

Quarterly Calendar

January 21, 2008	City Hall CLOSED in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 24, 2008	State of the City address at NR Education Center, 12 noon. Contact the Chamber of Commerce to reserve your seats, 440-327-3737.
January 25, 2008	NR Senior's Spaghetti Dinner , 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center
February 18, 2008	City Hall CLOSED in observance of President's Day
March 4, 2008	OHIO PRIMARY ELECTION - BE SURE TO VOTE!
March 21, 2008	City Hall CLOSED in observance of Good Friday
March 25, 2008	Daniel Elish Concert , impersonations of famous people, at the NR Education Center, Tuesday, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
March 28, 2008	NR Senior's Spaghetti Dinner , 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center

Senior Center

January to May the Fishing Club meets at the Senior Center on the 4th Wednesday of each month, 1:30 -3:00 p.m. The first meeting of 2008 will be on Wednesday, January 23 at 1:30 p.m. Mike Wohlever will present a program on "Collecting and Appraising Antique Fishing Tackle". For questions call Bob Kirkpatrick at 327-6349. Future meeting dates are: February 27, Jeff Tyson, Supervisor, Lake Erie Fisheries-Sandusky; March 26, Big Whopper Stories and video; April 23, Missy Williams, Program Supervisor, NR Parks and Recreation. Quote for the Day, "There are three sizes of fish: Small, Medium and The One That Got Away!"

There will be FREE Blood Pressure Tests the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Super Thursday Lunch will be held on the 4th Thursday of each month.

Parks and Recreation

PLAY BALL!!! CITY BASEBALL/SOFTBALL registration for boys and girls ages 5-18 years old will be held Fridays, March 7 & 14 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. & Saturdays, March 8 & 15 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. For more information call the Parks and Recreation Department office at 440-353-0860.

SPRING FLING on Saturday, March 29 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at South Central Park Community Cabin. Activities will include a scavenger hunt, spring crafts, games with prizes, refreshments and more. If weather is snowy, come out for a winter weather bash and enjoy sledding, snow painting, snowman and fort building fun, refreshments and more.

2008 SPRING/SUMMER BROCHURE will be arriving in residents homes the first week of April, filled with events and programs for the entire family.

North Ridgeville

Community Connection

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Mayor's Message...

I certainly hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season and wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. In anticipation of my 2008 State of the City address to be given on January 24, we're including a pictorial of events and places in North Ridgeville for this issue as we look back on 2007.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the voters for re-electing me as your Mayor for another term. You have my promise to do all we can towards continuing to make North Ridgeville a thriving community.



Mayor D. David Hillenkamp

Mayor Dave



Sewer Pipe Installation

Anatomy of a Sewer



Ridge Plaza Ditch

While it's certainly not a subject we often discuss around the kitchen table, a bit of basic knowledge on the subject of sewers can certainly help us all. Backup of storm or sanitary sewers can be devastating to entire neighborhoods, yet they can be caused unintentionally by a single homeowner.

Most areas of the city have two sewer systems, a storm system to drain away rain and groundwater and a sanitary system for everything else. Trouble usually occurs when flow goes into the wrong system. Drain sanitary flow into the storm system and you pollute our creeks and rivers, exposing us all to harmful bacteria, pathogens and toxins.

Drain storm water into the sanitary system and you quickly overload that system and cause backups into your own home, a neighbor's home, or even an entire area of the city. Just one gutter drain connected to the sanitary system can add the equivalent of hundreds of homes to the system.

Neglect of storm ditches and culverts can have the same effect, flooding homes, properties and roadways far upstream from your home. A major problem with the storm water system is debris, such as leaves and yard waste raked or blown into our open ditches.

We're all in this together. The city has doubled its efforts to improve both our storm and sanitary systems, however, we need the assistance of residents to ensure these systems work as designed. Please keep open ditches and culvert openings clear of debris and, if you suspect your home may have an improper connection to the sanitary system, please contact the Service Department. Our knowledgeable employees will be happy to investigate and recommend solutions. Let's work together to keep our sewer systems running smoothly for everyone.

Denny Johnson
Safety Service Director
City of North Ridgeville

Looking Back at 2007



Developer of the North Ridgeville Town Center Tony DiBenedetto, Mayor Gillock and Hank Traweek of All-Type Demolition & Excavating prepare to tear down the old shopping center.



Mayor Gillock taking a swipe with the bulldozer.



One last look at the past.



Moving toward a new, bright future.



New city signs purchased with recycling grant monies.



Another new sign purchased with recycling grant monies.



South Central Park during the annual Fishing Derby.



The new Splash Pad proved to be a popular attraction.

Photographs submitted by Mayor Gillock, Eric Clanin of Computer Services, Tony Hatmaker, Treasurer and Jim Whitlock, Utilities Supervisor.



City Hall employee Liz Swenk and daughter Aryanna at Tots Trick-or-Treat.



Safety Service Director Denny Johnson helps pass out treats to the annual Tots Trick-or-Treat at City Hall.



Safety Service Director Denny Johnson (in back), Mayor Gillock along with other city employees present a donation of \$700.00 to June Yost, Director of Community Care. Employees also adopted 25 children in need this year.



Mayor Gillock at the annual tree lighting ceremony at South Central Park gazebo.



Looking north on Stoney Ridge Rd. after storm of February 14, 2007.



Safetyville before "Rush Hour".



Cathy Becker

Welcome New Employee

The City of North Ridgeville Engineering Department welcomes new Assistant City Engineer Cathy Becker. She is a licensed professional civil engineer who comes to North Ridgeville from the City of North Olmsted where she worked as Assistant City Engineer for six years. Prior to North Olmsted, she spent 17 years working for consulting engineering firms performing a wide variety of civil engineering design work. She graduated summa cum laude from Cleveland State University, is an alumni of Avon Lake High School and is currently a resident of North Ridgeville.