

City of North Ridgeville Mayor's Message, Fall 2019

It's hard to believe summer is coming to a close and the kids are back to school. With our schools in session so are the school buses traveling our streets picking up and dropping off precious cargo.

Many of you may recall the news reports regarding the rash of drivers illegally passing school buses. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that passing a stopped school bus is **ILLEGAL** in North Ridgeville. Currently, there are no areas of the City in which the school buses will be picking up or dropping off students that would allow drivers to pass approaching from the opposite direction. The Ohio Revised Code 4511.75 also states drivers "shall stop at least ten feet from the front or rear of the school bus and shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion, or until signaled by the school bus driver to proceed." When in doubt, **STOP!**

Also, as a reminder, according to the Ohio Revised Code 4511.21, the speed limit in school zones is 20 mph during recess and during the opening and closing hours of schools. Please pay attention in order to keep the children in our community safe!

With all of the construction happening in our City, I would also caution drivers that utilize Ranger Way as a cut-through from Center Ridge Road to Bainbridge Road, that the school district will once again be closing off access on Ranger Way from 7:30-8 AM and from 2:30-3 PM each day to accommodate bus and parent drop-off and pick-up. Please use Lear Nagle, Root Road (southbound traffic only) or Avon Belden during this time.

In the spring 2018 issue of the Community Connection, I shared with you two commercial projects – Danbury Senior Living and The Avenue at North Ridgeville. We have taken a number of calls at City Hall inquiring as to when these facilities will open for business. Danbury Senior Living located at 33770 Bagley Road at Lorain Road is slated to open in early 2020 and will offer independent living, assisted living and memory care. They are currently taking reservations for their North Ridgeville location by calling (440) 596-3797. The Avenue at North Ridgeville is located at 6200 Lear Nagle Road and is also expected to open in early 2020 and will offer nursing and rehabilitation services. Inquiries may be directed to Carl Holbrook at (330) 401-7581 through the end of October followed by calling their local number beginning in November at (440) 353-0066.

With my retirement at the end of December, residents have a very important election on November 5th. You will decide who will be the next Mayor of North Ridgeville. To learn more about the two candidates – Kevin Corcoran and Paul Wolanski – plan to attend the Mayoral Forum presented by the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, September 25 at 7 PM at the Early Childhood Learning Community, 5490 Mills Creek Lane (behind Dairy Queen). Exercise your right to vote and to take part in shaping the future of our community!

Sincerely,

Mayor G. David Gillock