



## *Community Connection, Winter 2017-18*

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### *Mayor's Message...*

It's hard to believe that 2017 is coming to a close. This year has been incredibly busy and we've accomplished a lot. To learn more about highlights from this year and the outlook for 2018, please consider attending my **State of the City Address** on Thursday, **January 18 from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM** at the North Ridgeville High School. The event is sponsored by the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce and does require reservations. For more information or to reserve a seat, please contact Marjorie Snyder at (440) 327-3737.



Let's not forget about the less fortunate in our community during this joyous holiday season. **North Ridgeville Community Care** does a wonderful job throughout the entire year providing goods and services including food, clothing, rent and utility assistance for those in need from generous donations provided by our community and beyond. During the holidays, they administer an Adopt-A-Child Program and open up the Christmas Store for their clients to shop for their family members. Again, the Christmas Store is stocked with all of the donations provided by our wonderful community members. So, while you are out shopping this holiday season, please consider adding Community Care to your shopping list. For more information on how you can help, please call Community Care at (440) 353-9716.

In the spirit of giving, thank you to the **North Ridgeville Corn Festival Committee** for their generous contribution of 43 personal flotation vests that were donated to the North Ridgeville Police Department.

I am happy to share the new **Fire Station** that will be built on Ranger Way across from the new North Ridgeville Academic Center is moving forward with groundbreaking to occur the first week in January 2018. The new station was designed by Mull & Weithman Architects and recently the bid was awarded to Infinity Construction. The new station is slated to open in Spring 2019. As the project moves forward, more information will be shared on our city's website.

Another project moving forward is the **Center Ridge Road widening project**. Bids are currently being accepted by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) with an award date of December 11, 2017. Construction is scheduled to begin April 2, 2018 with an expected completion date of October 2019. As the project moves forward and we receive updates from ODOT, these details will be communicated via our website and in future issues of the *Community Connection*.

The construction along the Lorain Road corridor is moving along quite nicely. The erection of **University Hospitals** just east of the Ohio Turnpike entrance is looking more like a hospital with each passing day. The opening of this facility may be as early as October 2018. Also on Lorain Road at Victory Lane, **Burger King** is underway and will open for business in early 2018. **First Federal Lakewood** recently celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony at their new location at the corner of Lear Nagle Road and Center Ridge Road. The former bank location at Pitts Blvd. and Center Ridge Road will be demolished as part of the Center Ridge Road widening project. Let's not forget **Arby's** on Center Ridge Road. They recently closed for renovations and are now open for business.

In closing, I would like to wish you and your family a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!**

Sincerely,

*Mayor G. David Gillock*



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cleveland Stache Dash

On Saturday, November 4, 395 individuals took to Bainbridge Road to run and walk in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cleveland Stache Dash. The race is a celebration of the mustache and is one of the biggest fundraisers the Parks & Recreation Department has hosted the



past four years. It ended up being a beautiful day and



was our biggest turnout that we have had to date. There was a total of 317 5K runners and 78 one mile runners-walkers this year. This was an increase of 36 participants from 2016. We raised an estimated \$8,000 after expenses and all proceeds benefit the Parks & Recreation Department. The money raised each year helps the department add to our park system and expand our programs that we offer to the community. None of this would have been possible without our 21 generous sponsors and our volunteers who help make the race a success year in and year out.

## Two-Month Rate Holiday for Trash Collection

Good news for our utility customers. Due to the excess balance of funds that are above what is needed for continued operations in the solid waste account, it is the desire of the Administration and City Council to return any excess cash balance to our customers, in the form of a rate holiday. In accordance with city ordinance #5479-2017, it has been hereby declared that a rate holiday shall be granted for November and December 2017, where no user charges are to be billed by the City to its residential customers for the monthly trash collection fee during the last two months of 2017. Normal monthly trash charges will resume on the December 31, 2017 utility bill, which would be for the January 2018 trash collection period. If you have any questions regarding the rate holiday, please call the North Ridgeville Utilities Department at 353-0841.

## Magic of Lights at Victory Park Ohio



The City of North Ridgeville is a proud sponsor of this year's *Magic of Lights* at Victory Park Ohio located at 7777 Victory Lane (off of Lorain Road). Featuring new displays and an improved paved roadway, *Magic of Lights* is a 1.5 mile drive-thru holiday light display with more than 400 spectacular displays using the latest LED technology and digital animations.

The *Magic of Lights* is open daily from dusk-10 PM through January 1, 2018. Purchase tickets in advance online at [magicoflights.com](http://magicoflights.com). Gate pricing is \$20 per car (Monday-Thursday) and \$25 (Friday-Sunday). A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will benefit UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. For more information

visit [magicoflights.com](http://magicoflights.com), [victoryparkohio.com](http://victoryparkohio.com) or call (330) 441-4255.

## Winter Weather Reminders

- When snow exceeds two inches within 24 hours, a **Snow Ban** is in effect and **No Parking** is permitted on any City street to allow snow plows to pass.
- City Ordinances 660.04 and 660.05 require sidewalks, curbs or gutters to be cleared of snow and ice within a reasonable time, which will ordinarily not exceed 12 hours after any storm during which the snow and ice has accumulated.
- The removal and disposal of ice and snow from private drives or parking lots into the City streets or across the street onto a tree lawn is prohibited per City Ordinance 600.04.
- Stay back at least 100 feet when following a snow plow or salt truck.
- If your mailbox is damaged by a snow plow, please contact the Service Department at (440) 353-0814 or you can report it online at [nrIDGEVILLE.org](http://nrIDGEVILLE.org) by clicking on Departments, then Service.



## Ohio Turnpike Storm Mitigation Program

The construction of the 54-inch storm sewer to divert most of the storm water runoff from the 72-inch storm sewer under the Ohio Turnpike away from the Davis Drive, Gina Drive, and Pitts Boulevard area and to the West Point retention basin is now completed. Per the storm water study completed in 2013, this improvement is expected to lower the 100-year flood elevation in the Gina/Pitts area by five or six inches. The final cost of the project was \$472,391.75 of which \$352,500.00 was a grant from the Ohio Turnpike Commission that was administered through the Ohio Department of Transportation. The contractor was Independence Excavating, Inc.



## Farewell to Rambo

After serving ten years on the Police force with his handler Sgt. Corey Sabo, Rambo has hung up his leash. Rambo handled many calls for service including several bank robberies, search warrants and many other serious offenses. Upon Rambo's retirement in October 2017, he had more service calls than any other K-9 in the police department's history. Rambo is now spending his days training the other dog in the Sabo Family's house, Emme, a Maltese/Yorkshire Terrier mix. Enjoy your retirement, Rambo, you deserve it!

## Welcome Hecter

Hecter joined the K-9 staff at the North Ridgeville Police Department in June 2017. Hecter is a purebred German Shepherd born January 16, 2016 in Czech Republic. Hecter was trained on the detection of several narcotic odors to include marijuana, methamphetamine, heroin, crack and cocaine. He also learned proper obedience and how to track human odor.

Patrolman Mitch Lorig also underwent five weeks of extensive handler training in Columbus, OH to learn how to handle a leash, give proper commands when necessary and to recognize Hecter's changes in behavior to name just a few. Patrolman Lorig reports that Hecter is very mild-mannered and excellent with other people and animals.

The cost for Hecter and specialized training totaled approximately \$14,500 of which \$10,000 was paid for by the Ben Roethlisberger Foundation Grant. A special thanks to the foundation for supporting the North Ridgeville Police Department and making Hecter's invaluable service possible!



## News from the Service Department








The Service Department recently acquired and trained on a new piece of equipment – KM T-2 Asphalt Recycler. The recycler has a production rate of approximately 4 tons per hour. This will allow the Service Department to have access to hot mix asphalt year round – it's like owning our own mini asphalt plant. There will be a cost savings to having the ability to produce our own asphalt at \$15-25 a ton compared to \$60-75 a ton at the plant or \$110+ for cold patch. The Service Department will be able to repair our roads year-round.

In addition to the asphalt recycler, you'll also see two new snow plow trucks on the road this winter.





## Community Calendar

	Nov. 17-Jan. 1	Magic of Lights – Drive-thru holiday light festival open daily from 6-10 PM at Victory Park Ohio. For more information visit <a href="http://www.magicoflights.com">www.magicoflights.com</a> .	
	December 4, 18	City Council Meeting at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.	
	December 5	Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Day	
	December 13	Fair Housing Board Meeting at 10 AM in Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.	
	December 22, 25	Christmas Holiday - City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.	
	December 27	Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock from 8-9 AM at City Hall in the Conference Room. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.	
	January 1	New Year's Holiday – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.	
	January 2, 16	City Council Meeting at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.	
	January 3	Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Day	
	January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.	
	January 16	Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock from 8-9 AM at City Hall in the Conference Room. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.	
	January 18	State of the City Address by Mayor G. David Gillock at the North Ridgeville High School from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM. The event is sponsored by the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (440) 327-3737.	
	January 26	Spaghetti Dinner at the Senior Center from 5-7 PM. Cost \$7 adults, \$6 seniors and \$4 children 10 and under. Take-out available.	
	February 5, 20	City Council Meeting at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.	
	February 6	Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Day	
	February 10	Daddy Daughter Dance from 7-9 PM at the North Ridgeville Academic Center, 34620 Bainbridge Road. Cost per couple is \$30 resident/\$40 non-resident, each additional child \$10. Ages K-5 <sup>th</sup> grade. Pre-register December 18-February 2 by visiting <a href="http://nridgeville.org/parksandrec">nridgeville.org/parksandrec</a> .	
	February 19	Presidents' Day – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.	
	February 28	Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Gillock from 8-9 AM at City Hall in the Conference Room. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.	
	March 5, 19	City Council Meeting at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.	
	March 6	Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Day	

