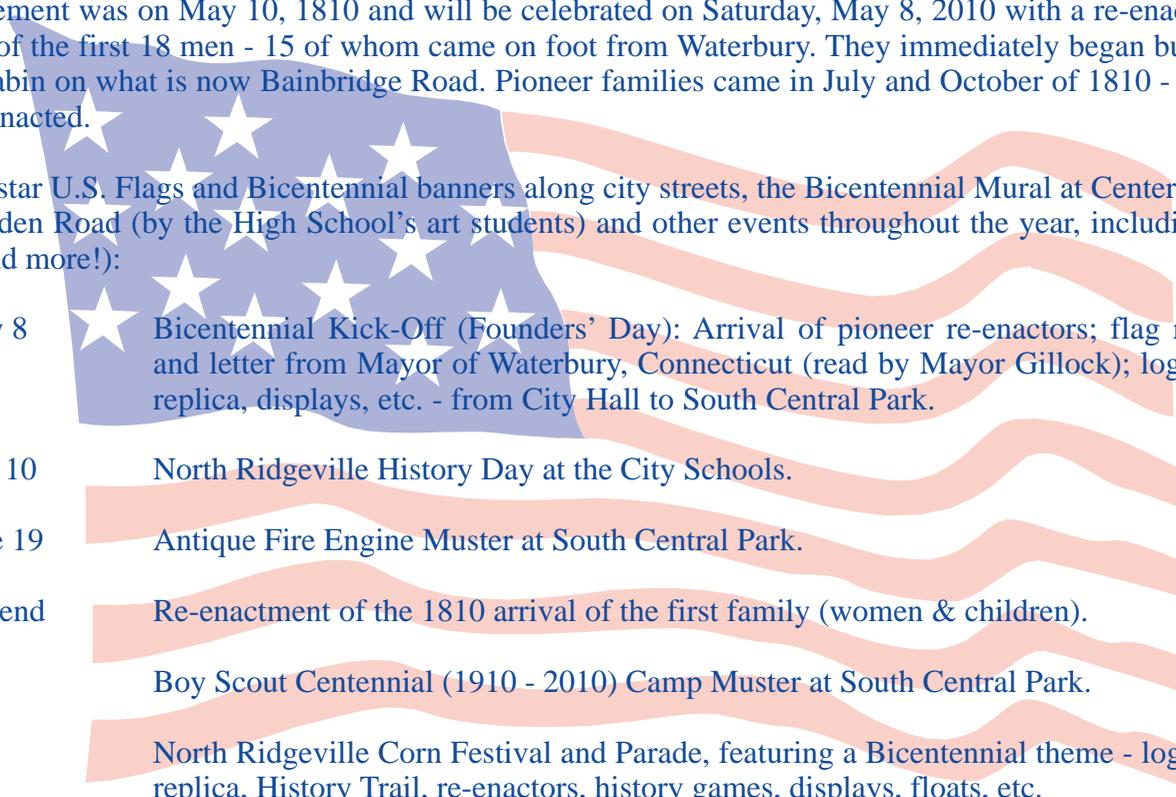
The Police Department believes that it is important to invest in our community's future and that future, in large part, rests in our youth. Understanding this, the Police Department is involved in various pro-active programs to positively interact with our youngest citizens at various levels. At the pre-school ages we have helped almost 2000 children over the last decade learn about general safety issues and "stranger danger" with our very popular Safetyville Program. In grades K-12 officers interact with both students and staff at our local schools through Operation P.R.E.S.S. (Police Resources Enhancing School Security). In this program officers visit each school daily at random intervals to provide a police presence, receive and disseminate information and handle issues before they become serious problems. Through our Explorer program we work with our teens. Here they receive some rudimentary law enforcement training, get involved in group projects and competitions and enjoy recreational activities that enhance group bonding such as white water rafting trips, paintball games and repelling. In addition, the Police Department provides station tours and K-9 demonstrations to youth groups upon request. If you would like more information, please contact us at 440-327-6009.

Did You Know?

Did you know that it has been 200 years since the first pioneers settled in the area we now call North Ridgeville, walking 600 miles from Waterbury, Connecticut to live in a thickly-wooded wilderness?

The first settlement was on May 10, 1810 and will be celebrated on Saturday, May 8, 2010 with a re-enactment of the arrival of the first 18 men - 15 of whom came on foot from Waterbury. They immediately began building the first log cabin on what is now Bainbridge Road. Pioneer families came in July and October of 1810 - events also to be re-enacted.

Watch for 15-star U.S. Flags and Bicentennial banners along city streets, the Bicentennial Mural at Center Ridge and Avon-Belden Road (by the High School's art students) and other events throughout the year, including the following (And more!):

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| Saturday, May 8 | Bicentennial Kick-Off (Founders' Day): Arrival of pioneer re-enactors; flag raising and letter from Mayor of Waterbury, Connecticut (read by Mayor Gillock); log cabin replica, displays, etc. - from City Hall to South Central Park. |
| Monday, May 10 | North Ridgeville History Day at the City Schools. |
| Saturday, June 19 | Antique Fire Engine Muster at South Central Park. |
| July 4th Weekend | Re-enactment of the 1810 arrival of the first family (women & children). |
| August 6-8 | Boy Scout Centennial (1910 - 2010) Camp Muster at South Central Park. |
| August 13-15 | North Ridgeville Corn Festival and Parade, featuring a Bicentennial theme - log cabin replica, History Trail, re-enactors, history games, displays, floats, etc. |
| September | Congregational UCC Antique Car Show and "Ghost Walk" of Ridgeville's founders and early settlers at Ridgeville Center Cemetery (north side of Center Ridge). |
| October | Re-enactment of more pioneer families arriving in 1810. |

Quarterly Calendar

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|  | April 22 | WOMEN'S BRUNCH at the Senior Center at noon, \$2.50, RSVP to 353-0828. |
|  | April 24 | GREEN FEST at South Central Park, 10 AM - 3 PM. Earth Awareness Day to recycle, reduce and reuse. Friends of the Park and Parks and Recreation sponsor. <i>Look for new recycling containers in the parks!</i> Visit website www.nridgeville.org or call Parks and Recreation at 353-0880 for info. |
|  | April 25 | 5K RUN/WALK, South Central Park, 8 AM - 1 PM by Friends of the Parks and Park and Recreation in support of a new exercise trail at South Central Park. |
|  | April 29 | FREE Pancake Breakfast with the North Ridgeville Firemen at the Senior Center at 9 AM. Must call for reservations at 353-0828. Sponsored by Independence Village. |
|  | April 30 | SPAGHETTI DINNER at the Senior Center, 5 - 7 PM, \$6 adults, \$5 seniors, \$4 children, \$1 dessert, .50 pop. Take out available. Everyone Welcome! |

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-  May 4 ELECTION DAY - Exercise your right to vote!
-  May 6 GRIEF TO HOPE group at the Senior Center every first Thursday each month, 1 - 3 PM.
-  May 6 & 20 MEN'S BREAKFAST, at the Senior Center, 1st and 3rd Thursday each month, 9 AM. Call 353-0828 to RSVP. Cost is \$2.50.
-  May 8 ANNUAL YOUTH FISHING DERBY by the Fishing Club, Parks and Recreation and the Fire Department, 8 AM - 3 PM, age 18 and under, \$5 Donation.
-  May 9 MOTHER'S DAY
-  May 13 SUPER THURSDAY LUNCH noon at the Senior Center, \$5 at the door, RSVP at 353-0828.
-  May 15 PRIDE DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST with the North Ridgeville Firemen at the Senior Center, 8 AM - 11 AM, (Donations only to benefit the Senior Center).
PRIDE DAY, City wide clean up! To volunteer call Missy at 353-0880.
SHRED-IT-DAY at the Senior Center 9 AM - noon. Shred-It Mobile Shredding & Recycling provides a truck for quick and easy disposal at NO COST.
GROWERS, GARDENS AND HOMES TOUR by Chamber of Commerce, 9 AM - 5 PM. Call 327-3737 for further information.
-  May 27 WOMEN'S BRUNCH at the Senior Center, \$2.50, 10:30 AM, RSVP at 353-0828.
-  May 31 CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day.
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 10:00 AM, Center Ridge Rd. from Marc's to the Middle School.
MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY at Ranger Stadium immediately following the parade.
SPLASH PAD open Memorial Day thru Labor Day, 10 AM - 8 PM at South Central Park.
MEMORIAL DAY PARTY IN THE PARK, 1 - 3 PM, at South Central Park.
-  June 1 CITY BASEBALL OPENING DAY, Shady Drive Complex, 5 PM.
-  June 10 SUPER THURSDAY LUNCH noon at the Senior Center, \$5 at the door, RSVP at 353-0828.
-  June 16 - 19 CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE - Contact the Chamber of Commerce at 327-3737 for details. Registration through the Visitor's Bureau June 1 - 10 at a cost of \$5 at 33845 Lorain Road. June 16, 6 - 8 PM; June 17 thru June 19, 9 AM - 6 PM.
-  June 19 INTERNET SAFETY AND SCAMS presentation at the North Ridgeville Public Library, 6 - 7:30 PM by the North Ridgeville Police Department. Previous program received rave reviews. A real eye opener!
-  June 20 FATHER'S DAY
-  June 24 WOMEN'S BRUNCH at the Senior Center, \$2.50, 10:30 AM, RSVP at 353-0828.
-  June 26 MOVIE NIGHT at South Central Park at dusk, "Hotel for Dogs".
-  June 27 DOG FESTIVAL, South Central Park, 12 - 6 PM, by Friends of the Park and Parks and Recreation to benefit a dog park. For further information call Missy, Parks and Recreation, at 353-0880.
-  July 3 INDEPENDENCE DAY celebration at South Central Park, 5 - 8 PM, fun activities for everyone. Refreshments available. **FIREWORKS AT DARK!**
-  July 5 CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED in observance of Independence Day.
-  July 25 VOICES FOR CHILDREN PARTY IN THE PARK, South Central Park, 12 - 5 PM.