

North Ridgeville Community Connection

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Mayor's Message...

Lear Nagle Road Improvement Project

The widening of Lear Nagle Road from Center Ridge Road to Lorain Road, including renovating the entire intersection at Lear Nagle/Lorain/Cook continues to move along towards construction scheduled to begin in June 2015.

A public meeting was held on March 26, 2013 to give those affected or who might have questions a chance to see what is actually planned. Unlike Center Ridge Road, there are no anticipated "takings", meaning total acquisition of a property on the Lear Nagle Road project.

Plans are to widen Lear Nagle Road to three lanes beginning just south of Center Ridge Road where the earlier intersection improvement stops. Sidewalks, gutters and storm drains will be included in the new construction. The intersection at Chestnut Ridge Road will be completely redone.

The intersection at Lorain Road and Lear Nagle Road will have double southbound left turn lanes. The westbound direction will have one left and one right turn lane along with two through lanes. The eastbound direction will have one left lane, one through lane, and one combined through/right lane.

Total cost at this time is estimated to be \$12.5 million.

Center Ridge Road Improvement Project

The widening of Center Ridge Road is also scheduled to begin in June 2015. The City has met with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to coordinate scheduling so both projects are not working in the same area at the same time.

Center Ridge Road is to be widened from Stoney Ridge Road to Lear Nagle Road to five lanes with a sidewalk on the north side and a multi-use path on the south side. Estimated cost at this time is approximately \$41 million. The detailed design work is currently being completed which will give a better idea of which properties will be affected and to what extent, although preliminary drawings indicate a number of buildings will be taken. When the final design is complete, right-of-way plans will be developed showing the additional real estate that is needed for the project. The plans are then reviewed in the State's Real Estate Office to determine the property owner and to perform the necessary analyses and determination of property values.

An ODOT Realty Specialist will meet with individual property owners impacted by the project to explain the nature of the transportation improvement in detail and answer any questions the property owner may have. The timeline for this to occur is estimated to be early in 2014. The specialist will make an offer in writing based on the approved fair market value estimate. When an agreement has been reached, the Realty Specialist will have the necessary papers and documents prepared, and assist the property owner with completing the forms and obtaining payment of the agreed purchase price. In addition, if your property is purchased by the State of Ohio and you are required to move, you may be entitled to Relocation Assistance.

Exhibits showing preliminary layout of the proposed work for Lear Nagle Road and Center Ridge Road improvement projects are available for viewing in the Engineering Department at City Hall. Please feel free to stop by during business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 AM-4:30 PM.

If you have any questions, please call my office at 353-0811 or the Engineering Department at 353-0842.



Mayor David Sillcock

Fire Chief Retires After 34 Years Of Service



Richard E. Miller retires as Fire Chief on April 5th after 34 years of service. His commitment and dedication to the City of North Ridgeville will be deeply missed. Miller was hired by the North Ridgeville Fire Department in February 1979, later promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 1985, Captain in 1989 and in January 1996 he was promoted to Chief. He served at several historic fires throughout his career including the Independent Oil and Fields Home Center fires.

Several of Miller's accomplishments as Chief are as follows: upgraded the fire department communications system, acquired modern fire apparatus such as two aerial ladder trucks and several ambulances, incorporated the Westcom Regional Dispatch Center into the Fire Department's operations, increased staffing and improved the paramedic service.

Miller is an avid boater and fisherman and will be spending a large part of his retirement on Lake Erie at his favorite fishing spots. Please join the City in congratulating Richard E. Miller on his retirement and the best of luck with catching the big one!

Welcome To The New Fire Chief

John C. Reese will serve as the City's sixth full-time Fire Chief. Reese is no stranger to the City. He's been employed by the North Ridgeville Fire Department since 1991 and was the City's first paramedic. Reese was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 1998, Captain in 2002, Assistant Chief and the first Fire Training Officer in 2005.

Reese is also a state certified fire safety inspector, state certified fire instructor, hazardous materials technician, confined space rescue technician, trench rescue technician, and has been a Nationally Registered Paramedic for 23 years.

When asked what he hopes to accomplish as the new Fire Chief, Reese responded, "My future goals are to develop a strategic plan for the Fire Department and to build two new fire stations in order to reduce response times throughout the city."



Please join the City in welcoming John C. Reese as our new Fire Chief!

Are You Planning A Garage Sale Or To Sell A Vehicle?

If you answered yes, please stop by City Hall between the hours of 8 AM and 4:30 PM to obtain a permit. The cost is \$2 per permit and limited to two each per calendar year. Garage/moving sales are to be no more than four consecutive days. Vehicle sale permits are for a period not to exceed thirty days. More information will be provided to you when obtaining your permit.

North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau will be sponsoring their annual Citywide Garage Sale Days from June 19-22. Registration begins June 3 and will continue through June 14 at their office located at 34845 Lorain Road. The cost to participate is \$5. Please note: For this event only, it is not necessary to obtain a garage sale permit from City Hall. For more information, please call the Chamber office at 327-3737.

Reminder To Obtain The Necessary Building Permits

As a property owner you may want to make changes to your home such as additions, decks, storage buildings or other alterations. Whatever changes you are planning, chances are that you will need one or more permits from the Building Department. All construction, renovations, additions, alterations, and demolitions require a building permit. The process begins when you submit a completed application form with the supporting drawings, if required, for review by the Building Department. Please allow up to two weeks for processing; time varies depending on the number of applications received. Upon approval, you'll be issued a building permit which is your formal permission to begin the work.

The Building Department's certified plan examiners must review your plans to ensure that the intended construction complies with the Residential Code of Ohio, local zoning ordinances, and other applicable regulations. Building permits regulate types of construction allowed and ensure that building standards are met. The building permit process protects the owner's interests and those of the community at large, and helps to ensure that structural changes are safe.

By obtaining a permit, you can also take advantage of the professional expertise of the Building Department's State of Ohio certified inspectors. The staff, plan examiners and inspectors can offer suggestions to help you solve or avoid construction problems. It is to your advantage to ensure that you or your contractor obtain the necessary permits and schedule the required inspections.

Applications and information may be obtained by visiting the Building Department at City Hall between the hours of 8 AM-4:30 PM or visit their webpage at www.nridgeville.org/departments/building.asp. If you have any questions, please call their office at 353-0822.

Safetyville 2013

North Ridgeville Police Department is sponsoring its' annual Safetyville program. The program provides an educational setting in which children are exposed to various safety concerns and taught crucial skills such as traffic, school bus, bicycle and pedestrian safety, stranger danger, 911, drug safety and fire safety.

Safetyville is designed for children entering Kindergarten in the fall, but it is not a prerequisite for Kindergarten. During the weeks of June 10th and June 17th, classes are set up as one week sessions, three sessions per day, for one and a half hours each day. Cost is \$25 per child which covers all classroom material, instruction and a Safetyville t-shirt. Payment is due upon registration.


















To register, visit the North Ridgeville Police Department at 7307 Avon Belden Road. All registrations are on a first come, first served basis. For more information call Sergeant Adam Freas at 327-2191.



Engineering Department Projects

- The City has contracted \$200,000 in full-depth repair of concrete streets which will allow for approximately 4,000 square yards of failed pavement. The work will be performed during the summer months and will be prioritized by the greatest need.
- Waterlines will be replaced during the 2013 construction season on S. Barton Road from Center Ridge Road to the city limits, Cornell Avenue from Cross Street to Lewis Street, and Denise Drive in its entirety.
- Phase 2B of the Chestnut Ridge Road reconstruction project will be completed this summer. The repaving project will begin approximately 2,200 feet east of Lear Nagle Road to the county line, consisting of approximately 1,750 feet of driving surface. Once the project is completed, new asphalt pavement will exist from the county line to Bainbridge Road.

Community Calendar

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- April 26 SPAGHETTI DINNER at the Senior Center from 5-7 PM. Cost: \$6 adults, \$5 seniors and \$4 children 10 and under. Take-out available.
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- May 6 CITY COUNCIL meeting at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
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- May 11 FISHING DERBY at South Central Park from 8 AM-12 PM. Open to youth ages 3-18. Derby is FREE, \$5 donation will be accepted the day of the event for the children's burn unit. Bring your own rod and bait.
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- May 12 MOTHER'S DAY
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- May 18 PRIDE DAY – Citywide clean up! Here's an opportunity to play an active role in improving our community and parks. Residents are encouraged to clean up, paint and spruce up our community. Interested groups and individuals, contact Frank Vacha at 353-0880 or fvacha@nridgeville.org. From 9 AM-noon in the Senior Center parking lot, donate old electronic equipment such as computers, laptops, flat screens, TVs, DVD players and phones. Proceeds from the collected items will benefit Community Care.
- FRIENDS OF THE PARK GREEN TEAM will be collecting reusable items from 9 AM-noon in the Senior Center parking lot to be donated to Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Lorain to be sold in their store to help fund their organization. Suggested items include appliances, TVs, furniture, shingles, siding, pavers, tools, windows, doors, lawn and garden tools, plants, plywood, lumber, lamps, books, housewares, mattresses, sinks, cabinetry, molding and more.
- DISCOVER THE RIDGE, a family-friendly scavenger hunt throughout the city. Visit over 20 locations from 9 AM-5 PM, exploring the businesses, historical sites, parks and special places in the city. Pick up your clues and a map at the Aut-O-Rama Drive-In, 33395 Lorain Road, and visit as many locations as you can to be entered in a drawing for cash prizes. For more information, contact the Visitors Bureau at 327-3737.
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- May 20 CITY COUNCIL meeting at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
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- May 25 SPLASH PAD at South Central Park opens daily from 10 AM-8 PM through Labor Day weekend.
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- May 27 CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day.
- MEMORIAL DAY PARADE from Marc's to the Middle School at 9:45 AM. Memorial Day Ceremony at the Ranger Stadium immediately following the parade.
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- June 3 CITY COUNCIL meeting at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
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- June 8 TOUCH A TRUCK at the North Ridgeville High School parking lot from 10 AM-noon. Get up close and personal with all kinds of big trucks. Free event, ages 2-10 years old.
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- June 16 FATHER'S DAY
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- June 17 CITY COUNCIL meeting at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
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- June 19-22 CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE DAYS – To register, visit the Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau between June 3-14 at 34845 Lorain Road or call 327-3737 for more information.
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- July 1 CITY COUNCIL meeting at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
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- July 3 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION – Party in the Park at South Central Park from 7-9:30 PM. Fireworks at dusk.
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- July 4 CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED in observance of Independence Day.
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- July 15 CITY COUNCIL meeting at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

For up-to-date class and program information, see the Spring/Summer Rec Gazette mailed earlier this month, visit the Parks & Recreation website at www.northridgeville.recdesk.com/recdeskportal or call 353-0860.

SENIOR CENTER NOTES

Reservations are required for the following events.

To make reservations or to obtain a complete listing of activities, please call 353-0828.

YOUNG AT HEART BREAKFAST "Sock Hop" with Eddie & Donna, 50's and 60's music, May 30 at 9:30 AM; cost \$5.

HEARING TESTING at the Senior Center on June 6 from 1-2 PM.

SENIOR PICNIC at the Senior Center on June 26 at noon; cost \$3.25.

SOCIAL, LUNCH & BINGO meets every Wednesday at the Senior Center from 10 AM-2 PM; cost \$3.25.

MEN'S BREAKFAST, first and third Thursday each month at the Senior Center from 9-10 AM; cost \$3.

WOMEN'S BRUNCH, fourth Thursday each month at the Senior Center from 10:30-11:30 AM; cost \$3.

SUPER THURSDAY LUNCH, second Thursday each month at the Senior Center at noon; cost \$5.

MAHJONGG meets every Thursday at the Senior Center at noon (except the second Thursday each month).

CANASTA meets every Wednesday at the Senior Center from 1-4 PM. If interested in joining a group, please call Shelly at 353-0835.