



Community Connection, Summer 2019

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Mayor's Message...

One of the many things I'm going to miss when I retire at the end of this year as your Mayor is the collaborative efforts with the schools and scouts in educating our youth. Many of our residents may not be aware that the City hosts throughout the year numerous youngsters including college-aged students – on-site as well as at the schools.

I've highlighted below just a few examples of teaching and learning that took place in the month of May:

Ranger High-Tech Academy (RHTA) Project Learning Garden

RHTA and associates from Heinen's and Dole Packaged Foods celebrated the donation of a Captain Planet Foundation Learning Garden to Ranger High-Tech Academy.



The Project Learning Garden program provides a context for multidisciplinary learning, ranging from nutrition and science to social studies, math, and language arts. It is also noted that students benefit by expanding their palates, taste-testing healthy foods, and learning about food origins; engaging in authentic science field investigations; manipulating the environment to understand math in real-life applications; recreating historical activities, and writing across all these disciplines.



Mayor Gillock with grandson and RHTA student Lincoln Gates

During the celebration of the Project Learning Garden, students harvested their crops to make a delicious salad for all to enjoy.

Ranger High-Tech Academy (RHTA) Studies the Environmental Effects on the City's Infrastructure

Forty-six fourth grade students from RHTA made real-world connections on May 16th when teachers Ms. Detmar and Ms. Herbell along with the Assistant City Engineer, Christina Eavenson, took them on a field trip to observe some of the City's infrastructure that is in need of repair or replacement, in large part due to the effects of the environment.

The students observed examples of weathering and erosion from stormwater runoff, snow and ice, and wind on an asphalt street (Adele Street), a concrete street (Main Avenue), and a 100-year old stone arch bridge (Center Ridge Road Bridge over Chappell Creek); all of which are scheduled to be replaced by next year.

Ms. Eavenson also discussed the effects of new site development on the City's waterways. They reviewed how development can cause an increase in volume and velocity of the stormwater runoff which could cause a flooding problem. In order to make provisions for this, the City requires stormwater management systems like retention basins. The students also stopped at the recently constructed Academic Center to observe the new water quality and retention basins that were installed to control and filter the site's stormwater runoff before it proceeds to Robinson Ditch.



Mayor's Message (cont'd)...

Academic Center Third Grade Field Trip to City Hall

Over 320 third grade students embarked on City Hall May 17th to augment their social studies and government curriculum. Seven stations, encompassing nine city departments, were involved in the rotation schedule allowing 20 minutes with each group of students. When it was all said and done, all 320 students experienced each station and walked away with a better understanding of how city government works.



It was a great day for not only the students but for staff and employees alike! And, the Ranger Strong banner that was presented to us during their visit is now hanging proudly at City Hall.

G. David Gillock, Mayor

UPDATE FROM OUR PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

If you have been out in South Central Park this spring you may have noticed a couple of new and unique additions to the park. You may have wondered while you were fishing what are those beacons in the lake and what happened to all the geese? Well wonder no more. In March our grounds maintenance staff placed the Away With Geese beacons out in the lakes. The water unit's light is scarcely noticeable to humans but is very disruptive to the sleep of the geese: it is directly at their eye level, and is annoying to their incredibly sensitive eyesight. Geese choose to sleep in locations that feel safe to them, in which they are free of threats from predators while they rest. The safety in the water is why they choose lakes, ponds and other waterways for sleep and/or rest at night. The light causes them to no longer feel secure at night in the water. Because geese prefer to sleep and eat in the same area, they will no longer find the adjacent grassy area attractive during the day either, and will leave to find another habitat, usually after just a few restless nights.



In April, Dain Bartlebaugh a student at North Ridgeville City Schools worked with the department to obtain his Eagle Scout badge and built a Gaga Ball Pit in place of the volleyball court. Gaga is a fast paced, high energy sport played in an octagonal pit. The more players the better! Dubbed a kinder gentler version of dodgeball, the game is played with a soft foam ball, and combines the skills of dodging, striking, running, and jumping, while trying to hit opponents with a ball below the knees. We cannot thank Dain enough for all his hard work and the tremendous job he did

with constructing the Gaga Ball Pit for our park.

Lastly, later this summer a new playground will be installed by Snider & Associates at the Soccer Complex for families to enjoy.

If you have any questions, please contact Parks & Recreation Director Kevin Fougrouse at (440) 353-0825 or via email at kfougrouse@nridgeville.org.



UPDATE ON STREET REPAIRS AND PAVING PROJECTS

There will be \$1,835,000 in street repairs this year with the City's share coming in at \$1,485,000 with the balance of \$350,000 from Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC). The City does recognize that not all streets can be done but has prioritized the list of streets that will be paved this year within the budget limitations.

Asphalt Paving Projects. The Service Department has begun paving the following streets at a total cost of approximately \$625,000: Adele Street, Broad Blvd. (after any necessary sanitary sewer repairs; projected 2020), Broadway Drive, Drake Street, Floraline Avenue, Homecrest Drive, Lakeside Drive, Main Avenue (from Adele to May), Opal Street, Otten Road, Paula Blvd., Poplar Street, Rhonda Drive, Ridge Plaza Drive, Ridgeview Blvd., Shady Drive (rear parking lot and entrance to park), Shaker Drive, Woodbridge Court and Woodland Drive.

Race Road is in need of resurfacing following the work done at the end of 2018 by Avon Lake Regional Water to repair the ETL2 waterline. Avon Lake has agreed to advertise and accept bids for this project no later than June 1, 2019. The City of North Ridgeville has agreed to pay up to \$160,000 pending the bid process and City Council approval.

Concrete Full-Depth Street Repairs. There will be \$1,050,000 spent on full-depth concrete repair on the following streets: Cedar Branch Circle, Englewood Court, Gatestone Circle at Gatewood Drive; Pine Branch Circle, Rock Point Circle; Main Avenue from Theresa Street to May Street and Pleasant Avenue from May Street to Thelma Street (after any necessary sanitary sewer repairs; projected 2020).

For the latest updates and repair schedule, visit the city's website at nridgeville.org.

PLANNING HOME IMPROVEMENTS? DON'T FORGET YOUR PERMIT

Building permits are required for most home improvement projects including additions, alterations, decks, sheds/barns, fences, swimming pools, replacement windows, re-siding and re-roofing. When in doubt, contact the Building Department to inquire what other projects may require a permit. Building permits benefit the occupants/owners of the property and the City. These permits insure good construction practices and a safe environment in the City through the required inspections. All applicants are informed of necessary inspections when permits are issued.

Depending on the home improvement project, supporting drawings may be required along with the application. The Building Department's certified plan examiners will review your plans to insure the intended construction complies with the Residential Code of Ohio, local zoning ordinances and other applicable regulations. It is important that you review your plans carefully when you receive your permit before proceeding with your project. Often the plan examiner will make important code required notes or changes in red.

Prior to hiring a contractor to conduct any work on your property, contact the Building Department to insure the company is licensed and bonded to work in the City of North Ridgeville. The Building Department is located in City Hall at 7307 Avon Belden Road, hours are Monday-Friday from 8 AM-4:30 PM, and their phone number is (440) 353-0822.

ARE YOU PLANNING A GARAGE SALE OR TO SELL A VEHICLE?

If you answered yes, please stop by City Hall between the hours of 8 AM and 4:30 PM to obtain a permit. The cost is \$2 per permit and limited to two each per calendar year. Garage/moving sales are to be no more than four consecutive days. Vehicle sale permits are for a period not to exceed thirty days. More information will be provided to you when obtaining your permit.



North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau will be sponsoring their annual citywide Garage Sale Days from June 12-15, 2019. Registration is June 3 through noon on June 7 at their office located at 34845 Lorain Road. The cost to participate is \$5. Please note: For this event only, it is not necessary to obtain a garage sale permit from City Hall. For more information, please call the Chamber of Commerce at (440) 327-3737.

Community Calendar

- Daily** **Splash Pad** at South Central Park opens daily from 10 AM-8 PM thru Labor Day. The Splash Pad is free and open to North Ridgeville residents only.
- June 3, 17** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- June 4, 11** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days** (6/4 Route 83 and all homes east; 6/11 all homes west of Route 83)
- June 12-15** **Citywide Garage Sale Days** – To register, visit the Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau office located at 34845 Lorain Road starting June 3 through noon on June 7. The cost to participate is \$5. Please note: No garage sale permit from City Hall is needed to participate in this event.
- June 13, 20, 27** **Healthy Strides...Come Walk With Us!** Combines a casual 30-minute walk, preceded by a brief informative talk by local health professionals or city officials. Participants meet at South Central Park Pavilion 1 at 6 PM.
- June 14, 28** **Summer Concert Series: 6-14 The Agenda and 6-28 Jam Machine**
Free concert at South Central Park Gazebo from 7-9 PM. Bring the entire family out along with your lawn chairs or blanket to enjoy this traditional summer pastime. Food vendors will be available starting at 6 PM.
- June 21** **Movie in the Park: *The Little Mermaid***
Bring your chair, have a picnic dinner, catch up with your neighbors and enjoy a free movie at South Central Park. Activities and food vendors will be available starting at 6 PM. The movie will be shown at dusk.
- July 1** **Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock** from 8-9 AM at City Hall in Council Chambers. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- July 1, 15** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- July 2, 9** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days** (7/2 Route 83 and all homes east; 7/9 all homes west of Route 83)
- July 3** **Star Spangled Celebration** – Party in the Park at South Central Park from 7-9:30 PM. Fireworks at dark. Food vendors, bounce houses, balloon twisters and live music. *Rain date is July 5 – fireworks only.*
- July 4** **Independence Day** – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday..
- July 5, 19** **Movies in the Park: 7-5 *Spider-Man Into the Spider-Verse* and 7-19 *Incredibles 2***
Bring your chair, have a picnic dinner, catch up with your neighbors and enjoy a free movie at South Central Park. Activities and food vendors will be available starting at 6 PM. The movie will be shown at dusk.
- July 11, 18, 25** **Healthy Strides...Come Walk With Us!** Combines a casual 30-minute walk, preceded by a brief informative talk by local health professionals or city officials. Participants meet at South Central Park Pavilion 1 at 6 PM.
- July 12, 26** **Summer Concert Series: 7-12 *Scott & Obie* and 7-26 *Queen Bees***
Free concert at South Central Park Gazebo from 7-9 PM. Bring the entire family out along with your lawn chairs or blanket to enjoy this traditional summer pastime. Food vendors will be available starting at 6 PM.
- August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** **Healthy Strides...Come Walk With Us!** Combines a casual 30-minute walk, preceded by a brief informative talk by local health professionals or city officials. Participants meet at South Central Park Pavilion 1 at 6 PM.
- August 2** **Movie in the Park: *Aquaman***
Bring your chair, have a picnic dinner, catch up with your neighbors and enjoy a free movie at South Central Park. Activities and food vendors will be available starting at 6 PM. The movie will be shown at dusk.
- August 5, 19** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- August 6, 13** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days** (8/6 Route 83 and all homes east; 8/13 all homes west of Route 83)
- August 7** **Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock** from 8-9 AM at City Hall in Council Chambers. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- August 9-11** **Corn Festival** on Bainbridge Road between Root Road and Avon Belden Road. For more information on festivities, please visit nrcornfest.org or call (440) 218-9802.
- August 16** **Summer Concert Series: *Grupo Son Gitano***
Free concert at South Central Park Gazebo from 7-9 PM. Bring the entire family out along with your lawn chairs or blanket to enjoy this traditional summer pastime. Food vendors will be available starting at 6 PM.
- September 2** **Labor Day** – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.
- September 3, 16** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- September 4, 10** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days** (9/4 Route 83 and all homes east; 9/10 all homes west of Route 83)
- September 5** **Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock** from 8-9 AM at City Hall in Council Chambers. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.