



Community Connection, Spring 2022

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Mayor's Message...

As the cold weather breaks, we have a busy year ahead for capital improvement projects around town that you'll find outlined in this newsletter. We are also wrapping up a community branding process that will be publicly launched over the coming months. Our brand logo will be a visual way to express our city identity, and will be implemented in a variety of ways, from updating our gateway signs to creating marketing materials for business outreach. This brand was created by you! An unprecedented number of participants completed our online survey this winter. Your input helped to identify those characteristics of our community we want our brand to express. Common words were comfortable, growing, rooted, friendly and positive. I am not surprised that our community had such high levels of participation and I'm looking forward to building on this North Ridgeville pride and enthusiasm!

This spring, we will continue building on our past planning efforts and begin having new conversations around the future growth and development of North Ridgeville. We are a community with incredible opportunity! It is important for us to ensure that this growth is guided in a manner to promote the long term wellbeing of the city.

To help in this work, please join me in welcoming our new Planning and Economic Development Director to the North Ridgeville community. Kim Lieber recently joined our team and will be leading the city's planning efforts, including our upcoming Master Plan update, as well as our business attraction and retention efforts. Kim is a certified planner with over 20 years of experience in municipal planning. She is experienced in master planning, zoning administration, economic development, grant writing and many other aspects of local government. Kim is (nearly) a lifelong westsider, growing up in North Olmsted and currently residing in Strongsville with her husband Jon. She's also a proud Buckeye, obtaining her master's degree from The Ohio State University.

Keep an eye out for more information on our upcoming planning initiatives. Visit our website at www.nridgeville.org for the latest news and details on how you can get involved. If you have any questions, please call my office at (440) 353-0811.

Sincerely,
Mayor Kevin Corcoran



Mayor Kevin Corcoran & Planning
and Economic Development
Director Kim Lieber

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Highlighted below is a brief summary of some of the capital improvement projects planned for this year. If you have any questions regarding these projects, please call the Engineering Department at (440) 353-0842. There will be more to come in the summer issue of the *Community Connection* including street paving and full-depth concrete repairs.

Barres Road Realignment with Stoney Ridge Road. Final design plans for the Barres Road Realignment Project will be wrapped up by mid-spring with construction anticipated to begin this summer. The project involves realigning approximately 300 feet of Barres Road to meet perpendicular to Stoney Ridge Road and align directly across from Ravenna Drive. The project includes new asphalt pavement with curbs, storm sewer improvements, utility relocation, and new pavement markings.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (CONT'D)

Center Ridge Road Urban Paving. The City is working with the Ohio Department of Transportation to resurface Center Ridge Road from the Elyria corporation limit to the Westlake corporation limit, with the exception of the 2.1-mile section of Center Ridge Road that was recently widened. Construction is anticipated to begin after June 1 and last approximately three months. Two-way access will be maintained during construction. The project will include a new surface course and pavement markings.

Cypress Avenue Roadway 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 seeks to provide better access and create opportunities for future business development. Final design plans have been approved and construction is anticipated to begin this summer.

Mills Road, Stoney Ridge Road and Avalon Drive Roundabout. The Mills Road, Stoney Ridge Road and Avalon Drive Roundabout construction plans have been finalized. Construction will begin at the end of summer and last for approximately three months. The project includes new pavement, curb and gutters, traffic control and landscaping. The roundabout will consist of a “peanut” shape to improve safety and efficiency and eliminate the current intersection’s offset geometry.

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 also seeks to eliminate the need for a traffic signal while improving safety and efficiency. The project includes new pavement, curb and gutters, stormwater improvements, pavement markings and new signage. Construction is anticipated in calendar year 2024.

Case Road Bridge (PID No. 112821). The Lorain County Engineer’s Office is replacing the Case Road bridge over Chappell Creek. The project includes a new bridge structure, approach pavement, new guardrail and traffic control. Construction is anticipated to begin in March and be completed by the end of July. Case Road will be closed at the bridge for the duration of the project. Detour routes will be posted.

Mills Creek North Condos Water Main Replacement. The project includes the replacement of the 6” water main on White Pine Way, Spruce Pine Way, Red Pine Way, and Scotch Pine Way; with a new line south of Mills Road to loop the streets together. The City has retained Northeast Ohio Trenching Services to construct the project. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in the spring and last approximately four months.

Lorain Road Water Main Extension. Construction of the Lorain Road Water Main Extension is expected to begin in March and last approximately four months. Work will occur during the day and also during the evening hours. The project includes the extension of a 12” water main from a point east of Lear Nagle Road to a point west of Bliss Parkway, a distance of roughly 2,300 linear feet. The purpose of the project is to remove all of the existing commercial taps from Avon Lake Regional Water’s 30” ETL1 water main on the north side of Lorain Road and add them to the new line.

Mills Road Water Main Extension. The City plans to extend a 10” water main from the Stoney Ridge Road and Mills Road intersection to Stratton Mill Drive, a distance of roughly 1,250 feet. The City has retained KS Associates for the technical design and preparation of construction documents for the Mills Road Water Main Extension Project. Final plans and specifications will be completed in mid-spring with construction anticipated to occur later this year.

Stoney Ridge Road Water Main Extension. The City plans to replace a portion of an existing 8” water main on Stoney Ridge Road from Schaefer Drive to Sandy Ridge Drive, a distance of roughly 1,000 feet. The City has retained Pennoni Associates, Inc. for the technical design and preparation of construction documents for the Stoney Ridge Road Water Main Replacement Project. Final plans and specifications will be completed in mid-spring with construction anticipated to occur later this year.

Mill Creek Conservation and Flood Control. The City will continue moving forward with the Mill Creek Conservation and Flood Control Project. Work planned for later this year includes the acquisition of the property easements needed to convey stormwater to the conservation area along with tree clearing for the retention basin site.

Victory Retention Basin. The City will be performing sediment removal of the Victory Park Detention Basin to re-establish the original capacity of the basin that has been lost over time from sediment accumulation and failing slopes. This project is necessary to reduce the potential for flooding in the surrounding area. Design plans for the basin are currently underway.

Center Ridge Road Sanitary Sewer Extension. Construction of the new sanitary sewer on Center Ridge Road is currently underway. The project will connect to an existing 10” sanitary sewer on Barton Road just north of Center Ridge Road and will extend a new 10” sanitary sewer from Barton Road east to the corporation limit. The project has a scheduled completion date set for June 1 of this year.

Eastview Sanitary Sewer Extension. The City plans to extend an 8” sanitary sewer along Eastview Avenue. The main will begin at the intersection of Ridgeview Boulevard and Hadaway Street and head east for approximately 300’, then south towards Center Ridge Road for approximately 560’. The sewer will allow for future development of the surrounding parcels. Design plans for the project are currently underway with construction expected to occur in the fall.

POLICE STATION UPDATE

Even though we have not yet broke ground for the new police station a lot of work preparing for that moment is happening.

To keep you apprised of the progress, the following has or is occurring:

- The large dirt pile located at the site has been removed thanks in part to our very own Service Department. The dirt was relocated and used to improve the water retention basin located between Grant Drive and the Ohio Turnpike.
- With the removal of the dirt pile, the survey of the site has been completed and additional boring samples have been taken.
- The wetlands located on the site have been determined and government mitigation has been completed.
- City Council has approved the hiring of Architectural Vision Group (AVG) as the architectural firm who will design the interior and exterior of the building. AVG has been in constant contact to insure the building will meet our current and future needs.

In the next couple of months we look forward to:

- Presenting the completed architectural plans to the City's Building Department for their review and approval.
- Hiring a general contractor through the bid process.



Thank you again for the opportunity you have provided us to build this facility. As the project moves forward, I will continue to supply you with updates via newsletters and the city's website. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (440) 327-2191.

Chief Mike Freeman

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; only burn clean, dry, seasoned firewood and ignite with a small quantity of paper only. Failure to comply, the Fire Department is authorized to order the extinguishment of the fire and may issue a citation under City Ordinance #1620.99.

DISPOSAL OF YARD WASTE

With spring clean-up just around the corner, the following are guidelines for the disposal of yard waste. From **April 5th through November 29th** 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, contact the Utilities Department at (440) 353-0841.

Community Calendar

The calendar below is subject to change. For the latest updates, visit the city's website at www.nridgeville.org.

- March 7, 21** City Council Meeting at 7 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- March 8, 15** Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days (3/8 Route 83 and all homes east; 3/15 all homes west of Route 83).
- March 13** 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 4, 18** City Council Meeting at 7 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- April 5, 12** Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days (4/5 Route 83 and all homes east; 4/12 all homes west of Route 83).
- April 9** Easter Egg Hunt at Ranger Stadium sponsored by Rotary Club of North Ridgeville. Free event for ages 1-9 and bring a basket to collect the eggs. Start time of the event will be announced closer to the date.
- April 11** Safetyville Registration Begins. The 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 2022, 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 15** Good Friday – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.
- April 21** 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 29** Spaghetti Dinner from 5-7 PM at the Senior Center. Cost \$7 adults, \$6 seniors and \$4 children 10 and under; dessert \$1; and, pop \$.50. Take-out available. *Sponsored by Liston Funeral Home.*
- April 30** Mother-Son Dance from 7-9 PM at North Ridgeville Academic Center. Have fun dancing and playing games with DJ. Light refreshments will be served. Cost Per Couple: \$35 Resident/\$45 Non-Resident and \$10 each additional child. To register, visit Parks & Recreation Dept. website at www.nridgeville.org/parksandrec.
- May 2, 16** City Council Meeting at 7 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- May 3** Election Day – Exercise your right to vote. Polls open at 6:30 AM and close at 7:30 PM.
- May 3, 10** Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days (5/3 Route 83 and all homes east; 5/10 all homes west of Route 83).
- May 7** 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 Dept. website at www.nridgeville.org/parksandrec to register for the event.
- May 20** 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 21** Keep Lorain County Beautiful 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.
Garden Club of North Ridgeville Annual Plant and Bake Sale from 9 AM-1 PM at the Giant Eagle Plaza by the Dollar Tree. For more information, please call (440) 365-8522.
- May 28** Splash Pad at South Central Park opens daily from 10 AM-8 PM thru Labor Day.
- May 30** 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 4** Touch-A-Truck from 10 AM-2 PM at the Shady Drive Complex parking lot, 37077 Shady Drive. Get up close and personal with all kinds of big trucks! This is a free event. For more information contact Parks & Recreation Department at (440) 353-1503 or their website at www.nridgeville.org/parksandrec.
- June 6, 20** City Council Meeting at 7 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- June 7, 14** Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days (6/7 Route 83 and all homes east; 6/14 all homes west of Route 83).
- June 8-11** Citywide Garage Sale Days sponsored by North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau. Drive thru registration will be held on June 1 and June 3 at North Ridgeville Community Care (behind Arby's). More details, including registration times, will be posted on the Chamber's website at www.nrchamber.com or call (440) 327-3737.