



Community Connection, Summer 2015

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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!



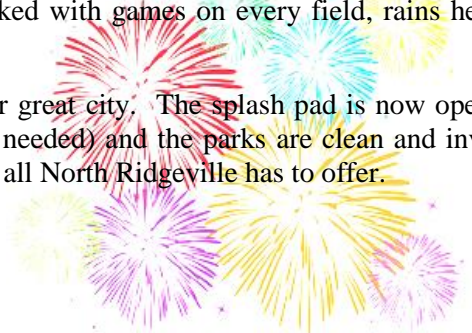
Many of our businesses participated in Discover the Ridge but this year the Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau added a new event at the North Ridgeville Education Center. Although they had to move inside for fear of rain, many vendors were showcasing their businesses with special sales, plants, crafts 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



Did You Know...?

- City Council Meetings are now available to view on the city's website. Visit www.nridgeville.org, click on "City Council," then "Council Meeting Videos." Videos will be archived for one year following each of the council meetings.
- Mayor Gillock is hosting monthly Coffee & Conversations at various locations in North Ridgeville. Stop by and enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor. See the Community Calendar page for dates and locations. For a complete listing, visit the city's website at www.nridgeville.org.

Update On Street Projects

This past severe winter conditions have taken a toll on our residential streets, and our Service Department is working diligently to patch and repair our roadways. We are not alone as other cities are experiencing the same or worse conditions. Based on feedback from our residents, City Council approved a budget request of \$745,000 to be appropriated in 2015 for paving and repair work. This is three times the dollar amount appropriated in previous years and should go a long way to making our streets safer and more desirable to drive on.

Also appropriated for purchase this year is a Dura Patcher which is expected to arrive any day. This equipment is a cost-effective method of road repair. Dispensing 135 pounds of patch material per minute in a continuous operation, roads are ready for traffic after completion. A test by the Strategic Highway Research Program showed that 97% of the patches were in place five years later. This is a very wise investment and will serve us well in patching and maintaining our roads.



Highlighted below are this year's projects:

Streets to be Milled and Paved

- Case Road from Burns Road to the Avon border
- Stoney Ridge Road from Center Ridge Road to Stone Creek Drive
- Stoney Ridge Road and Mills Road Intersection
- North Lear Nagle from Adele Street to Center Ridge Road
- Chestnut Ridge Road from the turnpike bridge to the railroad tracks; if dollars still remain, the milling and paving will continue from the railroad tracks to Root Road
- Bender Road and Otten Road will be tar and chip
- Lexington Way will receive another top coat



Concrete full-depth street and sidewalk repairs

- Deteriorated areas on Rosebelle Avenue between Drake Street and Hadaway Street
- Lee Avenue – 155 feet near Drake Street
- Two areas on Eastview Avenue between Drake Street and Poplar Street and 115 feet north of Helen Street
- Helen Street – 115 feet west of Eastview Avenue
- Westfield Drive cul-de-sac

Jaycox Road Reconstruction Project, Phase 1

Reconstruction of Jaycox Road from approximately 350 feet north of Center Ridge Road to approximately 400 feet north of Drake Street will move forward in late summer of 2015. This will include six inches of pulverized asphalt base and three inches of new asphalt intermediate and surface courses to provide two eleven-foot lanes with two-foot wide asphalt shoulders.

The city received funding from Ohio Public Works Commission for \$345,488 of the \$585,573 needed for this project. Phase 2 is planned to occur in 2016 to complete Jaycox Road.

Lear Nagle Road Reconstruction Project Update

Lear Nagle Road is well underway. Columbia Gas of Ohio is in the process of relocating the natural gas lines along Lear Nagle Road in preparation for the widening of the roadway. This project will take place starting at the corner of Cook Road and Lorain Road and continue north along Lear Nagle Road to Center Ridge Road. Roughly 13,000 feet of natural gas lines will be replaced over the course of the next 6-8 months. This relocation will include the installation of a new main line that runs along the street and new service lines that provide natural gas service to homes and businesses along Lear Nagle Road. Two-way traffic will be maintained; however there will be periodic lane closures with expected traffic delays throughout the project.

The anticipated bid date for the road widening project is October 2015 with construction to begin in 2016. Plans are to widen Lear Nagle Road to three lanes beginning just south of Center Ridge Road where the previous intersection improvement stops. Sidewalks, gutters and storm drains will be included in the new construction. The intersection at Chestnut Ridge Road will be completely redone. The intersection at Lorain Road and Lear Nagle Road will have double southbound left turn lanes. The westbound direction will have one left and one right turn lane along with two through lanes. The eastbound direction will have one left lane, one through lane, and one combined through/right lane.



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.

Paint: Never rinse paint brushes or dispose of paint in the street or storm drain. Pour leftover paint from the roller pan back into the paint can. Reuse paint thinners by filtering or letting the paint residue settle out. Dispose of thinners as household hazardous waste and never pour them onto the ground or into storm drains. If using oil-based paints, the brush or roller should not be rinsed in the sink – they must be cleaned in a bucket and all cleaning fluids must be disposed of as hazardous waste.

General Home Maintenance: Dispose of soapy water from window or carpet cleaning into the sink and not onto the ground or into a storm drain. Keep garbage can lids secure because loose trash often blows into the street and clogs storm drains or ditches and pollutes our waterways. Sweep walkways and driveways instead of hosing them off. Pick up pet waste and dispose of it in the garbage.

Pesticides and Herbicides: Try not to buy large containers of pesticides unless they will be completely used up, and use the minimum amount of pesticides and herbicides as necessary for the job. Be careful not to over-apply pesticides or apply them before it rains because rain can carry them into our streets and storm drain inlets. Don't dump leftover pesticides or herbicides into a street or storm drain.

North Ridgeville Fire Department Receives Mission: Lifeline EMS Recognition Award

The North Ridgeville Fire Department has received the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline[®] EMS Silver Award for implementing quality improvement measures for the treatment of patients who experience severe heart attacks.

Every year, more than 250,000 people experience a STEMI, or ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction, a type of heart attack caused by a complete blockage of blood flow to the heart that requires timely treatment. To prevent death, it's critical to restore blood flow as quickly as possible, either by surgically opening the blocked vessel or by giving clot-busting medication.

Unfortunately, a significant number don't receive this prompt treatment. Mission: Lifeline seeks to save lives by closing the gaps that separate STEMI patients from timely access to appropriate treatments. Mission: Lifeline's EMS recognition program recognizes emergency responders for their efforts in improving STEMI systems of care and improving the quality of life for these patients.

Emergency Medical System providers are vital to the success of Mission: Lifeline. EMS agencies provide access to 12-lead ECG machines (devices that measure the electrical activity of the heartbeat and can help medical personnel determine if a heart attack has occurred), and follow protocols derived from American Heart Association/American College of Cardiology guidelines. The correct tools and training allow EMS providers to rapidly identify the STEMI, promptly notify the medical center, and trigger an early response from the awaiting hospital personnel.

Agencies that receive the Mission: Lifeline Silver award have demonstrated at least 75 percent compliance for each required achievement measure for the entire year, and treat at least eight STEMI patients for the year.

"EMTs and paramedics play a vital part in the system of care for those who have heart attacks," said Nancy Brown, Chief Executive Officer of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association. "Since they often are the first medical point of contact, they can shave precious minutes of life-saving treatment time by activating the emergency response system that alerts hospitals. We applaud the North Ridgeville Fire Department for achieving this award that shows it meets evidence-based guidelines in the treatment of people who have severe heart attacks."

Update From North Ridgeville Parks & Recreation Department

The Parks & Recreation Department recently received the Communities Preventing Chronic Disease Grant to fully fund new bike racks (\$12,000) throughout the entire park system and install outdoor graded fitness equipment (\$25,000) in South Central Park. There will be a total of six pieces of equipment installed near Pavilion #1 – two-person lat pull-down, two-person chest press, recumbent bike, rower, elliptical and stair climber. This equipment will be a great addition to our parks! This grant is made possible by the Ohio Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and conducted through the Lorain County General Health District.

Beginning Monday, July 6 the park system in North Ridgeville will be tobacco free. The No Tobacco Policy can be found on the Parks & Recreation Department's website at www.nridgeville.org/parksandrec. Should you have any questions about the policy, please contact Parks & Recreation Director Kevin Fougousse at (440) 353-0825. Thank you for your support and for making North Ridgeville parks a cleaner and healthier place to visit.



Community Calendar

- Daily** **Splash Pad** at South Central Park from 10 AM-8 PM thru Labor Day. The splash pad is free and open to North Ridgeville residents only.
- June 1, 2** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days**
- June 1, 15** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- June 3** **Heart & Sole Challenge Healthy Strides** combines a casual 30-minute walk, preceded by a brief informative talk. Come walk with us at 6 PM at South Central Park. Cary Borland, DO, Cleveland Clinic and Stacy Slack, Athletic Trainer will be our special guests. For more information visit www.NRheartandsole.com.
- June 6** **Touch-A-Truck** from 10 AM-noon at the North Ridgeville High School parking lot. Get up close and personal with all kinds of big trucks. Free event, ages 2-10 years old.
- June 15-July 15** **Garden Club's Annual Curb Appeal Recognition Event (CARE)** – Nominate a beautiful North Ridgeville front yard (even your own) and seven winners will receive a \$25 garden center gift certificate and more. E-mail gcnrinfo@gmail.com or call (440) 365-8522 with your nominations.
- June 17** **Heart & Sole Challenge Healthy Strides** combines a casual 30-minute walk, preceded by a brief informative talk. Come walk with us at 6 PM at South Central Park. Mayor David Gillock will be the guest speaker. For more information visit www.NRheartandsole.com.
- June 17-20** **Citywide Garage Sale Days** – To register, visit the Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau between June 1-12 at 34845 Lorain Road or call (440) 327-3737 for more information. No garage sale permit from City Hall is needed to participate in this event.
- June 20** **4th Annual Run at the Ridge** at 8 AM at Prairie Lodge, 9479 Saw Mill Trace. 5K Race and Fitness Walk and One Mile Fun Run/Walk for all ages. Proceeds will benefit the Alex Sismour Memorial Fund. On-line registration available at www.ourpioneerridge.net. For more information please contact (440) 327-1866.
- June 24** **Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock** from 8-9 AM at Gourme Family Restaurant, 32775 Lorain Road. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- July 1** **Heart & Sole Challenge Healthy Strides** combines a casual 30-minute walk, preceded by a brief informative talk. Come walk with us at 6 PM at Sandy Ridge Reservation, 6195 Otten Road. Fire Chief John Reese will be the guest speaker. For more information visit www.NRheartandsole.com.
- July 3** **Independence Day Celebration** – Party in the Park at South Central Park from 7-9:30 PM. Fireworks at dark. Food vendors, bounce houses, balloon twister, live entertainment by Sorry William, and much more!
Cornhole Tournament (double elimination) sponsored by the North Ridgeville Kiwanis at 6:30 PM. For more information please contact Gary Krone at (440) 327-0111.
-  **Independence Day** – City Hall closed in observance of the holiday.
- July 6, 7** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days**
- July 6, 20** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- July 15** **Heart & Sole Challenge Healthy Strides** combines a casual 30-minute walk, preceded by a brief informative talk. Come walk with us at 6 PM at Sandy Ridge Reservation, 6195 Otten Road. Joy Rowland, DPM, Podiatrist from the Cleveland Clinic will be the guest speaker. For more information visit www.NRheartandsole.com.
- July 24** **Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock** from 8-9 AM at City Diner, 34900 Center Ridge Road. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- July 29** **Heart & Sole Challenge Healthy Strides** combines a casual 30-minute walk, preceded by a brief informative talk. Come walk with us at 6 PM at Sandy Ridge Reservation, 6195 Otten Road. Asst. Superintendent Bill Greene from the North Ridgeville City Schools will be the guest speaker. For more information visit www.NRheartandsole.com.
- August 3, 17** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- August 3, 4** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days**
- August 7-9** **Corn Festival** on Bainbridge Road between Root & Avon Belden Roads, Friday 6-11 PM; Opening Ceremonies at 7 PM; Golden Kernel Award 7:15 PM; Saturday 11 AM-11 PM; Sunday 12-6 PM; Grande Parade 1:30 PM. For more information and a complete listing of events, visit www.nrcornfest.org or call (440) 218-9802.
- August 12** **Heart & Sole Challenge Healthy Strides** combines a casual 30-minute walk, preceded by a brief informative talk. Come walk with us at 6 PM at Frontier Park, 5463 Mills Creek Lane. Ankur Gupta, DDS, North Ridgeville Family Dentistry will be the guest speaker. For more information visit www.NRheartandsole.com.
- August 14** **“Dino to Diamond” Concert** with Scott Brotherton from 2-3 PM at the North Ridgeville Education Center, 5490 Mills Creek Lane. Presale tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at the Senior Center; \$8 at the door.
- August 20** **Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock** from 8-9 AM at City Hall Mayor’s Conference Room, 7307 Avon Belden Road. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- August 26** **Heart & Sole Challenge Healthy Strides** combines a casual 30-minute walk, preceded by a brief informative talk. Come walk with us at 6 PM at Frontier Park, 5463 Mills Creek Lane. Police Chief Michael Freeman will be the guest speaker. For more information visit www.NRheartandsole.com.