

Mayor's Message, Fall 2016

We have much to celebrate since the last Community Connection newsletter. It has been one busy summer in our great city!

Lear Nagle Road reconstruction project is on schedule. The permanent pavement has been laid on the west side of the street with traffic moving to the new road to allow for work to continue on the east side of the street. If the weather continues to cooperate as it has been, the street will be opened up in both directions by the end of this year. Once the concrete pavement is down, the contractor will continue to work on the finishing touches such as sidewalks, driveways and restoration of properties.

As to the **Center Ridge Road** reconstruction project, the new sanitary sewer line has been installed and the utility relocation will continue into 2017. The Ohio Department of Transportation has moved the award bid date for this project to October 1, 2017 with estimated construction of the road to begin April 2, 2018 and completion date of October 11, 2019.

Riddell announced earlier this year that they'll be moving their operations from Elyria to North Ridgeville. It has been a flurry of meetings with their construction team to plan and prepare for the new state-of-the-art manufacturing and distribution facility being built on the far west end of Center Ridge Road at the former Ridgeview Shopping Center. The project is moving full speed ahead and construction is already underway. Riddell will be bringing nearly 400 employees to our City and hope to be fully operational at their new site as early as March 2017.

A new road will be built from Center Ridge Road south to access both Riddell and Brunswick Zone. The City will be advertising for bids to construct the new road, Performance Lane, not to exceed \$1.75 million. The City received two state grants totaling \$728,000 for the project with the balance being paid by Scannell Properties. This is great news because there will be no direct costs to the City to build the new road.

More good news came our way last month when **WOW! Internet Cable and Phone** officially announced they are coming to North Ridgeville. In the coming weeks you'll see WOW! trucks and personnel as they move forward with identifying public easements and right-of-ways to bring their network through existing utility easements. Once the construction is finished, WOW! will notify residents of what services are available. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail WOW! at WOWisBuildingAChoice@wowinc.com.

For those of you that travel **Lorain Road to Bagley Road**, we have a work order in with Signal Service Company to add a **left turn signal** at this intersection. During peak times, the traffic back up on Lorain Road to make the left onto Bagley Road is quite lengthy. This added signal should move the traffic through the area more quickly and safely.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to our residents to attend a **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** to celebrate the installation of sidewalks as a result of the Safe Routes to School Program and mini-grant from the Lorain County General Health District. Sidewalks were installed in the areas of Liberty and Wilcox Elementary Schools and Aurensen Road to increase sidewalk usage, improve health and reduce chronic illness. Secondary sponsors of the project include the North Ridgeville Branch Library and North Ridgeville City Schools which will also benefit from the new sidewalks and additional accessibility to their buildings. The event will take place at **9:30 AM on Thursday, September 8 at Aurensen Road and Noll Drive**. Following the ribbon cutting, attendees will walk to South Central Park Gazebo to enjoy the North Ridgeville High School Band and then proceed across the street to the North Ridgeville Branch Library to take part in planned activities.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at (440) 353-0811.

Sincerely,
Mayor G. David Gillock