Mayor’s Message…

We have much to celebrate since the last Community Connection newsletter. It has been one busy summer in our great city!

**Lear Nagle Road** reconstruction project is on schedule. The permanent pavement has been laid on the west side of the street with traffic moving to the new road to allow for work to continue on the east side of the street. If the weather continues to cooperate as it has been, the street will be opened up in both directions by the end of this year. Once the concrete pavement is down, the contractor will continue to work on the finishing touches such as sidewalks, driveways and restoration of properties.

As to the **Center Ridge Road** reconstruction project, the new sanitary sewer line has been installed and the utility relocation will continue into 2017. The Ohio Department of Transportation has moved the award bid date for this project to October 1, 2017 with estimated construction of the road to begin April 2, 2018 and completion date of October 11, 2019.

**Riddell** announced earlier this year that they’ll be moving their operations from Elyria to North Ridgeville. It has been a flurry of meetings with their construction team to plan and prepare for the new state-of-the-art manufacturing and distribution facility being built on the far west end of Center Ridge Road at the former Ridgeview Shopping Center. The project is moving full speed ahead and construction is already underway. Riddell will be bringing nearly 400 employees to our City and hope to be fully operational at their new site as early as March 2017.

A new road will be built from Center Ridge Road south to access both Riddell and Brunswick Zone. The City will be advertising for bids to construct the new road, Performance Lane, not to exceed $1.75 million. The City received two state grants totaling $728,000 for the project with the balance being paid by Scannell Properties. This is great news because there will be no direct costs to the City to build the new road.

More good news came our way last month when **WOW! Internet Cable and Phone** officially announced they are coming to North Ridgeville. In the coming weeks you’ll see WOW! trucks and personnel as they move forward with identifying public easements and right-of-ways to bring their network through existing utility easements. Once the construction is finished, WOW! will notify residents of what services are available. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail WOW! at WOWisBuildingAChoice@wowinc.com.

For those of you that travel **Lorain Road to Bagley Road**, we have a work order in with Signal Service Company to add a **left turn signal** at this intersection. During peak times, the traffic back up on Lorain Road to make the left onto Bagley Road is quite lengthy. This added signal should move the traffic through the area more quickly and safely.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to our residents to attend a **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** to celebrate the installation of sidewalks as a result of the Safe Routes to School Program and mini-grant from the Lorain County General Health District. Sidewalks were installed in the areas of Liberty and Wilcox Elementary Schools and Aurensen Road to increase sidewalk usage, improve health and reduce chronic illness. Secondary sponsors of the project include the North Ridgeville Branch Library and North Ridgeville City Schools which will also benefit from the new sidewalks and additional accessibility to their buildings. The event will take place at **9:30 AM on Thursday, September 8 at Aurensen Road and Noll Drive**. Following the ribbon cutting, attendees will walk to South Central Park Gazebo to enjoy the North Ridgeville High School Band and then proceed across the street to the North Ridgeville Branch Library to take part in planned activities.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at (440) 353-0811.

Sincerely,

Mayor G. David Gillock
Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance

You are invited to attend a special memorial service to honor those who tragically gave their lives 15 years ago on this day.

WHEN: Sunday, September 11 at 8:30 AM
WHERE: NEW Ranger Stadium
(Bainbridge Road next to the High School)

Program Highlights:
- Keynote Speaker Senator Gayle Manning And Emcee City Council President Kevin Corcoran
- Moment Of Silence
- North Ridgeville Police Honor Guard Flag Detail/Pledge Of Allegiance
- Taps Performed By Lou Simonyi
- Pastor Kevin Crow To Deliver Prayer
- North Ridgeville VFW Commemorative Wreath Display
- Residents Tony And Donna Cioffoletti Recite A Patriotic Poem
- North Ridgeville High School Drum Corps And Patriotic Songs Led By A Cappella Choir
- Safety Vehicles From Fire/Police And Equipment Used By The New York Fire Department At The World Trade Center On Display

Lorain County Solid Waste Management District Shredding Service

Historically, the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District Collection Center would hold two Shred Days a year for Lorain County residents. They recently purchased their own truck and can offer shredding on a more regular basis. Lorain County residents can drop off items to be shredded during regular business hours (Mondays & Wednesdays from noon-6 PM and Saturdays 9 AM-6 PM) at 540 South Abbe Road in Elyria. Items dropped off will be locked up until enough pieces have been collected to warrant the use of the truck. If you have any questions, please call the Collection Center at 1-800-449-5463.

North Ridgeville Fire Department Receives Mission Lifeline Gold Award

The North Ridgeville Fire Department is proud to announce that it has received the 2016 American Heart Association: Lifeline EMS Performance Achievement Award. The award is given to prehospital professionals that are driving improvements in the care of STEMI patients. An ST-elevation myocardial infarction, or a STEMI heart attack, happens as a result of a complete blockage in a coronary artery. A STEMI attack carries a great risk of death and disability. By diagnosing a patient on the scene rather than waiting until they are transported to a hospital, emergency medical service (EMS) personnel can determine the best course of action to take to begin the appropriate means of treatment quickly.

To achieve the Gold Performance Achievement Award, the North Ridgeville Fire Department achieved a 75% or higher compliance score for each specific EMS quality measure for 24 months. These measures include:

- Percentage of patients with non-traumatic chest pain greater than or equal to 35 years of age, treated and transported by EMS who receives a prehospital 12 lead ECG.
- Percentage of STEMI patients transported to a STEMI Receiving Center, with prehospital First Medical Contact (FMC) to Device (PCI) less than or equal to 90 minutes.

The North Ridgeville Fire Department joins 565 other EMS agencies in the U.S. and 1 of 57 other EMS agencies in Ohio that are receiving the 2016 American Heart Association: Lifeline EMS Performance Achievement Award. The support of our community and the dedication of our fire department personnel have allowed us to celebrate lives saved!
North Ridgeville Fire Department To Host Annual Health & Safety Fair
On Saturday, October 1 from 10 AM-2 PM (rain or shine), the Fire Department will host its annual Health & Safety Fair in observance of National Fire Safety Awareness Month. The safety fair is held at fire station #1 located at 7090 Avon Belden Road and is designed so that residents of our community can enjoy a fun-filled family-friendly day of tips about healthy living and home fire safety. There will be local businesses, hospitals, charitable organizations and city departments on hand to offer information and giveaway items. There is entertainment for the kids including a bounce house, fire safety trailer, and a fire prevention magic show. All residents are invited to attend.

24th Annual Big Band Dance/Concert Coming September 21
It’s time again to swing to the sound of the Big Band era during the 24th Annual Big Band Dance/Concert which will be held September 21 at DeLuca’s Place in the Park from 7-10 PM. The Dan Zola Orchestra will be performing wonderful music of the big bands for dancing and listening pleasure. Advance tickets are on sale now at the North Ridgeville Senior Center, 7327 Avon Belden Road for $8 each or sold at the door for $10 each. All proceeds from ticket sales go directly to helping seniors in North Ridgeville and the surrounding communities. Table sponsorships for $100 are also available by calling (440) 353-0856.

Cardinal Care Management (Admiral’s Pointe, Huntington Woods, The Woods on French Creek, Keystone Pointe, Avon Place and Riverview Pointe) along with Tridia Hospice and IDEAL Home Health Care are sponsoring the event. Because of their generous sponsorship, all proceeds from each ticket and sponsorship sold will go directly to North Ridgeville Seniors, Inc. to help support programs and services provided by the North Ridgeville Office for Older Adults (Senior Center). These programs include transportation, meals-on-wheels, socialization/activities and supportive services.

Each year over 300 attendees enjoy this exciting evening of dancing or just tapping their feet to the beat. Pictured from last year’s event are Kathy and Andy Steirer showing off their dance moves. Snacks are provided and a variety of hot foods and drinks are available for purchase.

Older Adults Fitness Station Now Open At The Senior Center

The North Ridgeville Office for Older Adults is sporting new outdoor fitness equipment at the Senior Center, the first of its kind in Ohio, geared towards older adults and their physical abilities. North Ridgeville Seniors, Inc. partnered with Orthopaedic Associates, St. John Medical Center and North Ridgeville Heart & Sole to apply for a mini-grant through the Lorain County General Health District to support this initiative. They were awarded $27,427.58 for the project to increase activity levels of older adults to help with balance, motion, strength, etc. in order to maintain their independence and probability of staying in their homes for a longer period of time.

Pictured from left to right trying out the newly installed equipment are Bob Schmittgen, Mary Smith and Dave Dudik. A ribbon cutting ceremony and luncheon program will be announced in the coming weeks and will be posted on the city’s website at www.nridgeville.org. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Special Leaf Collection, October 31-November 29
Leaves may be placed at the curb in plastic bags beginning the week of October 31 through November 29 on the regular trash pick-up day. After November 29, leaves in plastic bags can only be left out as extra trash the first full week of each month during bulk pick-up. From April through October each year, yard waste must be placed in brown yard waste bags for weekly collection. Please call the Utilities Department at (440) 353-0841 with any questions.
Community Calendar

September 6, 19
City Council Meeting at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.

September 8
AEuresen Road/Safe Routes to School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 9:30 AM at AEuresen Road near the intersection of Noll Drive. Activities to follow at South Central Park gazebo and North Ridgeville Branch Library.

September 11
Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance Ceremony at 8:30 AM at the NEW Ranger Stadium on Bainbridge Road next to the North Ridgeville High School.

September 16
District Office Hours with Senator Gayle Manning at the North Ridgeville Branch Library from 11 AM-Noon. This is an opportunity for residents to learn what is being done on their behalf at the Statehouse and an opportunity to share concerns and ideas with Senator Manning. No appointment is necessary and questions can be directed to Senator Manning’s office at (614) 644-7613 or email at Manning@OhioSenate.gov.

September 21
Big Band Dance and Concert from 7-10 PM at DeLuca’s Place in the Park. Tickets are $8 and can be purchased in advance at the Senior Center and $10 at the door. All proceeds benefit North Ridgeville seniors and surrounding communities.

September 23
Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock from 8-9 AM at City Hall in the Conference Room. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.

September 26
Lorain County Veteran Services Presentation at the North Ridgeville Branch Library at 6:30 PM. Topics include: Who is a Veteran, VA Healthcare System, Veterans Transportation System, Service Connected Disability Compensation-Non-Service Connected Wartime Veterans Pension, Widows Pension & Dependent & Indemnity Compensation, Basic Burial Benefits, Wartime Veterans Pension for independent living, assisted living & nursing home costs.

September 30
Spaghetti Dinner at the Senior Center from 5-7 PM. Cost: $7 adults, $6 seniors and $4 children 10 and under. Take-out available.

October 1
Fire Department Health & Safety Fair from 10 AM-2 PM at Fire Station #1, 7090 Avon Belden Road. This is a fun-filled family-friendly event with tips about healthy living and home fire safety. There’s entertainment for the kids including a bounce house, fire safety trailer and a fire prevention magic show. Admission is free.

October 3, 4
Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days

October 3, 17
City Council Meeting at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.

October 7, 8
Spookville is a wooded 1/4-mile trail that makes you feel like you are part of a horror movie set in the woods. Appropriate for all ages. The event is presented by North Ridgeville Lions and will take place at South Central Park from 6-9 PM. Cost is $2 per person. Non-perishable food items will be collected to benefit Community Care.

October 8
FallFest is a free event held from 4-6 PM at South Central Park. Families will experience fun games, food vendors, face and pumpkin painting, magic show, straw fight and hay rides (weather permitting).

October 17
Lorain County General Health District Flu Shot Clinic from 1-3 PM at the Senior Center. Medicare and most major insurances are accepted. For more information or questions, call the LCGHD at (440) 322-6367.

October 20
Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock from 8-9 AM at Gourmê Family Restaurant, 32775 Lorain Road. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.

October 28
Tots Trick-or-Treat at 1 PM at City Hall. Bring your little witches and goblins to march in a parade and receive ghoulisht treats donated by city employees. This is a free event for ages up to 5 years old. Please pre-register by visiting the Parks & Recreation’s website or by calling (440) 353-0860. Spaghetti Dinner at the Senior Center from 5-7 PM. Cost $7 adults, $6 seniors and $4 children 10 and under. Take-out available.

October 31
Trick-or-Treat will be observed 6-7:30 PM – citywide.

Oct. 31-Nov. 29
Special Leaf Collection - Leaves may be placed at the curb in plastic bags on regular trash pick-up days.

Oct. 31-Dec. 9
Holiday Food and Toy Drive to benefit North Ridgeville Community Care. Non-perishable food items and toys in original packaging may be dropped off at City Hall, Senior Center and Parks & Recreation Department.

November 6
Daylight Savings Time Ends. As a reminder, turn your clocks back one hour.

November 7, 8
Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days

November 7, 21
City Council Meeting at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.

November 8
Election Day – Exercise your right to vote. Polls open at 6:30 AM and close at 7:30 PM.

November 11
Veterans Day – City Hall closed in observance of the holiday.

November 24, 25
Thanksgiving Holiday – City Hall closed in observance of the holiday.

Nov. 25-Jan. 1
Gift of Lights – Drive-thru holiday light festival open daily from 5-10 PM at Victory Park Ohio. For more information visit www.giftoflights.com.

November 29
Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock from 4-5 PM at City Hall in the Conference Room. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.

December 3
Holiday on the Ridge is the city’s kick off to the holiday season. The self-guided tour takes you to multiple craft shows, business open houses and special events. Sponsored by the North Ridgeville Visitors Bureau. Tree Lighting Ceremony at South Central Park Gazebo at 5 PM. This is an annual tradition where local scouts decorate the tree. High School Choir will lead the spectators in festive songs of the season while Mayor Gillock lights the community tree.

December 5, 6
Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days

December 5, 19
City Council Meeting at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.