

City of North Ridgeville
Mayor's Message, Summer 2020

When I took office on January 1, 2020, I could never have imagined what a crazy ride 2020 would turn out to be. With the COVID-2019 pandemic, we have continued providing city services but in a much different manner. Our doors may have been locked but we continued to serve you by phone, by email and by way of conducting essential meetings virtually. As we learn more about the coronavirus, modifications may continue to be made on how we conduct business. Please check our city's website at nridgeville.org for any changes and for the latest news. We are in this together - our priority is to keep our employees and residents as safe as possible.

While I am on the subject of website, if you haven't signed up to receive important messages from the city, please visit nridgeville.org and click on the "Sign Up for Emergency Alerts" icon to register. We have partnered with the county to provide a cost-effective emergency notification and general messaging system. This service is free to residents to receive notifications, e.g., road closures, water breaks, bulk trash collection reminders, etc.

Quiet Zone. We have received a number of calls at City Hall regarding the train horns. Norfolk Southern (NS) is in the city replacing rail at each of the crossings. The work began in early April and is a three phase project. During phase one, NS damaged the Quiet Zone equipment causing train engineers to sound their horns. The equipment cannot be repaired until NS completes their work at each of the crossings. Phase three will require complete closures at each of the crossings and is tentatively scheduled June 8-10 for Race Road and Maddock Road and June 9-11 for Root Road and Chestnut Ridge Road. Once NS completes their work, Signal Service will be contacted to make the necessary repairs to the Quiet Zone equipment.

Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP). North Ridgeville will be partnering with Lorain County Commissioners to apply for funding for the CHIP Grant Program Year 2020. The county will serve as the lead applicant and grantee. The CHIP grant funding provides for home repair and rehabilitation for homes in the community and to homeowners that meet income and project eligibility requirements. CHIP is a competitive grant program and not all applicants will receive funds. The project period for PY2020 is November 1, 2020-February 28, 2023. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the public notice seeking public input is posted on the city's website from June 1-June 15, 2020. If the grant is approved, North Ridgeville would be eligible for a maximum of \$350,000. At that time, more details will be released on how homeowners can apply for the funding.

Census 2020. North Ridgeville is in the lead among other Lorain County cities and villages with over 80% of residents responding to the survey. The 2020 census will determine congressional representation, inform hundreds of billions in federal funding every year, and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade. If you haven't responded by mail, you can also complete your survey by phone 1-844-330-2020 or by visiting their website at 2020census.gov to be counted and to help shape the future!

I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to thank our voters for passing all three levy renewal issues on April 28th – Police, Fire and Roads and Bridges. These three levies combined generate nearly \$4.5 million in property tax revenues to the city. We appreciate your continuing support of these issues! I would also like to thank the VFW Post 9871 for their generous donation of a United States flag set that I now have prominently displayed in my office. Your act of kindness is very much appreciated!

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

Sincerely,
Mayor Kevin Corcoran