



Community Connection, Spring 2021

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Mayor's Message...

As we continue to face the challenges of COVID-19, we need to stay vigilant and do our part by social distancing, wearing face coverings and frequent hand washings to slow this virus down. The new challenge we are now faced with is the distribution of vaccines to as many individuals as possible; however, there continues to be a shortage of vaccines. If you have any questions regarding COVID or the vaccine, please contact Lorain County Public Health at (440) 322-6367.

2021 will be a busy year for city projects. Highlighted below are several capital improvement projects planned for this year:



Center Ridge Road Reconstruction Project. Work continued through the winter months to include installation of streetlights, traffic lights and pedestrian poles. Last month crews began grading out the four detention basins. Fechko Excavating will begin prepping and milling to finish up the asphalt surface course and add the pavement markings when warmer temperatures arrive. Once the pavement is complete then the new traffic signals will be activated. The anticipated date of completion is June 2021. I know we are all anxious to see this project completed!

Stoney Ridge Road Water Main Replacement. Construction is nearing completion on the 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.

Chestnut Ridge Road and Alternate State Route 83 Roundabout. Construction of a 3-leg roundabout will begin in spring 2021 to include storm sewers, street lighting, landscaping, sediment and erosion control measures and traffic control. During the construction phase of the roundabout, Chestnut Ridge Road will be closed at this intersection for up to 90 days. Closure and detour details will be posted on the city's website at nridgeville.org when the information becomes available.

Center Ridge Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Project. The project area is Center Ridge Road from Barton Road east to the city limits for approximately 3,200 feet. Currently underway are field investigations; geotechnical borings within the right-of-way; survey crews are gathering topographical data in and next to the right-of-way; and, obtaining elevations from the front door threshold of each structure and grade shots from the front two corners of each structure to help determine the sewer design. The design to include the final location of the sanitary sewer should be completed by June 2021 with construction to follow. Property owners will be notified of any obstructions during the final design phase. It is anticipated that sanitary sewer taps may be available by the end of this year.

Mills Road Bridge Replacement. The contract was recently awarded to Fabrizio Trucking & Paving to replace the bridge over French Creek on Mills Road midway between Westminister Avenue and Greenwich Avenue. The bridge width will be widened from 27 feet to 40 feet and sidewalks will be added. The work is to begin spring 2021. One lane of traffic will be maintained during construction with the use of portable temporary signals. Alternate detour routes will be posted on the city's website at nridgeville.org prior to the start of construction.

Barres Road & Stoney Ridge Road Realignment. Design services will begin in spring 2021 with construction in early 2022 for 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 will include pavement buildup with curbs, storm sewers, utility relocation and traffic control.

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Lorain Road Water Main Extension. Design services are continuing in 2021 to 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 in late 2021 or early 2022.

Creekside/Pine Cone Condominiums Water Main Rehabilitation. Design services are underway with construction in late spring or early summer 2021 to reline the 6" water main on White Pine Way, Spruce Pine Way, Red Pine Way and Scotch Pine Way. The project will also include a new waterline that will loop the four streets back to the existing 8" water main on Mills Creek Lane.

There are additional projects that are slated for later this year and into 2022. Visit the city's website for the complete list of planned projects. The summer issue of the *Community Connection* will include additional projects as well as full-depth concrete pavement repairs and street paving.

I would like to extend an invitation to you to attend my monthly coffee and conversation in Council Chambers at City Hall. The coffees are held from 8:30-9:30 AM on Tuesday, March 23; Friday, April 23 and Monday, May 24. This provides you with an opportunity to hear first-hand about current and upcoming projects and to ask any questions you may have. Please wear your mask and we will be sure to social distance. I hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,
Mayor Kevin Corcoran

REDUCE THE RISK OF BACKYARD FLOODING

Spring is on the horizon, and along with the rising temperatures comes our peak precipitation season. The last few years have yielded significantly higher than average rainfall totals. Climate experts are expecting this same trend to continue into 2021. Unfortunately, we cannot control the weather. However, there are ways we can protect our homes and property and reduce the risk of flooding.



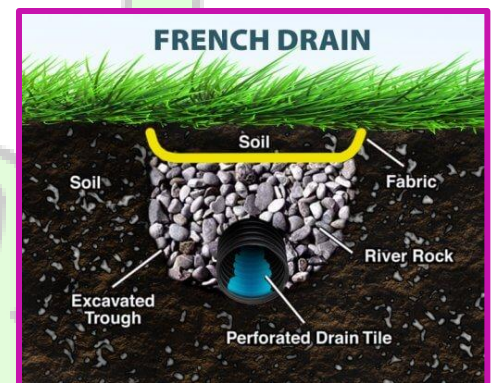
The slope of your yard is the single most important factor in flood prevention. For efficient drainage, your yard should have a minimum slope of two percent away from your house – that's a fall of two feet for every 100 horizontal feet of yard. If your yard doesn't have adequate slope, water can pool in various areas or back up along the foundation of your house, where it can lead to leaks and serious foundation problems. You can improve the grade by spreading topsoil along the foundation and in low lying areas to facilitate drainage. The City takes no issue with residents adding up to one cubic yard of soil to fill low spots. Anything beyond this would be considered a change of grade, which would require written approval from the City Engineer.

Unfortunately for many of the city's older subdivisions, the topography is too flat to achieve a minimum slope of two percent. If this is your case, you can install a yard drain and run a 4" or 6" perforated PVC pipe to the nearest storm sewer main (with a City permit); or drain into a swale or creek embankment.

If no other measures can be accomplished, you can install a French Drain. A French Drain is a trench filled with gravel and a perforated pipe that directs water away from your house. Essentially, it is an underground detention basin that has proven to be quite successful when installed properly. A French Drain can be tied directly into a storm sewer or discharged into a ditch or swale. If this cannot be achieved, the drain can be capped at both ends or contained in a dry well. Please refer to the following webpage for information on how to install a French Drain: www.nridgeville.org/FrenchDrain.aspx.

Other mechanisms to aid in reducing backyard flooding is ensuring your property is well vegetated. This could be accomplished by planting grass, trees and shrubbery. These help to absorb ground water moisture. Also, be sure to check that your sump pump is functioning properly on a regular basis.

For whatever work you propose to do on your property, please note that it is against City Ordinance to tie downspouts directly into the storm sewers. Downspouts must be discharged onto splash blocks. Care must be taken when correcting drainage issues. It is against City Ordinance to discharge storm water runoff directly onto a neighboring property. If you have any questions, please contact the Engineering Department at (440) 353-0842.



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 www.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.



DISPOSAL OF YARD WASTE

With spring clean-up just around the corner, the following are guidelines for the disposal of yard waste. 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*) 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.

While we understand the urge to go outside on unseasonably nice and warm days to get a head start on spring cleaning the yard, please keep these guidelines in mind. 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.

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

If you answered yes, please stop by the Mayor's Office at 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 9-12, 2021. The cost to participate is \$5. Drive thru registration will be held June 2 and June 4 at North Ridgeville Community Care (behind Arby's). More details, including registration times, will be posted on the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce's website closer to the date at www.nrchamber.com. **Please note: A permit from City Hall is not required for this event.**

Did You Know in 2020...?

- The Building Department issued 336 new dwelling permits; 4 new commercial buildings, 12 alterations and 122 misc. permits; and 2,891 residential additions and misc. permits (e.g., decks, fences, swimming pools, sheds, re-roof, etc.) totaling 3,227 permits. There were 14,553 total inspections performed.
- The Service Department paved 12 streets totaling 3.59 miles; cleared 7.65+ miles of ditches and 10.48 miles of bank/tree clearing; repaired 60 water main breaks, replaced 12 water main valves, replaced/repared 40 curb boxes/service lines and replaced 20 fire hydrants; over 6 miles of storm sewers cleaned and inspected; over 10 miles of sanitary sewer lines and laterals cleaned and inspected.
- The Fire Department responded to 3,254 EMS calls and 714 fire incidents for a total of 3,968.
- The Police Department responded to 43,509 calls for service/officer activities. This encompassed not only criminal arrests and traffic warnings/citations but also included 480 lockouts, responded to 609 disabled vehicle calls and 463 traffic crashes, and completed 300 welfare checks.
- The Senior Center delivered 6,751 meals on wheels.
- The Engineering Department conducted engineering review and inspection for 5 commercial projects, 4 residential subdivisions that account for upwards of 350 residential lots receiving preliminary or final approval.
- Ranger Way was completed to provide access from Center Ridge Road to Bainbridge Road.
- Splash Pad at South Central Park received a face lift with 8 new features and 4 life ring buoy stations were constructed and installed around the lake by Eagle Scout Caden Hill and his team.
- A 6-foot wide, ¾ mile asphalt multi-purpose path was completed at the Shady Drive Complex.

Community Calendar

Please Note: The calendar below is subject to change because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Check the city's website at www.nridgeville.org for the latest updates.**

- March 1, 15** ****City Council Meeting** at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- March 2, 9** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days** (3/2 Route 83 and all homes east; 3/9 all homes west of Route 83).
- March 14** **Daylight Savings Time** begins. As a reminder, turn your clocks ahead one hour.
- March 23** **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.
- April 2** **Good Friday** – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.
- April 5, 19** ****City Council Meeting** at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- April 6, 13** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days** (4/6 Route 83 and all homes east; 4/13 all homes west of Route 83).
- April 12** **Safetyville Registration Begins.** The North Ridgeville Police Department is sponsoring its annual Safetyville program that provides an educational setting in which children are exposed to various safety topics with regard to traffic, school bus, stranger danger, 911, fire safety and more. Safetyville is for kids entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2021, but is not a prerequisite for kindergarten. Look for more information about this great program coming soon in the North Ridgeville Parks & Recreation Spring/Summer Program Guide.
- April 23** **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.
- April 24** **Spring Fling Parent/Child Dance Country Western Hoedown** from 2-4 PM at the Shady Drive Complex parking lot, 37077 Shady Drive. Grades K-5. Cost is per couple \$30 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. Register online at nridgeville.org/parksandrec or visit the Parks & Recreation Department.
- April 30** **Spaghetti Dinner** drive-thru distribution from 5-7 PM at the Senior Center. Cost is \$6 per dinner and includes spaghetti, meatballs and garlic bread. You must purchase your tickets in advance. Please stop by the Mayor's Office at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road, to purchase your tickets (cash or checks payable to "NR Senior Center"). Tickets will go on sale beginning April 1. *Sponsored by Rotary Club of North Ridgeville.*
- May 1** **Fishing Derby** at South Central Park from 7:30 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.
- May 3, 17** ****City Council Meeting** at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- May 4** **Election Day** – Exercise your right to vote. Polls open at 6:30 AM and close at 7:30 PM.
- May 4, 11** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days** (5/4 Route 83 and all homes east; 5/11 all homes west of Route 83).
- May 15** **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 Parks & Recreation Director Kevin Fougousse at (440) 353-0860 or by email at kfougousse@nridgeville.org.
- May 24** **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.
- May 29** **Splash Pad** at South Central Park opens daily from 10 AM-8 PM thru Labor Day.
- May 31** **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 5** **Touch-A-Truck** from 10 AM-1 PM (10-11 AM sensory friendly) at the Shady Drive Complex parking lot, 37077 Shady Drive. This is a free event. For more information contact Parks & Recreation Department at (440) 353-1503.
- June 7, 21** ****City Council Meeting** at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- June 8, 15** **Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days** (6/8 Route 83 and all homes east; 6/15 all homes west of Route 83).