

Summer 2015

Mayor's Message...

Each newsletter we try to bring you the latest information on projects in the city such as the widening of Center Ridge Road and Lear Nagle Road. While these are exciting and are really starting to show progress with utilities being moved, trees and buildings being removed and financing falling into place, I wanted to talk about something else exciting. North Ridgeville!

On Saturday, May 16th Bev and I attended several events happening in the city. It was a combination of Pride Day, Discover the Ridge sponsored by the Visitors Bureau and opening day at the ballpark! Pride Day is an annual event throughout the county which North Ridgeville civic groups have long participated in. Members of the Kiwanis, Lions Club, Girl Scouts, 4-H Club, Parks & Recreation Commissioners and North Ridgeville High School Freshmen, JV and Varsity Baseball were beautifying our parks at South Central and Shady Drive. Several church groups were cleaning flower beds. And, there were several city employees and community members volunteering their time to clean the banks of the tributary of French Creek along the new Town Center Trail behind the North Ridgeville Branch Library and the banks of the lake at South Central Park to make it more pleasing to look at and enjoy what our parks have to offer!

Many of our businesses participated in Discover the Ridge but this year the Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau added a new event at the North Ridgeville Education Center. Although they had to move inside for fear of rain, many vendors were showcasing their businesses with special sales, plants, crafts and freebies! If you missed it, watch for it next year as I am sure it will return.

Finally, opening day at the ballpark! North Ridgeville resident Janet Graff opened the ceremonies with a spectacular rendition of the National Anthem. As some of our age brackets have joined forces with other communities, in addition to myself, we had Mayor Kevin Kennedy from North Olmsted and Parks and Recreation Director Joe Brown from Fairview Park on hand to throw out first ceremonial pitches to represent their respective cities. The park was packed with games on every field, rains held off and the kids had a ball (pun intended).

There's always something going on in our great city. The splash pad is now open, the lake has been stocked (no fishing license needed) and the parks are clean and inviting. Enjoy your summer and take advantage of all North Ridgeville has to offer.

Sincerely,

G. David Gillock

Mayor