

Senior Center Newsletter November/December 2015

Mayor's Message

I was thinking the other day about everything that goes on in our great city and especially all the “hats” our various departments wear throughout the year. Most of you are aware of Parks and Rec and the Senior Center along with the multitude of activities, events and programs they offer and all they do. But what about our other departments?

Our safety forces also wear many hats. While police patrol neighborhoods, watch for speeders and catch the bad guys, they also do much more. Police are responsible for every child's “rite of passage” when they attend Safetyville prior to starting kindergarten, they can be seen at football games and other special events for crowd control. Philanthropy is also very important for our police as they participate in several events including the Zero-Proof Mix-Off coming up in December, Operation Open Heart and the Torch Run for Special Olympics each summer, just to name a few.

The North Ridgeville Fire Department is another philanthropic department which, in addition to putting out fires and saving lives, help the community in a variety of ways. In addition to the assistance they give the Senior Center as Rita mentioned in her article, they also give a myriad of assistance to the community. Our annual Independence Day Fireworks are sponsored by the Fire Department and they will also install smoke detectors and new batteries, if provided by the resident. Recently they went door to door inspecting and replacing smoke detectors in several of our neighborhoods.

Our Fire Department also has a three-member dive/rescue team to respond to water related situations/emergencies. They are members of the Lorain County Technical Rescue Team which handles more difficult rescues such as rope and high angle, confined space, trench, structural collapse and lost person searches. Several of our Fire Department employees are members on the Lorain County Hazardous Materials Team (LCHMT). This very special group of fire personnel are called into action whenever any hazardous materials incidents occurs in the county that local fire departments are not equipped to handle. As you can see, the North Ridgeville Fire Department is well-versed in a multitude of rescue operations for our safety and those of our friends, family and neighbors throughout Lorain County.

Helping to educate our community is an initiative the North Ridgeville Fire Department does not take lightly. Fire Extinguisher Training is available to local residents as well as businesses and CPR classes are always available to groups in our

community. They are constantly in the schools teaching our children about fire hazards and prevention. Tours of the fire stations for families or groups are always welcome.

As you can see, our departments handle a large variety of responsibilities in addition to what we see on the surface. They all work together to keep our community strong and I am proud to lead them in bringing our community forward.

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

Sincerely,
Mayor G. David Gillock