



## *Community Connection, Fall 2020*

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### *Mayor's Message...*

As we begin to wind down from all of the capital improvement projects, I want to take this opportunity to talk about economic development and free enterprise. Free enterprise refers to an economy where businesses are free from government control. On a number of occasions, we've heard that we have too many of certain businesses, e.g., pizza places, auto parts stores, car washes, etc. and that we have control over what businesses come and go in our city. The city does not control what businesses go into existing privately-owned properties – the agreement is between the property owner and the business. There are times we are unaware of a business going in until their doors are open to the public. As long as the property is zoned properly and the building codes are met, the city does not get involved in the transaction.



With vacant land and the ability to build a new structure or business, the property owner is in control over who they choose to sell their property to. Then the business or developer will work with Planning Commission and zoning regulations through the Building Department to complete the necessary paperwork and plan review. The Building Department will then issue permits and ensure the proper inspections are done before the business opens their doors to operate their facility.

As to economic development, we are taking an active role in reaching out to and meeting with prospective businesses to promote North Ridgeville as a viable location. We make recommendations of possible locations within the city and assist with making the proper connections with the property owners. We also have the ability to offer incentives subject to program eligibility, availability and approval by required parties to the business to make our city more desirable. These include, but not limited to, tax abatement, tax increment financing, other incentives such as job creation tax credits and low interest loans for equipment may also be considered. There are also county and state initiatives that may also be considered when making the decision to locate to North Ridgeville. We are proactive in our pursuit to bring businesses to our city.

We have received calls at City Hall regarding the shopping plaza at Center Ridge Road and Lear Nagle Road where the former Pat Catan's was located. The property management company split the former Pat Catan's location into three distinct units. The three businesses that will be moving into that space are EB Fitness, Dollar General and Goodwill. The former Goodwill location in the Giant Eagle plaza will be utilized by Dollar Tree to expand their existing store in the same plaza.

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

Sincerely,

*Mayor Kevin Corcoran*



### **Special Leaf Collection, October 27-November 24**

Leaves may be placed at the curb in plastic bags beginning October 27 through November 24 on regular trash pick-up day. After November 24, leaves in plastic bags can only be left out as extra trash during bulk pick-up week each month. 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.





## NORTH RIDGEVILLE RANKS #17 AMONG 100 SAFEST CITIES IN THE U.S.

SafeWise released its annual 100 Safest Cities in the U.S. report. North Ridgeville ranked #17 among the safest cities in the U.S. To compile this report, SafeWise used the most recent FBI crime data along with population data to analyze and rank the cities. To see the complete report and full list of cities, visit their website at: [www.safewise.com/safest-cities-america](http://www.safewise.com/safest-cities-america). Thank you to our safety forces and to our community members for their diligence in reporting suspicious activity. It takes all of us working together to achieve this outstanding recognition!

## NEWS FROM OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

The North Ridgeville Fire Department has taken delivery of a new medic unit which hit the road in August. The new medic unit was built by Horton Ambulance in Grove City, Ohio. The all-aluminum patient compartment



(rear box) is mounted on a Ford F550 four wheel drive chassis and has a liquid spring suspension for increased patient comfort during transport. Some new features that this medic unit will have is an internal negative pressure ventilation system built-in to the patient compartment and privacy windows



that are fogged out at the touch of a button. The new medic unit will be designated as Medic 25 and will initially be assigned to fire station #1. New Medic 25 replaces a medic unit that the City purchased new in 2008. The Fire Department currently maintains four medic units and three of those are staffed each day.

The Fire Department's annual *Health and Safety Fair* which takes place the first Saturday in October at fire station #1 is cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The family friendly event which features health and safety education displays from local health care facilities and businesses would be difficult to hold due to the close proximity of our vendors and participants. Our hope is that next year's event will be bigger and better than ever and planning has already begun. Please subscribe to the North Ridgeville Fire Department Facebook page for future details.

If you have any questions, please call the North Ridgeville Fire Department at (440) 327-5311.

*Chief John C. Reese*



## PROPOSED ROUNDABOUTS

There are several roundabouts proposed to be constructed in the city to help with traffic flow. Below are the areas under consideration along with tentative timelines for each:

- **Chestnut Ridge Road and Alternate Route 83.** The job will go to bid this Fall with construction to begin in Spring 2021.
- **Mills Road, Stoney Ridge Road and Avalon Drive.** The engineering and design work will occur Fall 2020 with anticipated construction in 2022. The proposed design will be more of a peanut shaped roundabout to accommodate a three-point off-set intersection.
- **Mills Road and Lear Nagle Road.** The City of Avon is taking the lead on this project. An application will be made through the state for safety grant funding for fiscal year 2022-2023.

As these projects progress, more information will be shared in subsequent newsletters and posted to the city's website.

## NEWS FROM OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT



Congratulations to Adam Freas (left) who was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant this past July. Adam is a twenty-four year veteran of NRPD and has held many different positions within the organization. Adam has worked as a patrol officer, the school resource officer, administered the Safetyville program, and worked as a supervisor in the detective bureau. Adam will be assigned to lead one of our night shift platoons.

Congratulations also goes out to Matt Downing (right), a twenty-two year veteran of NRPD, who was promoted to the rank of Sergeant this past July. Matt too has held many assignments within the organization to include patrol officer, detective, SWAT, firearms instructor, and a co-leader of our physical fitness program. Matt will be assigned to one of our night shift platoons as a supervisor.

I am confident that both these dedicated veteran officers will excel in their new roles in continuing to make this city a great place to live and work.

NRPD welcomed Irie to the K-9 unit now providing coverage on all four platoons. Patrolman Jake Julio #79 and K-9 Irie were certified in June and work the midnight shift from 7 PM to 7 AM. Irie is a German Shepherd and is trained in both narcotics and patrol applications. Shortly after being certified Irie hit the ground running by locating a subject that was hiding after committing a theft offense.

If you have any questions, please call the North Ridgeville Police Department at (440) 327-2191.

*Chief Michael Freeman*



## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT



2020 has been a challenging year. Let's not make it worse by allowing leaves to enter our stormwater management system. As the temperature and leaves begin to fall, it is important to practice good citizenship and yard maintenance. Leaves that fall to the ground inevitably accumulate at the mouth of stormwater drains and ditches, causing "dams" that capture more leaves and litter. This accumulation of leaves and other debris can impede or block the flow of stormwater, creating significant issues for residents that live upstream. This could also lead to ponding water in the roadway which results in unsafe driving conditions.

The City would like to remind residents that they are not to dump yard waste, pet waste, grass clippings, sticks, leaves and other debris into catch basins, city ditches and streams. You can do your part by ensuring that the yard inlets, catch basins, storm sewers, ditches and streams surrounding your property are clear of obstructions. Always clean up leaves and yard debris. Do not rake or blow leaves into the street where they can be washed into the storm drains. Rake leaves away from catch basins and out of ditches and swales.

A well-functioning stormwater management system requires constant maintenance and attention. If you see a storm grate or rear yard ditch that is clogged and can clear it without placing yourself in danger, then please do so. Be sure to dispose of this debris properly. If a roadside ditch or city ditch is obstructed, please call the Service Department at (440) 353-0814 to report it and request cleaning services. No one wants to be responsible for street or basement flooding, so do the right thing – keep leaves off the ground and out of the storm drains. Thank you for your cooperation.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Please Note: The calendar below is subject to change because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please check the city's website at [www.nridgeville.org](http://www.nridgeville.org) for the latest updates.\*\***

- September 8, 21** **\*\*City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- September 9, 15** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days** (9/9 SR 83 and all homes east; 9/15 all homes west of SR 83).
- September 12** **Touch-A-Truck** from 10 AM-3 PM (10-11 AM sensory friendly) at Shady Drive Complex, 37077 Shady Drive. Free event, ages 2-10 years old. For more information, contact Parks & Recreation at (440) 353-1503.
- September 17** **\*\*Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Corcoran** from 8-9 AM at City Hall in Council Chambers. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- September 25** **Spaghetti Dinner** drive thru distribution from 5-7 PM at the Senior Center. Cost is \$6 per dinner and includes spaghetti and meatballs and garlic bread. Your pre-order and payment must be received by mail no later than **September 11**. Please include your name and address along with payment to NR Senior Center, 7327 Avon Belden Road, North Ridgeville, OH 44039. Tickets will be mailed to you to redeem the day of the dinner. *Sponsored by North Ridgeville Lions Club.*
- October 5, 19** **\*\*City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- October 6, 13** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days** (10/6 SR 83 and all homes east; 10/13 all homes west of SR 83).
- October 19** **\*\*Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Corcoran** from 8-9 AM at City Hall in Council Chambers. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- Oct. 27-Nov. 24** **Special Leaf Collection** - Leaves may be placed at the curb in plastic bags on regular trash collection days.
- October 30** **Tots Trick-or-Treat** at 1 PM at City Hall. Bring your little witches and goblins to march in a parade and receive ghoulish treats donated by city employees. This is a free event for ages up to 5 years old. Please pre-register by visiting [www.nridgeville.org/parksandrec](http://www.nridgeville.org/parksandrec).
- Spaghetti Dinner** drive thru distribution from 5-7 PM at the Senior Center. Cost is \$6 per dinner and includes spaghetti and meatballs and garlic bread. Your pre-order and payment must be received by mail no later than **October 16**. Please include your name and address along with payment to NR Senior Center, 7327 Avon Belden Road, North Ridgeville, OH 44039. Tickets will be mailed to you to redeem the day of the dinner. *Sponsored by North Ridgeville VFW Post #9871.*
- October 31** **Trick-or-Treat** will be observed 6-7:30 PM – citywide.
- November 1** **Daylight Savings Time Ends.** As a reminder, turn your clocks back one hour.
- November 2, 16** **\*\*City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- Nov. 2-Dec. 4** **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 and Parks & Recreation Department.
- November 3** **Election Day** – Exercise your right to vote. Polls open at 6:30 AM and close at 7:30 PM.
- November 3, 10** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days** (11/3 SR 83 and all homes east; 11/10 all homes west of SR 83).
- November 7** **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Cleveland Stache Dash 5K/1 Mile Fun Run-Walk** at 8:45 AM for 1 mile and 9 AM for 5K race. Cost: 5K \$30 pre-registered/\$35 race day with a \$5 discount for ages 12 under; 1 Mile \$20 pre-registered/\$25 race day. Goody bags to the first 300 pre-registered. Register by October 19 to guarantee a hooded sweatshirt. To pre-register, visit [www.nridgeville.org/parksandrec](http://www.nridgeville.org/parksandrec).
- November 11** **Veterans Day** – City Hall closed in observance of the holiday.
- November 17** **\*\*Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Corcoran** from 8-9 AM at City Hall in Council Chambers. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- November 26, 27** **Thanksgiving Holiday** – City Hall closed in observance of the holiday.
- December 5** **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. **Christmas 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 Corcoran lights the community tree.
- December 7, 21** **\*\*City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- December 8, 15** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days** (12/8 SR 83 and all homes east; 12/15 all homes west of SR 83).