

**City of North Ridgeville**  
**Mayor's Message – Winter 2019-2020**

Well, folks, I guess this is it! No more missives from Mayor G. David Gillock. My retirement officially begins January 1, 2020 after sixteen years at the helm of our great city! I will miss it tremendously. I will miss all the employees I have worked with on a daily basis. I will miss all the great contacts throughout the region, the State and the Federal level that have been developed over all those years. But mostly, I will miss the great people of North Ridgeville who I interacted with. Even those I didn't always agree with, or to better put it, didn't always agree with me.

It has been my honor and privilege to represent our great city and “act as the official and ceremonial head of the Municipal government” as our City Charter states. I want you to know that North Ridgeville has an extremely good reputation and is highly respected throughout Northeast Ohio as a growing and vibrant community, and many of those other communities are frankly a little envious of our new homes, new schools, new roads, new fire station, new businesses and new institutions like Lorain County Community College and University Hospitals.

And, over the years I have served on boards and committees such as the Mayors Association of Ohio (I am a past president), the State Auditors Regional Advisory Board, Northeast Ohio Area Coordinating Agency, Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council, Ohio Public Works Commission, Ohio Municipal League and many others that I will miss. Those boards all exist to serve the constituencies they represent and make them better. Through these boards I met some really great people.

I feel like I'm going out on top (even if Center Ridge Road isn't done yet!) and I am committed to doing whatever I can to make the next Mayor successful and build on what we already have. With that I said, I do want to take this opportunity to congratulate Mayor Elect Kevin Corcoran. I have worked with Mr. Corcoran for years as he has served on City Council, community committees and several civic organizations that I, too, have had an active role. I do firmly believe that he will continue to serve the residents in the same manner that he has as Council President – fair, honest and with the best interest of the residents and the city at the forefront. I wish him the very best as he begins his term on January 1, 2020.

Even though it is bittersweet this is my last article as your Mayor, I am looking forward to retirement and starting a new chapter in my life. That chapter will include spending more time with my family, traveling with my beautiful wife of 52 years, golfing and during boating season spending time on Lake Erie catching a fish or two! I will still be around town and hope to see you at the grocery store or at a local eatery!

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a happy New Year! May peace, love and prosperity follow you always.

Sincerely,

*Mayor G. David Gillock*