

North Ridgeville

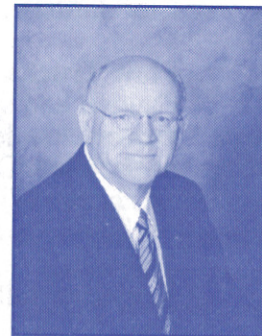
Community Connection

Quarterly Newsletter of the City of North Ridgeville ~ January 2012

Mayor's Message...

Last fall a perfect storm was created when the Census driven redistricting at the Congressional and State levels and City Wards occurred at the same time as rapidly approaching primaries for the Presidential election year. As a result, filing deadlines for political offices were reached in some cases before November elections had been finally determined and the State of Ohio had proposed two separate primaries, one in March and the other in June.

Fortunately, by the end of the year new boundary lines were drawn and representatives determined for each district with changes made throughout the political spectrum. In addition, we will only have one primary this year which will be March 6, 2012.



Mayor M. David Hillenkamp

In North Ridgeville specifically, Council drew new Ward lines that resulted in the entire City south of the railroad tracks falling into Ward 3. You can view the entire map on the City's website at www.nridgeville.org/publications.

At the State level, the redistricting resulted in North Ridgeville being divided into two different districts. Wards 1, 2 and Precincts 3B and 3E will continue to be represented by **State Representative Matt Lundy** as part of District 55. Ward 4 and Precincts 3A, 3C and 3D will now be part of District 57 represented by State Representative **Terry Boose**. When the Board of Elections redraws their maps, the precinct boundaries will change so residents need to confirm which precinct they are in. Our State Senator will remain **Senator Gayle Manning** from North Ridgeville.

At the Congressional level we are now in the 7th Congressional District represented by **Congressman Bob Gibbs**. Finally, our U.S. Senators remain unchanged, **Senator Sherrod Brown** and **Senator Rob Portman**.

Contact information for all of these representatives can be found on the City's website at: www.nridgeville.org/resources.

PARKS & RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Baseball/Softball Mass Registration Dates: Saturday, January 28, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at the NR Senior Center
Thursday, February 2, 6:00-8:00 PM at the NR Senior Center
Saturday, February 4, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at the NR Senior Center

You can also register at the Parks & Recreation office, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:00 AM-4:30 PM and Tuesday, 8:00 AM-7:00 PM.

Arthritis Seminar: Wednesday, January 18 from 7:00-8:00 PM. Seminar is FREE and will be held at the Safetyville Building at 35000 Bainbridge Road.

New Solutions to Accelerated Weight Loss: Wednesday, February 15 from 7:00-8:00 PM. Seminar is FREE and will be held at the Safetyville Building at 35000 Bainbridge Road.

WATCH FOR THE NEWLY FORMATTED PARKS AND RECREATION BROCHURE IN YOUR FEBRUARY UTILITY BILL!

WINTER ALERTS

Parking Ban

When snow fall exceeds two inches within a 24 hour period, a SNOW BAN is in effect and NO PARKING is permitted on any City street to allow snow plows to pass.

Pushing Snow into City Streets

Pushing snow across or shoveling snow into city streets from private property or lots is not allowed per City Ordinance #660.04. Private plow trucks may not plow snow from one property to another.

Plow Trucks

Caution and space should be given to all plow trucks so that they may do their jobs safely and efficiently. Drivers should stay back at least 100 feet from a plow truck to allow them backing space and visibility to do their job. Drivers should also be aware that plow trucks must frequently back up at corners to push snow off the road.

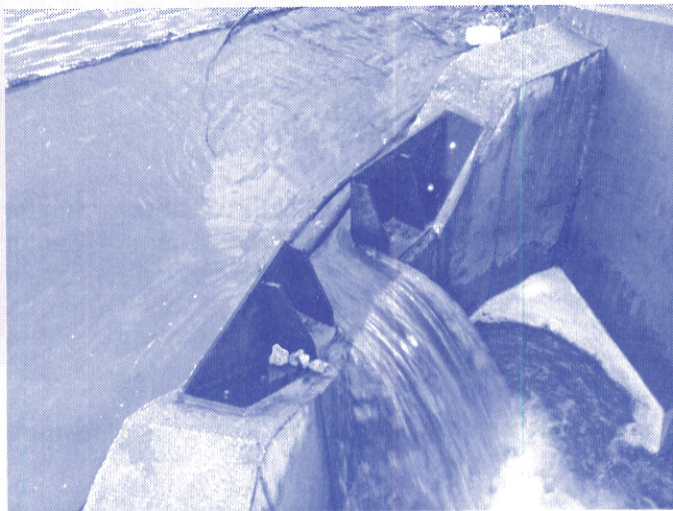
Sidewalks

Keep sidewalks clear of ice and snow. City Ordinances require sidewalks to be cleared within a reasonable time.

RAILROAD QUIET ZONE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

The City was informed by the Ohio Rail Development Commission that there is an issue with the funding that needs to be settled before work can continue. The city's portion of the project to install median barriers at Maddock Road, quiet zone beacons at Race, Root, and Chestnut Ridge Roads and the vehicle detection system between the four-quadrant gates is temporarily on hold for a few more weeks until this issue is worked out. Norfolk Southern Railroad has been continuing with their work of installing the additional gates at Race, Root, and Chestnut Ridge Roads and installing circuitry upgrades to provide constant warning time. Norfolk Southern has requested an extension until July 4, 2012 to allow for completion of construction and repaving of these crossings in the spring when the asphalt plants open.

RETROFIT OF WATERBURY DEVELOPMENT FLOOD CONTROL STRUCTURES



In response to the flooding caused by the extreme weather of February 28, 2011, the City requested that Forest City Development provide additional flood control in Waterbury Development to protect the residents downstream and living adjacent to Ridgeway Ditch. Forest City Development agreed to provide the additional flood control although the current flood control structures already meet ordinances. The outlet structures of Pond 17 on the east side of Calista Drive and Pond 18 on the west side of Victoria Lane (approximately 800 feet north of Calista Drive) were retrofitted. Steel plates were added to the weir structures to raise the water level behind them and provide additional storm water storage in the ponds. These retrofits provide a 6.3 percent reduction in the park runoff from the entire Waterbury Development during the 10-year storm. An increase of approximately 20 percent is provided for the total storage of Ponds 17 and 18 during the 100-year storm. The attached photo shows the modified weir at the Pond 18 outlet structure during a storm event. The increase in peak water surface elevations in the ponds caused by modifying the outlet structures is three to four inches.

CHESTNUT RIDGE ROAD CULVERT

The construction of the extension of the existing culvert on Chestnut Ridge Road and repaving of the Lear Road northbound lane at Chestnut Ridge Road is complete. Construction of an adjacent 60-inch diameter storm sewer will soon be completed. The contractor Schirmer Construction Company will be back in the spring to complete the paving work on Chestnut Ridge Road at the culvert and restore the landscaping. The lengthening of the culvert will provide space to add a turning lane on Chestnut Ridge Road during the planned future Lear Road Widening Project.

CHESTNUT RIDGE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

The City has applied for funding from Ohio Public Works Commission for the reconstruction of Chestnut Ridge Road from Lear Road to Bainbridge Road. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$825,435. A grant of \$297,074 and a loan of \$189,933 have been requested from Ohio Public Works. The plan is to pulverize the existing asphalt base and add new asphalt intermediate and surface courses. The road will be widened to include two eleven-foot lanes and four-foot asphalt shoulders. The City has been informed that this project will likely be funded for construction in 2012.

The City has also applied for funding from Ohio Public Works Commission for the reconstruction of Chestnut Ridge Road from Lear Road to approximately 2,230 feet east of Lear Road (or half-way to the corporation line). The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$701,085. A grant of \$252,320 and a loan of \$161,320 were requested. The plan is also to pulverize and resurface this road with asphalt and provide two eleven-foot lanes and four-foot asphalt shoulders. This project is planned for February 2013, but the City has been notified that it may possibly receive a loan to fund construction of this project in 2012.

RIDGEVIEW BLVD. AND DRAKE ST. SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE FLOW REALIGNMENT PROJECT

Three new manholes and 24 linear feet of new sanitary sewer are to be provided to realign the flow of the sanitary sewers. Existing 90-degree bends will be eliminated and 45-degree bends will be installed to allow a smoother flow transition and decrease the likelihood of sanitary sewer backup upstream. The contractor TRAX Construction Company has performed the initial excavation to determine the actual location and elevation of the underground sewers and manholes. During this work it was determined that the existing gas line needs to be relocated because it is in conflict with the proposed location of the new sanitary sewer. It was also determined that the existing storm sewer needs to be relocated. The City Engineering Department is working with Columbia Gas Company to get the gas line relocated as soon as possible. TRAX Construction Company will provide a proposal to relocate the storm sewer. This will delay the construction by several weeks. Construction is expected to be completed by Spring.

CITY INCOME TAX INFORMATION

The 2011 fourth quarter estimated taxes are due by January 31, 2012. The quarterly tax can be paid online with UBILL. Visit the City's website for more information. The 2011 final returns and postcards will be mailed by January 31, 2012. City income tax forms are available at the City's website: www.nridgeville.org.













"NEW" this year will be an electronic tax form online that will calculate and file your return.

The Tax Department will compute your City income tax return if you only have W2's and submit the information to the office by March 19, 2012. A bill will be computed and mailed to you indicating the tax due, if applicable. The Tax Department does accept MasterCard or Visa debit/credit cards.

2011 TAX RETURN FILING DUE DATE: APRIL 17, 2012 to correspond with the IRS deadline.

For additional information contact the North Ridgeville City Income Tax Department at 440-353-0846, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Quarterly Calendar

-  January 16 CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED in observance of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY.
-  January 19 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS by Mayor David Gillock at the N. Ridgeville Education Center, 5490 Mills Creek Lane, doors open 11:15, noon lunch will be catered by Tom's Country Place, cost \$25. Contact NR Chamber of Commerce at 327-3737 to reserve your seat.
-  January 27 SPAGHETTI DINNER served 5-7 PM at the Senior Center. Everyone welcome! \$6 adults, \$5 Seniors, \$4 children 10 and under, dessert \$1, pop 50 cents. Carry-over available.
-  February 7 AARP VOLUNTEER TAX PREPARERS begin tax season appointments, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Call 353-0828 to make your appointment.
-  February 20 CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED in observance of PRESIDENT'S DAY.
-  March 11 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins. Clocks "spring" ahead one hour at 2 AM. REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARMS!
-  March 22 WOMEN'S BRUNCH SPRING FASHION SHOW, 10:30 AM, \$5, reservations required, call 353-0828.
-  March 29 FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST at the Senior Center, sponsored by LifeCare Centers of America. Serving promptly at 9 AM to seniors 55 and over; reservations required, call 353-0828.
-  March 31 ROTARY EASTER EGG HUNT, 2 PM start at Ranger Stadium, N. Ridgeville Middle School, ages 1-9.
-  April 6 CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED in observance of GOOD FRIDAY.
-  April 17 HEALTH FAIR, 10 AM TO 1 PM, *free* and open to the public at the Senior Center. Invitees will answer questions regarding resident's concerns. Refreshments will be served.
-  April 17 **2011 TAX RETURN FILING DUE DATE - City Taxes correspond with the IRS deadline.** For additional information contact the Income Tax Department at 440-353-0846, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM regarding City Income Tax. (See article inside.)

CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS SCHEDULED MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL meets the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at 7307 Avon Belden Road. Monday holidays delay Council meetings to Tuesday, for instance, Tuesday, January 17 and Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

PLANNING COMMISSION meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at 7307 Avon Belden Road.

BOARD OF ZONING AND BUILDING APPEALS meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

SENIOR CENTER NOTES

Call 353-0828 for an up-to-date Senior Center Newsletter with ALL Senior Center activities listed.

LUNCH & BINGO meets every Wednesday for this social time at the Senior Center, 10 AM to 2 PM; reservations required, call 353-0828.

FISHING CLUB at the Senior Center 1:30-3 PM. Refreshments served. All welcome! (Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month during the winter.)

MEN'S BREAKFAST at the Senior Center the 1st & 3rd Thursday each month, cost \$3, served at 9 AM; reservations required, call 353-0828.

SUPER THURSDAY LUNCH the second Thursday each month at the Senior Center, \$5, served at noon; reservations required, call 353-0828.

WOMEN'S BRUNCH the fourth Thursday each month at the Senior Center, \$5, served at 10:30 AM; reservations required, call 353-0828.