



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Fall 2023

Mayor's Message

As we bid farewell to the summer heat, we welcome the season of changing leaves, festivals, bonfires and absolutely everything pumpkin spice. We pull those cozy sweaters out of the closet and are reminded that change is inevitable—and that includes our city, too. We are continuing to work on some exciting projects to improve our community, upgrade our infrastructure and plan for our future.



I want to thank all of the community members that came out to participate in our Ready to Imagine Pop Up Party in July to provide input into our citywide master plan. I was excited to see such a high turnout, despite the inclement weather. We had great participation at our activity stations and our community partners were able to share timely information about other important city initiatives around health, wellness, education, socialization and civic engagement. Over the next few months, we will be synthesizing all of the data we've collected with the feedback from the community to create a draft plan. More input opportunities will be available to review the plan's recommendations and provide comments. Visit www.RidgevilleReady.com for more information and to sign up for project updates.

We also continue to focus on our ongoing infrastructure projects, moving forward with design, bidding and construction of our various roadway, roundabout and stormwater projects, while planning and seeking funds for other needed improvements in the city. Our new police station construction is also going well and should be wrapped up at the beginning of next year.

Stay informed about our projects and initiatives in the City of North Ridgeville by visiting our website at www.nridgeville.org and by following our city on social media. I share current events through my weekly videos and I enjoy the opportunities to connect with residents during my monthly Coffee and Conversations. Our fall dates are September 14, October 13 and November 13, all at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Finally, don't forget that Tuesday, November 7 is Election Day. Please join me in supporting our schools, as education is so critical to the future success of our community! I encourage you to take a few moments out of your day to exercise your right to vote.

Mayor Kevin Corcoran

Ready to Imagine Pop Up Party



Welcome New Businesses!

- 3RD Generation Construction, 36591 Center Ridge Road, Suite 104
- Equinox Salon, 32662 Center Ridge Road
- Niko's Gyros To-Go, 34167 Center Ridge Road
- Scooter's Coffee, 34522 Center Ridge Road
- Tacos del Pueblo Mexican Grill, 34173 Center Ridge Road
- Transcendence Health, 36591 Center Ridge Road, Suite 101
- Underdog Training Academy, 32660 Center Ridge Road



- Lorain County Health & Dentistry, 35557 Center Ridge Road Groundbreaking Ceremony



Update on Capital Improvement Projects

Highlighted below is a brief summary of a few of the capital improvement projects currently underway or planned in the coming months. If you have any questions regarding these projects, please call the Engineering Department at (440) 353-0842. With any construction project, dates are subject to change based on weather conditions, contractors' schedules and extenuating circumstances. For the most up-to-date information, visit our website at www.nridgeville.org.

Full Depth Concrete Pavement Replacement Project

The City has contracted with Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Company, Inc. for the Full Depth Concrete Pavement Replacement Project. The project includes the replacement of various roadway sections, slabs, and joints along Woodridge Court, Oakhurst Drive, Albert Street, Rosebelle Avenue, the Forest Glen Way apron at Chestnut Ridge Road, and various other locations along Lorain Road. The project is currently in construction and will be completed by the end of October.

Catch Basin Repairs

The City has retained D2 Excavating, LLC for the Catch Basin Repairs Project. The project includes the concrete

replacement and structural repair of approximately 36 catch basins at various locations throughout the city. The majority of which are located in the Waterbury and Ridgefield subdivisions. The project is currently underway and will be completed by the end of September.

Traffic Paint Striping

The City is in the process of awarding the contract for the Traffic Paint Striping Project. The project includes the painting of all centerlines, edge lines, transverse lines and all other traffic symbols and items throughout all of our roadways. The project is expected to begin in September and be completed by the end of October. The majority of this work will occur in the late evenings and at night.

Mills Road, Stoney Ridge Road and Avalon Drive Roundabout

The project will be a peanut-shape to improve safety and efficiency and eliminate the current intersection's offset geometry. Also included in the project is new pavement, curb and gutters, traffic control, landscaping and new watermain and sanitary sewers. Utility relocations associated with the project are currently being finalized. The City intends to bid this project in the fall with construction expected to occur this upcoming winter and spring.

Cypress Avenue Extension

The Cypress Avenue Roadway Extension Project includes the addition of 930 linear feet of new roadway to connect Cypress Avenue to Lorain Road just inside the city limits of North Olmsted. The project will include storm sewers, along with a waterline and sanitary sewers. This project is intended to provide opportunities for future business development along the newly extended roadway. The City intends to bid this project in the fall with construction expected to occur this upcoming winter and spring.

Maddock Road Culvert Replacement Over Watson Ditch

Design plans for the Maddock Road Box Culvert Replacement Project are nearing completion. The project will include a reinforced concrete box culvert complete with new footers and headwalls/wingwalls at both ends of the structure. Work will also include grading, stream restoration, and minor roadway improvements. The City intends to bid this project in the fall with construction expected to occur this upcoming winter and spring.

Mills Creek Conservation and Flood Control

Technical design plans for the Mills Creek Conservation and Flood Control Project are nearing completion. Bramhall Engineering and Surveying, Inc. is in the process of acquiring the necessary permits through the Ohio EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that are needed for design. The project will include a series of detention ponds and drainage channels along with a multipurpose trail and landscaping. This project will help to reduce flooding in the Mills Creek Watershed. The final plans and permit approvals are expected this fall with construction of Phase 1 to begin in 2024.

State Route 83 and Chestnut Ridge Road Roundabout

The City has secured safety funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation for the design of the State Route 83 and Chestnut Ridge Road Roundabout Project. The new roundabout will eliminate the intersection's current skewed configuration. The project seeks to eliminate the need for a traffic signal while improving safety and efficiency at the intersection. The project includes new pavement, curb and gutters, stormwater improvements, pavement markings and new signage. The Ohio Department of Transportation is currently finalizing all of the necessary property acquisitions that are needed for construction to begin. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2024.

Ohio Turnpike Bridge Deck Replacement

The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (OTIC) is nearing completion of their bridge deck replacement project over the Ohio Turnpike on Race Road. OTIC anticipates Race Road to be back open by the end of September. Detour signs will remain posted for a few more weeks.

Norfolk Southern Railroad Bridge Replacement

Norfolk Southern will be replacing their railroad bridge over the Ridgeway Ditch on Maddock Road. Work on the substructure is nearing completion. Norfolk Southern may require intermittent 2-3 hours of northbound lane closures with two-way traffic maintained over the next few weeks. A full closure of Maddock Road will be required in October for approximately three weeks to complete the bridge replacement.

Safety and Connectivity Initiatives

In 2021, the City of North Ridgeville was awarded funding by the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) to create an **Active Transportation Plan**. The intent of the plan is to create a connected bicycle and pedestrian network throughout the city connecting local and regional destinations, as well as to provide safe routes to schools. After delays attributed to the pandemic, we are happy to share that NOACA is moving ahead with the consultant selection and contract award process. Project kickoff is expected later this year.

The City of North Ridgeville will be participating in a countywide planning process led by Lorain County Public Health (LCPH) to create a comprehensive safety action plan to improve roadways in our region. LCPH was awarded \$160,000 through the **Safe Streets and Roads for All** program through the U.S. Department of Transportation for this project. The action plan will help to align the efforts and resources of Lorain County partnership communities to eliminate traffic fatalities in all of our urban, suburban and rural neighborhoods. The consultant selection process will take place over the coming months.



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Community Calendar

- September 4** Labor Day – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday; trash collection delayed one day.
- September 5, 18** City Council Meeting at 7 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- September 11** Patriot Day – stand with pride and honor, we will always remember.
North Ridgeville Health Fair for older adults from 9-11 AM at the Senior Center. Free blood pressure and glucose screenings, flu shots, stretching demonstrations and vendor tables.
- September 14** Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Corcoran from 8:30-9:30 AM at City Hall in Council Chambers. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- September 29** Spaghetti Dinner from 5-7 PM at the Senior Center. Tickets are available for purchase at the door or in advance from the Senior Center. Cost \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$5 for children 10 and under. Dine in or take out. *Sponsored by North Ridgeville Lions Club.*
- October 2, 16** City Council Meeting at 7 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- October 7** North Ridgeville Safety Fair from 10 AM-2 PM at Fire Station #1, 7000 Ranger Way. Free Event. Food, bounce houses, face painting and other fun activities for kids. Information tables with fire safety and health tips for adults and children. Tour fire trucks, ambulances, police cars, Service Dept. trucks; area medical helicopter landing for tours (weather permitting).
- October 13** Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Corcoran from 8:30-9:30 AM at City Hall in Council Chambers. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- October 14** Fall Fest from 4-6 PM at South Central Park. Free event sponsored by Parks & Recreation. Games, food vendors, face & pumpkin painting, balloon animals, pumpkin bowling, photo booth and hay rides (weather permitting).
- October 27** 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. Please pre-register by visiting nridgeville.org/parksandrec. This is a free event for ages up to 5 years old.
Spaghetti Dinner from 5-7 PM at the Senior Center. Tickets are available for purchase at the door or in advance from the Senior Center. Cost \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$5 for children 10 and under. Dine in or take out. *Sponsored by VFW Post 9871.*
- October 31** Trick-or-Treat will be observed 6-7:30 PM – citywide.
- Oct. 30-Dec. 1** 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, Parks & Recreation Department and Senior Center.
- November 4** 10th Annual Stache Dash, 1 Mile Fun Run-Walk at 8:45 AM and 5K Race at 9 AM. Cost: 1 Mile is \$30 pre-registration and \$35 race day; 5K Race is \$40 pre-registration and \$45 race day and ages 14 and under is \$35 pre-registration and \$40 race day. Register online at nridgeville.org/parksandrec by October 30. Race bags provided to the first 300 that pre-register for the event.
- November 5** Daylight Savings Time Ends. As a reminder, turn your clocks back one hour.
- November 6, 20** City Council Meeting at 7 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- November 7** Election Day – Exercise your right to vote. Polls open at 6:30 AM and close at 7:30 PM.
- November 10** City Hall will be closed in observance of the Veterans Day holiday.
- November 11** Veterans Day – we honor the men and women who served our country.
- November 13** Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Corcoran from 8:30-9:30 AM at City Hall in Council Chambers. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
- November 23, 24** Thanksgiving holiday – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.
- December 2** 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 North Ridgeville Visitors Bureau.*
Jewelry Extravaganza & Craft Show from 9 AM-3 PM at the Senior Center. Admission \$1.
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 spectators in festive songs of the season while Mayor Corcoran lights the community tree.
- December 4, 18** City Council Meeting at 7 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.