



## *Community Connection, Spring 2017*

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

During my State of the City Address in January, I opened up the event by stating “I can honestly say that 2016 was the busiest year of my thirteen years as Mayor.” With a number of projects already underway and several on the horizon, I’ve highlighted just a few below. For the complete transcript or video of my speech, visit the City’s website at [nridgeville.org/StateoftheCity.aspx](http://nridgeville.org/StateoftheCity.aspx).



**Lear Nagle Road Reconstruction Project** is ahead of schedule. Terrace Construction will be returning this spring to replace the Chestnut Ridge Road and Lear Nagle Road intersection and to finish driveways, sidewalks, catch basins and to restore properties.

**Center Ridge Road Reconstruction Project** continues to move forward with the utility relocation to make way for the new road. The Ohio Department of Transportation moved the award bid date to November 13, 2017 with construction to begin in April 2018 with an estimated completion date of October 2019.

**Performance Lane** leading to Riddell and Brunswick Zone is now open for use. In addition to the road, utilities, sanitary sewer and waterline were installed.

**Jaycox Road Extension and Water Main Project** construction will begin in April 2017 with an anticipated completion date of August 15, 2017. The road will consist of three lanes south of Center Ridge Road to the new grades 3-8 school parking lot and will allow access to the new fire station that will be built just north of the new school complex. As part of the road project, storm sewers, a new waterline, sidewalks, storm water quality basin and other related work will also be installed.

**Mills Road/Route 83 Roundabout** remains on schedule for construction to begin this summer. This is a joint project with the City of Avon using Ohio Public Works Commission grant funds. Construction costs are estimated at \$1.2 million, less grant funds of \$600,000 leaving North Ridgeville and Avon with \$300,000 each. To complete the construction in the most efficient and cost-effective manner, the intersection will be closed for approximately two months with a temporary road constructed from the north side of Route 83 to the east side of Mills Road.

**Street Paving** by our Service Department in 2016 covered 5.5 miles of streets and 1.5 miles of tar and chip. Planned for 2017, is an estimated total of \$1,120,000 in street paving, a 37% increase over last year. The City will be participating this year in the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Urban Paving Program to pave portions of Lorain Road and alternate State Route 83 at a shared cost.

**Rehabilitate Four Tennis Courts** at South Central Park in the coming months. The City’s Parks & Recreation Department received the NatureWorks Grant in the amount of \$52,244 through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. When completed, the courts will serve a dual purpose – tennis and pickleball.

**Commercial Projects** are on the rise and with the pending Center Ridge Road widening project, I anticipate this will continue once the infrastructure is in place. I have highlighted a few projects below:

- Riddell’s new 347,000 square-foot facility on Center Ridge Road at Case Road is nearing completion. They are expected to begin moving their operations from their current facility in Elyria to the new facility in late March.
- North Ridgeville City School District plans to begin the 2017-18 school year in their new grades 3-8 school adjacent to the High School; and, the new Ranger Stadium at the new complex opened in August 2016.
- University Hospitals North Ridgeville Health Center held a groundbreaking ceremony on September 27, 2016. Construction of the 50,000 square-foot facility on Lorain Road will tentatively begin in March 2017.

## ***Mayor's Message (cont'd)***

- Lake Bella Investments will construct a new 12,000 square-foot office building on Cook Road to house Alber & Rice, a structural engineering firm and another tenant to be announced at a later date.
- First Federal Lakewood will be relocating from its current location at Center Ridge Road and Pitts Blvd. to the southwest corner of Lear Nagle Road and Center Ridge Road. Construction is scheduled to begin this year.
- Harvest Ridge Church, although not a commercial project, is under construction to add 15,000 square feet to their existing facility.
- WOW! Cable is continuing to install their infrastructure throughout the City. Residents will soon have an alternative to Spectrum (formerly Time Warner).

I want to take this opportunity to thank our community for their continuing support of these projects. If you have any questions, please call my office at (440) 353-0811.

Sincerely,

*Mayor G. David Gillock*

## **News from the Fire Department**

### **Update on New Headquarters Fire Station**

The City of North Ridgeville is going to build a new 22,594 square-foot headquarters fire station to replace the fire station that is currently located on State Route 83 just south of Center Ridge Road. The new headquarters fire station will be constructed at the site of the City's old communications tower which stood approximately 350 feet behind the Aldi shopping center. The site is just north of the new school complex located on what will soon be an extension of Jaycox Road. The new fire station will have four apparatus bays for emergency equipment, administrative offices, a classroom and a training tower. Construction is scheduled to begin in October 2017. Visit the City's website at [nridgeville.org/Fire.aspx](http://nridgeville.org/Fire.aspx) to watch the fly-by video of the new fire station.



### **Two Third Graders Honored by State Fire Marshal**

Fire Chief John Reese is pictured with poster winners Samantha Decara and Lily Rock, third graders from Liberty Elementary School. The two girls were chosen as winners of the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of State Fire Marshal Fire Safety Poster Contest. The poster will be displayed at the Annual Fire Expo in June, and following the Expo it will be displayed in the lobby of the State Fire Marshal.

Congratulations to third graders Samantha and Lily on a job well-done!

## **RIDDELL OPEN HOUSE**

If you ever wondered how football helmets are made, then you'll want to come see for yourself.

North Ridgeville's newest neighbor, **Riddell**, is hosting an open house to the public including tours of the facility on **Sunday, May 21** from **Noon-4:00 PM** at its new location at 38889 Center Ridge Road.

There will be door prizes, food, beverages and games for the kids. The North Ridgeville High School marching band and football team will also be there to help celebrate Riddell's move to the City.

North Ridgeville Community Care will be on hand and if you bring a non-perishable food item, you will be entered into a drawing for a full-size NFL or NCAA collectible football helmet of your choice.

Stop by and see where the helmets you see on the field every Friday, Saturday and Sunday during football season live during the off-season.





## News from the Police Department

### Safetyville Program, June 2017

The North Ridgeville Police Department is sponsoring its annual Safetyville Program. The program provides an educational setting in which children are exposed to various safety topics with regard to traffic, school bus, bicycle and pedestrian activity, stranger danger, 911, and drug, gun and fire safety. The children receive their lessons inside an enclosed classroom and then practice these lessons inside a realistic miniature village that is adjacent to the classroom. The miniature village includes streets, sidewalks, a working traffic light, railroad crossing and several miniature replica buildings.

Safetyville is designed for children entering Kindergarten in the fall, but it is not a pre-requisite for Kindergarten. It is open to North Ridgeville residents and non-residents are welcome to attend. Classes are set up as one week sessions, Monday through Friday, for one and half hours each day. Cost is \$25.00 per child which covers all classroom material, instruction and a Safetyville t-shirt. Payment is due upon registration.

Registrations are on a first come, first served basis at the North Ridgeville Police Department, 7307 Avon Belden Road.

Please select only one of the sessions being offered:

Session #1	June 5-9	8:30-10:00 AM
Session #2	June 5-9	10:15-11:45 AM - FULL
Session #3	June 5-9	12:00 noon-1:30 PM
Session #4	June 12-16	8:30-10:00 AM
Session #5	June 12-16	10:15-11:45 AM - FULL
Session #6	June 12-16	12:00 noon-1:30 PM

For more information, please contact Patrolman Calvin Cross at (440) 327-2191.

### Accident Reports Are Now Available Online

Accidents reported after January 1, 2017 are now available online. Please visit the Police Department's webpage at [nridgeville.org/Police.aspx](http://nridgeville.org/Police.aspx) and click on "Search Accident Reports" for more details. These reports are available online at no cost; however, you may request printed reports from the Police Department Records Office at the cost of \$.10 per page by contacting Records at (440) 353-0830 between the hours of 6:00 AM-2:00 PM, Monday-Friday. Please note: private property crashes do not appear online and will need to be requested through the Police Department Records Office.



### Storm Water Pollution Prevention Tips

Storm water runoff is conveyed to Lake Erie through sewers and ditches. To protect our Lake Erie drinking water quality and the environment, here are a few tips:

**Auto Maintenance:** Inspect and maintain your car to keep oil, antifreeze, and other fluids from leaking. The North Ridgeville Service Department, located at 35010 Bainbridge Road, will accept used oil and used antifreeze for recycling. When washing your vehicle at home, wash it on the grass to avoid the discharge of cleaning fluids and chemicals into the street or storm drains.

**Lawn and Garden:** Lawn care, landscaping, and pest control can be major contributors to storm water pollution. Fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides can run off your lawn into the street or storm drain and then to local streams and ditches where pollutants can harm or kill aquatic life. Avoid excessive watering and application of chemicals to your lawn or garden to minimize the amount of these substances entering local rivers and streams and eventually Lake Erie. Sweep up grass clippings and leaves before they enter a storm drain. Nutrients and other chemicals can leach from yard waste and enter our waterways. Yard waste can also clog drains and ditches and cause flooding. Look for low phosphate fertilizers or try using an organic substitute which is less concentrated.

**Household Waste:** Almost every household product that is required to be kept out of reach of children is potentially hazardous. Never pour these products down the storm drain because they can be toxic to the environment. Some of these common hazardous household products include: bleach, drain cleaners, furniture polish, toilet bowl cleaners and window cleaners.

## Community Calendar

- March-April** **Baseball and Softball Program Registration** is open until filled. Practice begins the week of April 17 with opening day May 13. To register, visit the Parks & Recreation Department website at [nridgeville.org/parksandrec](http://nridgeville.org/parksandrec).
- March 1, 8, 22, 29** **North Ridgeville Heart & Sole, Walk Indoors** from 6:30-7:30 PM at Liberty Elementary, 5700 Jaycox Road. A walking map of the interior of the building is available on the city's website.
- March 6, 7** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days**
- March 6, 20** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- March 7** **Regional Income Tax Agency Municipal Taxpayer Assistance Event** from 1-7 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall. RITA agents will work with taxpayers on a first come, first served basis to answer questions and assist with RITA municipal income tax return preparation.
- March 12** **Daylight Savings Time** begins. As a reminder, turn your clocks ahead one hour.
- March 23** **Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock** from 6-7 PM at City Hall in the Conference Room. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- April 3, 4** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days**
- April 3, 17** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- April 8** **Easter Egg Hunt** at 2 PM at the Ranger Stadium, North Ridgeville Middle School, ages 1-9. Gates open at 1:30 PM. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of North Ridgeville.
- April 14** **Good Friday** – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.
- April 18** **Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock** from 8-9 AM at Gourmé Family Restaurant, 32775 Lorain Road. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- April 28** **Spaghetti Dinner** at the Senior Center from 5-7 PM. Cost \$7 adults, \$6 seniors and \$4 children 10 and under. Take-out available.
- May 1, 2** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days**
- May 1, 15** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- May 2** **Election Day** – Exercise your right to vote. Polls open at 6:30 AM and close at 7:30 PM.
- May 6** **Fishing Derby** at South Central Park from 8 AM-noon. The derby is free with donations of \$5 accepted the day of the event for Aluminum Cans for Burned Children. Bring your own rod and bait. To register, visit the Parks & Recreation Department website at [nridgeville.org/parksandrec](http://nridgeville.org/parksandrec).
- May 20** **Lorain County Pride Day** from 9 AM-noon. Residents are encouraged to clean up, fix up, paint and spruce up our community. Interested organizations and individuals should contact Meredith Brescilli, Parks & Recreation Department, at (440) 353-1503 or [mbrescilli@nridgeville.org](mailto:mbrescilli@nridgeville.org).  
**Discover the Ridge** from 9 AM-3 PM. Family-friendly open house event throughout the city. Pick up a brochure at the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce listing participating businesses and enjoy a spectacular day. Sponsored by the North Ridgeville Visitors Bureau. For more information call (440) 327-3737.  
**Garden Club of North Ridgeville** will be holding their annual plant sale from 9 AM-1 PM at the Giant Eagle plaza. For more information contact (440) 365-8522.
- May 21** **Riddell Open House** from noon-4 PM. Come tour the new facility and enjoy free food and entertainment.
- May 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.
- May 27** **Splash Pad** at South Central Park opens daily from 10 AM-8 PM thru Labor Day.
- May 29** **Memorial Day** – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday; trash pick-up delayed one day.  
**Memorial Day Parade** at 9:45 AM from Marc's parking lot to the Middle School. Memorial Day Ceremony at the Ranger Stadium immediately following the parade.
- June 3** **Touch-A-Truck** from 10 AM-noon at the North Ridgeville High School parking lot. Free event, ages 2-10 years old. For more information contact Parks & Recreation Department at (440) 353-1503.
- June 5, 6** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days**
- June 5, 19** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.

### Senior Center

*Please call (440) 353-0828 to make reservations for the following events or to obtain a complete listing of activities.*

- March 30** **"Young at Heart" breakfast** at 9:30 AM at the Senior Center. Cost \$3.  
**March 9; April 13; May 11** **Super Thursday Luncheon** with entertainment at noon. Cost \$5.  
**March 2, 16; April 6, 20; May 4, 18** **Men's Breakfast** from 9-10 AM at the Senior Center. Cost \$3.  
**March 23; April 27; May 25** **Women's Brunch** from 10:30-11:30 AM at the Senior Center. Cost \$3.