

City of North Ridgeville
Mayor's Message
Spring 2018

During my fifteenth State of the City Address in January, I opened up the event by stating “My how things have changed!” For the complete transcript or video of my speech, visit the city’s website at nridgeville.org/StateoftheCity.aspx. With a number of projects already underway and several prospects, I’ve highlighted just a few below.

Center Ridge Road Reconstruction Project. The long awaited road widening project will officially begin April 2. The contract was awarded to Fechko Excavating by the Ohio Department of Transportation with a preconstruction meeting held at the District 3 ODOT Office in Ashland on February 26 to review the progress schedule for discussion and approval. Construction is slated to begin on the east end with Lear Nagle Road to Jaycox Road to be completed this construction season, and from Jaycox Road to Stoney Ridge Road next season with an expected completion date of October 2019. As more details become available, you’ll find the latest news on the city’s website at nridgeville.org.

ODOT Urban Paving Program. Starting June 1 with an expected completion date of August 31, ODOT will be repaving portions of Lorain Road/Route 10 whereby ODOT will pay for 80% of the paving items. Our share is anticipated to be \$307,463. Lorain Road will be repaved from the Ohio Turnpike ramps to the Cuyahoga County line, including the I-480 ramps. The intersection of Lorain/Lear Nagle/Cook will be excluded as it was done last year as part of the Lear Nagle Road widening project. In addition, Lorain Road west of Route 83 to Alternate 83, and across Alternate 83 to Chestnut Ridge Road will be repaved.

Lorain Road/I-480 Interchange Improvements. Smith Paving and Excavating was awarded the contract for this project to begin work late March/early April with an expected completion date of August 31. Project highlights include reconstructing the median on Lorain Road to accommodate a new northbound left turn lane, replacing a traffic signal at the ramp to provide 4-way operation and installation of curbs and sidewalks. These modifications will provide Leppo Rents improved access to their facility while at the same time making adjacent properties more desirable to be developed. ODOT is paying 83% of the construction costs associated with this project.

ODOT Bridge Foundation Painting and Repair. At no cost to the city, ODOT will be performing bridge painting and minor structure repairs at three locations – I-480 over Route 10, I-480 over Lorain Road and Route 83 over Route 10. The work is expected to begin April 1 and may require detours to be announced at a later date.

Avon Belden and Bainbridge Road Traffic Signal Modifications and Sidewalk Project. D.L. Smith was awarded the contract to begin work April 16 with a completion date of no later than July 20 to install a traffic signal pedestrian crossing, concrete sidewalk on Avon Belden Road from Aurensen Road to Bainbridge Road, curb ramps, crosswalk pavement striping, and minor storm drainage work. The cost of the project is \$70,000 but through grants received from Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA), the city’s share is \$17,648.

Fire Station Headquarters. The groundbreaking ceremony for the new headquarters fire station was held on January 10. The new station will be located at 7000 Ranger Way across from the new Academic Center. The new headquarters was designed by Mull & Weithman Architects and will be completed by Infinity Construction with an anticipated opening date of spring 2019. I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the community for supporting this initiative.

Commercial Projects are on the rise and with the Center Ridge Road widening project, I anticipate this will continue once the infrastructure is in place. I have highlighted below a few projects that are currently underway or are expected to begin this year:

University Hospitals. The \$32.4 million, 50,300 square-foot facility, being constructed on Lorain Road is ahead of schedule with an anticipated grand opening celebration to be held in June. This freestanding emergency department, outpatient laboratory services, physical therapy, primary and specialty care physical services will be a welcome addition to our community.

Rudolph Libbe Group (RLG). RLG will be moving their Cleveland offices to North Ridgeville. They purchased a 44,000 square-foot industrial building on Mills Industrial Parkway and have begun renovating the space. As a result, in just a few short months 50 employees will call this new location home.

Danbury of North Ridgeville. Lemmon and Lemmon has proposed an assisted living and independent living facility to be constructed at the southeast corner of Lorain Road and Bagley Road. As part of the facility, there will be 106 units of assisted living and memory care with an additional three-story structure built to house 69 units dedicated to independent living. A total of 80 full-time equivalent employees are expected as a result of this project.

The Avenue at North Ridgeville Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center. North Coast Architects representing Progressive North Ridgeville Real Estate LLC is proposing a 85,370 square-foot nursing home and rehabilitation center. The center will be built on Lear Nagle Road, north of Washington Boulevard, and include 103 private resident suites and three court yards. The new facility will house approximately 100 employees.

Burger King opened for business in recent weeks at the corner of Lorain Road and Victory Lane. **MyWoodLoft.com** is now occupying the former Sandusky Electric building on Center Ridge Road on the west end of town. **North Ridgeville CARSTAR** on Center Ridge Road is currently completing a 6,422 square-foot addition to their building. **RGI Inc.** on Mills Road is completing a 3,600 square-foot addition to the front of their building. **North Ridgeville City Schools** continues to move forward with an 8,916 square-foot addition and remodel of the North Ridgeville Education Center (aka Early Childhood Learning Community) behind Dairy Queen on Center Ridge Road.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our community for their continuing support of these projects. If you have any questions, please call my office at (440) 353-0811.

Sincerely,

Mayor G. David Gillock