



Community Connection, Spring 2020

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Mayor's Message...

First, let me start by saying thank you to our residents for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Mayor. I sincerely appreciate the support you have given me in my desire to lead our great city!

It has been a very busy few months and I look forward to the many projects that are currently underway or will be commencing this year. We continue to work closely with ODOT and Fechko to complete the Center Ridge Road reconstruction project this year. With the milder winter, they have made significant progress and report that the roadway is expected to be completed by fall with some restoration work possibly carrying over into 2021; however, this should not impede traffic flow.

Highlighted below are several capital improvement projects planned for this year:



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Ranger Way Extension. Construction will include extending Ranger Way from its current southern terminus to Bainbridge Road. The 38-foot-wide section of concrete road and curbs will extend for a length of 1,600 linear feet. Work will include the realignment of Kensington Drive and the widening of Bainbridge Road to add an eastbound left turn lane onto Ranger Way from Bainbridge Road and an extension of an asphalt multi-purpose trail.

Chestnut Ridge Road and Alternate State Route 83 Roundabout. Design services and construction for the proposed intersection improvements to include a roundabout with asphalt pavement, curb and gutters and a concrete traffic island. The work will also include storm sewers, street lighting, landscaping, sediment and erosion control measures and traffic control.

State Route 83 Urban Paving. ODOT will be performing milling and resurfacing with asphalt pavement on SR 83 from the southern city limits to the northern city limits with the exception of the Center Ridge Road improvements.

Lorain Road Paving. Construction will include milling and resurfacing a section of Lorain Road (approximately 1,400 linear feet) near the turnpike overpass with asphalt pavement.

Alternate State Route 83 and State Route 10 LED Lighting. ODOT will be replacing the roadway lighting system along the interchange with work to include new poles and LED fixtures on the ramps at this intersection.

Barres Road & Stoney Ridge Road Realignment. Design services and construction for the proposed intersection improvements at Barres Road and Stoney Ridge Road. Work involves realigning approximately 300 linear feet of Barres Road to align directly across from Ravenna Drive and includes pavement buildup with curbs, storm sewers, utility relocation and traffic control.

Stoney Ridge Road Water Main Replacement. Construction will include replacement of the existing 8" water main from Center Ridge Road to Schaefer Drive for a length of approximately 1,500 linear feet and 1,200 linear feet on Schaefer Drive.

Lorain Road Water Main Extension. Design services will include surveying, geotechnical investigation and engineering to prepare improvement plans and specifications for the extension of the existing 12" water main along Lorain Road from a point east of Lear Nagle Road to a point west of Bliss Parkway. The purpose of the project is to remove all of the existing commercial taps from ALMU's 30" ETL1 water main on the north side of Lorain Road. It is estimated that 2,300 linear feet of water main will be constructed.

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Broad, Main and Pleasant Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation. Construction will include the relining of approximately 10,000 linear feet of sanitary sewer with a cast in place pipe system for the sanitary sewers on Main, Broad and Pleasant between Center Ridge Road and May Street.

Center Ridge Road Sanitary Sewer. Design services will include surveying, geotechnical investigation and engineering to prepare improvement plans and specifications for the continuation of the sanitary sewer. The project will connect the existing 10" sanitary sewer on Barton Road just north of Center Ridge Road and will extend an 8" sanitary sewer easterly along the south side of Center Ridge Road to the corporation limits. An 8" sanitary sewer will also be extended along the south side of Center Ridge Road to a terminus approximately 550 feet west of Barton Road.

I am continuing the tradition that former Mayor Gillock established with his monthly coffees. Open communication is very important to me and I invite you to join me for Coffee and Conversation in City Council Chambers from 8-9 AM on the following days: March 11, April 22, May 21, June 19, July 22, August 18, September 17, October 19, November 17, and December 16. If you prefer a different method of communication, please feel free to call my office at (440) 353-0811 to arrange a face-to-face meeting or to speak to me on the phone.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that on March 17th, the City will have three important levy issues on the ballot – Issue #5 Police, Issue #6 Fire and Issue #7 Roads and Bridges. All three levies are RENEWAL levies and NOT an additional tax increase and are vital to continuing our existing services in these areas. Thank you in advance for your support of these issues.

Mayor Kevin Corcoran

News from the North Ridgeville Police Department



Officer Doug Cairns



Officer Vince Macy



Officer Nate Inal



Officer Kyle Schmidt

I am often asked, "How many police officers do you have?" As of now, we have 41 sworn officers. The four photographed above are our newest additions in 2018-19. Officers Cairns and Macy were hired to replace two officers who retired and Officers Inal and Schmidt were hired to keep up with the ever growing demands of an increasing population.

Another question I am often asked is "How many police officers do we need?" That's a little tougher question to answer. There are many variables that need to be considered such as safety needs, population growth, budget, crime trends, technology, etc. By applying our philosophy of hiring highly qualified/motivated individuals, providing continuous job training, using new technologies, and working with a public that is willing to get involved, we have actually been able to decrease the number of police officers per 1,000 residents over the past twenty years.

Year	Number of North Ridgeville Police Officers	Population (estimated)
2000	37 (1.66 officers per 1,000 residents*)	22,338
2010	38 (1.29 officers per 1,000 residents*)	29,465
2018	41 (1.21 officers per 1,000 residents*)	33,889

* National average is 1.7 officers per 1,000 residents

The National Council for Home Safety and Security released their 2020 report listing the top safest cities in Ohio. North Ridgeville ranked number three on the list behind Olmsted Township and Brecksville. By working harder, smarter and together, North Ridgeville will continue to be one of the safest cities in Ohio to live and raise a family.

Police Chief Michael Freeman

News from the North Ridgeville Fire Department

The Fire Department was excited to take delivery of a new 100-foot aerial ladder truck the first week of February, trading in a 2007 model that was plagued by maintenance issues. The new truck was built by Sutphen which is a family-based company located near Columbus, OH. Many people believe that a truck of this type is only needed to rescue people from upper floors of large buildings that are burning. Although this is true, it is only one of the uses.

North Ridgeville is required by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) and the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) to be able to provide an elevated master stream for many of our commercial structures when they are on fire. The 100-foot aerial ladder truck satisfies this requirement by allowing the Fire Department to pump large amounts of water from an elevated position on the ladder. This same vehicle is also used by firefighters working on residential roofs that were built using light weight construction methods. The firefighters work from the ladder to prevent them from falling through the roof of a burning house. Upon arrival of the vehicle, the Fire Department personnel were trained on operating and driving the truck. The public should get their first look at the truck on the road sometime in March.



Fire Chief John C. Reese

Yard Waste News

Here in Northeast Ohio, the calendar may still say winter but from time to time Mother Nature graces us with a few nice Spring-like days to remind us that better weather days are ahead. We recently had one of those nice weather reminders and with it, many of us spent some time outside picking up tree branches or raking some of the last remnants of Fall leaves from our flower beds. It's important to remember the guidelines on the disposal of yard waste with your weekly trash and recycling collection, especially during the winter months so we'd just like to remind everyone what they are.

Every year, from **April 1st through November 30th**, all yard waste must be placed in compostable brown (*Kraft*) paper bags or if loose, placed in a container that is clearly marked 'Yard Waste' but cannot be larger than 32 gallons nor exceed 50 pounds in weight. If too large for bags or containers, any twigs or branches must be in bundles that are tied securely with string or twine (*NO wire please*) and should not exceed 4 feet in length nor exceed 50 pounds in weight. During this collection period, yard waste will be collected in unlimited amounts each week on your regular trash and recycling collection day, as long as they are contained and placed at the curb according to these guidelines.

During the Fall, when leaves make up the majority of yard waste for many customers there will be 5 weeks of 'Special' collection of yard waste where you can place your leaves and yard waste in *Plastic Bags*. This will allow our customers with an overwhelming amount of Fall leaves to place them in the less expensive plastic bags instead of the costlier compostable brown (*Kraft*) paper yard waste bags. The 5 weeks of 'Special' collections are generally the last 5 yard waste collections of the season. In 2020 they will be *Tuesdays, October 27, November 3, 10, 17, and 24*.

Unfortunately the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (*OEPA*) rules state that NO 'Source Separated' yard waste can be disposed of in ANY solid waste landfill in the state. What that means is that every year, from December through March, any yard waste must be placed in your blue trash cart each week as space allows. This is the only way that the contractor can pick up any yard waste from December through March while observing and abiding by the *OEPA* rules. By placing the yard waste in the blue cart, it simply becomes trash and is not 'Source Separated' by the customer as yard waste and can therefore be collected on trash day.

While we understand the urge to go outside on these unseasonably nice and warm days to get a head start on Spring cleaning the yard, please keep these rules and guidelines in mind when you gather yard waste while cleaning. **Any yard waste that is gathered between December and March each year will either need to be placed in the blue trash cart each week or held until the first yard waste collection for composting in April.** If you have any questions, please contact the Utilities Department at (440) 353-0841.

Friendly Reminder To Pet Owners

The City has received several recent complaints of pet owners not picking up feces deposited in yards, tree lawns or in our city parks. Please be reminded that Ordinance 618.22 states the owner or person in charge or control of such animal is required to clean the area and remove feces and dispose of it in a sanitary manner in a proper receptacle before leaving the area where the defecation occurred. Violators are guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Thank you for your cooperation!

Community Calendar

- March 2, 16** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- March 3, 10** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days** (3/3 Route 83 and all homes east; 3/10 all homes west of Route 83)
- March 8** **Daylight Savings Time** begins. As a reminder, turn your clocks ahead one hour.
- March 11** **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.
- March 12** **Regional Income Tax Agency Municipal Taxpayer Assistance Event** from noon-7 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall. RITA agents will work with taxpayers on a first come, first serve basis to answer questions and assist with RITA municipal income tax return preparation.
- March 17** **Election Day** – Exercise your right to vote. Polls open at 6:30 AM and close at 7:30 PM.
- April 4** **Easter Egg Hunt.** Rotary Club of North Ridgeville will be sponsoring the annual Easter Egg Hunt at 1 PM at the Ranger Stadium, ages 1-9. Gates open at 12:30 PM. Please bring a basket to collect the eggs.
- April 6, 20** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- April 7, 14** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days** (4/7 Route 83 and all homes east; 4/14 all homes west of Route 83)
- April 10** **Good Friday** – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.
- April 13** **Safetyville Registration Begins** online at nridgeville.org/parksandrec or in person at Parks & Recreation, 7327 Avon Belden Road, for weeklong sessions June 8-12 and June 15-19 for children ages 4-5 years old and entering kindergarten in Fall 2020. Six sessions total and a maximum of 40 per session. Questions regarding the program, contact Somer Oliva at the Police Department (440) 353-0799. Questions regarding registration, contact Parks & Recreation at (440) 353-0860.
- April 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.
- April 24** **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 2** **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. Visit the Parks & Recreation Department website at nridgeville.org/parksandrec to register for the event.
Discover the Ridge from 9 AM-5 PM. Kick-off event at 10 AM at Don Mould's Plantation, 34837 Lorain Road. Family-friendly open house event throughout the city. Sponsored by the North Ridgeville Visitors Bureau. For more information call (440) 327-3737.
- May 4, 18** **City Council Meeting** at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- May 5, 12** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days** (5/5 Route 83 and all homes east; 5/12 all homes west of Route 83)
- May 16** **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 Brandon Sweet, Parks & Recreation Department, at (440) 353-0880 or by email bsweet@nridgeville.org.
Garden Club of North Ridgeville Plant and Bake Sale from 9 AM-1PM at the Giant Eagle Plaza by Dollar Tree.
- May 21** **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.
- May 23** **Splash Pad** at South Central Park opens daily from 10 AM-8 PM thru Labor Day.
- May 25** **Memorial Day** – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday; trash collection delayed one day.
Memorial Day Parade at 9:45 AM departing from the Senior Center parking lot to the North Ridgeville Academic Center. Memorial Day Ceremony at the Ranger Stadium immediately following the parade.
- 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 6** **Touch-A-Truck** from 10 AM-noon (10-11 AM sensory friendly) 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.

Senior Center

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

- March 12; April 9; May 14** **Super Thursday Luncheon** with entertainment at noon. Cost \$5.
March 5, 19; April 2, 16; May 7, 21 **Men's Breakfast** from 9-10 AM at the Senior Center. Cost \$3.
March 26; April 23; May 28 **Women's Brunch** from 10:30-11:30 AM at the Senior Center. Cost \$3.
April 30 **"Young at Heart" Brunch** from 10:30-11:30 AM at the Senior Center. Cost \$3.