



# CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE

## Community Connection, Summer 2020

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### Mayor's Message...

When I took office on January 1, 2020, I could never have imagined what a crazy ride 2020 would turn out to be. With the COVID-2019 pandemic, we have continued providing city services but in a much different manner. Our doors may have been locked but we continued to serve you by phone, by email and by way of conducting essential meetings virtually. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have opened our doors once again to address your needs. As we learn more about the coronavirus, modifications may continue to be made on how we conduct business. Please check our city's website at [nridgeville.org](http://nridgeville.org) for any changes and for the latest news. We are in this together – our priority is to keep our employees and residents as safe as possible.



While I am on the subject of website, if you haven't signed up to receive important messages from the city, please visit [nridgeville.org](http://nridgeville.org) and click on the "Sign Up for Emergency Alerts" icon to register. We have partnered with the county to provide a cost-effective emergency notification and general messaging system. This service is free to residents to receive notifications, e.g., road closures, water breaks, bulk trash collection reminders, etc.

**Quiet Zone.** We have received a number of calls at City Hall regarding the train horns. Norfolk Southern (NS) is in the city replacing rail at each of the crossings. The work began in early April and is a three phase project. During phase one, NS damaged the Quiet Zone equipment causing train engineers to sound their horns. The equipment cannot be repaired until NS completes their work at each of the crossings. Phase three will require complete closures at each of the crossings and is tentatively scheduled June 8-10 for Race Road and Maddock Road and June 9-11 for Root Road and Chestnut Ridge Road. Once NS completes their work, Signal Service will be contacted to make the necessary repairs to the Quiet Zone equipment.

**Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP).** North Ridgeville will be partnering with Lorain County Commissioners to apply for funding for the CHIP Grant Program Year 2020. The county will serve as the lead applicant and grantee. The CHIP grant funding provides for home repair and rehabilitation for homes in the community and to homeowners that meet income and project eligibility requirements. CHIP is a competitive grant program and not all applicants will receive funds. The project period for PY2020 is November 1, 2020-February 28, 2023. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the public notice seeking public input is posted on the city's website from June 1-June 15, 2020. If the grant is approved, North Ridgeville would be eligible for a maximum of \$350,000. At that time, more details will be released on how homeowners can apply for the funding.

**Census 2020.** North Ridgeville is in the lead among other Lorain County cities and villages with over 80% of residents responding to the survey. The 2020 census will determine congressional representation, inform hundreds of billions in federal funding every year, and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade. If you haven't responded by mail, you can also complete your survey by phone 1-844-330-2020 or by visiting their website at [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) to be counted and to help shape the future!

I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to thank our voters for passing all three levy renewal issues on April 28th – Police, Fire and Roads and Bridges. These three levies combined generate nearly \$4.5 million in property tax revenues to the city. We appreciate your continuing support of these issues! I would also like to thank the VFW Post 9871 for their generous donation of a United States flag set that I now have prominently displayed in my office. Your act of kindness is very much appreciated!

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

Sincerely,  
*Mayor Kevin Corcoran*



## UPDATE ON STREET REPAIRS AND PAVING PROJECTS

In November 2019, Resource International, Inc. completed a master plan report for Pavement Condition Rating (PCR). The report includes a summary of the condition assessment, recommendations as to the prioritized areas requiring attention, and maintenance and rehabilitation recommendations for the entire city network of streets, with the exception of interstate highways. This report is essential to prioritizing the list of streets to be paved each year within the city's allocated budget.

**Asphalt Paving Projects.** The Service Department will pave the following streets: Adele Street, Deborah Drive, Dorchester Avenue, Gloria Avenue (from Jefferson Avenue to just west of Madison Avenue), Handyside Road, Madison Avenue (between Adams Avenue and Gloria Avenue), Main Avenue (from Adele to May), Mills Creek Lane (north from Shady Moss Lane), Otten Road (from Sandy Ridge Reservation to Barres Road), Poplar Street (from Rosebelle Avenue to Rhonda Drive), Root Road (from Center Ridge Road to Chestnut Ridge Road), and Westminster Avenue.

**Reclamite® Asphalt Pavement Rejuvenator.** The city has contracted with Pavement Technology Inc. to treat 20 asphalt streets this year with Reclamite® which restores maltenes, the components of asphalt lost in the aging process, and improves the durability of the pavement near the surface where deterioration begins. This will extend the service life of the asphalt pavement while conserving the maintenance budget.

**Full-Depth Concrete Pavement Repairs.** In 2019, the city completed full depth concrete pavement repairs for Englewood Court, Cedar Branch Circle and Pine Branch Circle. In 2020, the Engineering Department will advertise for bids for the Full-Depth Concrete Pavement Replacement project (sections of McArthur Drive and Northwood Court) in June with construction tentatively to begin in July. Because of a delay with a reappropriations bill at the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC), funding for additional streets that had been scheduled for replacement for the summer of 2020 are on hold. The OPWC can't guarantee payments against our agreements until the reappropriations are finalized. We anticipate this will happen in July 2020. Upon confirmation of the availability of funds from OPWC and if enough time is available in the construction season then the Engineering Department will advertise for the construction of concrete pavement replacements for sections of Gatestone Road, Main Avenue, Rock Point Circle, and Pleasant Avenue.

For the latest updates and repair schedule, visit the city's website at [nridgeville.org](http://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 perform work in North Ridgeville. The Building Department is located in City Hall at 7307 Avon Belden Road and can also be reached by phone at (440) 353-0822.

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

Permits are required to conduct a garage/moving sale or to sell a vehicle. 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. Please stop by City Hall between the hours of 8 AM and 4:30 PM to obtain a permit. More information will be provided to you when obtaining your permit.



Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau made the decision to cancel this year's annual citywide Garage Sale Days.

## PRODUCE PICK-UP SERVICE

Fruits and vegetables from local stands will be available again this year through North Ridgeville Heart and Sole's "Produce Pick-up" service. The program will run for six weeks, August 3-September 13, 2020. Pick-up locations and instructions on how to purchase a bag will be posted on the North Ridgeville Heart and Sole Facebook page or feel free to email NRHeartandSole@gmail.com with questions. Details will also be posted in the summer at [nridgeville.org/FarmMarkets.aspx](http://nridgeville.org/FarmMarkets.aspx).



## OHIO UTILITIES PROTECTION SERVICE – CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG

*Hey Ohio!*  
**BEFORE YOU DIG**

-  **Click! [oups.org](http://oups.org)**
-  **Call! 8-1-1**
-  **Tap! the OUPS app**

If you plan to dig, the Ohio Revised Code states that “at least forty eight hours but not more than ten days before commencing excavation, the excavator shall notify the protection service of the location of the excavation site and the date on which the excavation is planned to commence.” Call Ohio Utilities Protection Service (O.U.P.S.) at 1-800-362-2764 or 8-1-1. This applies to not only excavators but residents that plan to dig or demolish any structure including post hole digging, landscaping, sign installation, etc. For more information, visit the O.U.P.S. website at [oups.org](http://oups.org).

## PROPER DISPOSAL OF WIPES & OTHER NON-FLUSHABLES

As our community takes extra precautions necessary to protect our health, please be mindful of where you dispose of your cleaning products. Please do NOT put disposable wipes in the toilet as they are not flushable - even if packaging says they are. Put these items in the trash. Disposable wipes and other non-flushables such as paper towels, disposable diapers and feminine products can potentially clog our septic tanks, sanitary sewers and overburden our wastewater treatment plants. Additionally, they may contain synthetic materials and chemical agents which can harm wildlife and put a strain on the treatment process which helps make our water drinkable.

## NORTH RIDGEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT PARTNERS WITH RING

In an effort to better communicate with our community the North Ridgeville Police Department (NRPD) is happy to announce they've partnered with Ring, the popular Amazon video-doorbell company. This will allow the NRPD to share information they feel may reduce crime and gives residents the opportunity to share their videos directly with NRPD. You do not need to have a Ring device to participate, as anyone can upload content from their camera system to the Neighbors App.

To be clear this does not give our agency access to your camera or system. It is simply a way for you to share the videos that your camera system captures. It could be something that seemed suspicious to you or something that you feel is pertinent to an investigation the NRPD is conducting. The NRPD will only have access to what you, the community, provide us. Remember, if you do decide to share a video of a crime or suspicious activity, please report it to the NRPD by calling (440) 327-2191.

If this is something that you would like to participate in please download the Neighbors App by texting the phrase “staysafe” to 555888 on your smart phone. Remember you do not need to have a Ring doorbell to upload video, as you can upload video from any camera system to the App. You can refer to these links for assistance in downloading videos: <https://support.ring.com/hc/en-us/articles/115001834066-Downloading-Your-Ring-Videos> or <https://support.ring.com/hc/en-us/articles/360035191772-Sharing-To-The-Neighbors-App>.

The NRPD hopes you will join them in making North Ridgeville a safer community!

## RECREATIONAL FIRE PERMITS

Recreational fires require a permit that can be obtained at no cost to the property owner and is valid for the entire year in which it was issued. To obtain a permit, visit [nridgeville.org/Fire.aspx](http://nridgeville.org/Fire.aspx) to access the link. When completing your request for the permit, you are agreeing to abide by the permit requirements that are listed on the website e.g., recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material such as homes, sheds, fences, decks; maximum pile size is three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height, etc.

## 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.

- June 1, 15** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- June 2, 9** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days** (6/2 Route 83 and all homes east; 6/9 all homes west of Route 83)
- June 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.
- June 12, 26** **Movies in the Park: 6-12 *Frozen II* and 6-26 *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker***  
Bring your chair, have a picnic dinner, catch up with your neighbors and enjoy free movies at South Central Park. The movies will be shown at dusk.
- June 14, 28** **Summer Concert Series: ~~6-14 Before The Shine and 6-28 Just Jazz Live~~**  
Free concert at South Central Park Gazebo from 6-8 PM. Bring the entire family out along with your lawn chairs or blanket to enjoy this traditional summer pastime.
- June 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.
- July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** **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 3** **Star Spangled Celebration/Fireworks** – time and location to be announced at a later date. Check the city's website at [nridgeville.org](http://nridgeville.org) for updates. (*Rain date is July 5*)  
City Hall will be closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday.
- July 4** **Independence Day** – Celebrate Our Freedom!
- July 5, 19** **Summer Concert Series: 7-5 Bridgetown Junction and 7-19 The Agenda**  
Free concert at South Central Park Gazebo from 6-8 PM. Bring the entire family out along with your lawn chairs or blanket to enjoy this traditional summer pastime.
- July 6, 20** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- July 7, 14** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days** (7/7 Route 83 and all homes east; 7/14 all homes west of Route 83)
- July 17, 31** **Movies in the Park: 7-17 *Spiderman: Far From Home* and 7-31 *Aladdin (Live Action)***  
Bring your chair, have a picnic dinner, catch up with your neighbors and enjoy free movies at South Central Park. The movies will be shown at dusk.
- July 22** **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.
- August 3, 17** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- August 4, 11** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days** (8/4 Route 83 and all homes east; 8/11 all homes west of Route 83)
- Aug. 6, 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.
- August 7-9** **Corn Festival** cancelled because of COVID-19 pandemic. Please plan to visit the festival next year August 13-15, 2021. For more information, please visit [nrcornfest.org](http://nrcornfest.org) or call (440) 218-9802.
- August 16** **Summer Concert Series: The WIXY 1260: Ft. The Soul Men**  
Free concert at South Central Park Gazebo from 6-8 PM. Bring the entire family out along with your lawn chairs or blanket to enjoy this traditional summer pastime.
- August 18** **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 7** **Labor Day** – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.
- 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 Route 83 and all homes east; 9/15 all homes west of Route 83)