North Ridgeville
Community Connection
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Mayor's Message...

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Mayor

The Federal Stimulus Act, officially known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, has added an entirely new dimension to the activities of City Hall and has brought significant funding to Lorain County and North Ridgeville. Let me tell you about some of the funding that has already been awarded and other requests the City has applied for.

First, Lorain County has been awarded over $27,000,000 already. Only about 25% of that is for Infrastructure, or Roads, Bridges and Rails. Energy and Environment have the biggest share with almost 41% of the funding and the Workforce Investment Act accounts for another 32%. The first infrastructure grant in the State that is now under construction is a bridge replacement project for $474,296 on Route 83, just 1/3 mile south of our City limits.

North Ridgeville has been awarded two grants so far and has several others under consideration. The City has been notified that we were awarded $800,000 toward a project to install "quad gates" at our four railroad crossings. This will make the crossings much safer and allow us to apply for "quiet zone" designation, which means the trains would not have to blow their whistles. We have also received notification that we were awarded a Byrnes police grant of slightly more than $15,000 that can be used for equipment.

The City has also applied for police, fire and several infrastructure grants. These are competitive grants, meaning we are competing with all other municipalities for funding. Our Police Department has applied for funding for three new police officers under the COPS program. Nationally, $1 billion has been made available which will provide funding for 5500 new officers. The Fire Department is currently completing an application for funding for two new fire houses. These are due before the end of July.

And finally, our Engineering Department has submitted applications for 50 projects including widening Center Ridge and Lear Nagle and other road projects, several water line and sewer projects and other miscellaneous projects totaling over $60,000,000.

PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY

We are seeing more pedestrians and kids on bikes every year when the weather warms. We have again purchased easily visible signs made of recycled material with recycle grant money. There is a limited supply of these signs, so if you would like to display one on your lawn, stop by the Administration Offices and pick one up today. Let's work together to keep our children safe.

GARBAGE ETIQUETTE

The City often receives phone calls from residents asking about the proper time to put out their garbage. According to the City Ordinance, residents are not to put trash out for pick up until 36 hours before pick-up day. This would mean no earlier than 6:00 p.m. Sunday evening before regular Tuesday pick-up or 6:00 p.m. Monday evening for Wednesday trash pick-up after a Monday holiday. Just a reminder, please bring your trash containers in as soon as possible after garbage pick-up to prevent them from blowing into the street and becoming a hazard.

DITCH MAINTENANCE ALERT

Our Service Department works hard to maintain ditches, creeks, culverts and underground stormwater lines, but we need the help of our residents. Flooding issues are often caused by debris that gets carried down the ditches by flowing rainwater. The debris gets trapped at a culvert, preventing proper flow and flooding streets and property, sometimes well beyond the point where the debris originated. A milk jug, basketball, soccer ball or other items that may find their way into our ditches can cause major flooding. Please help us, yourself and your neighbors by checking ditches around your property on a regular basis and removing any debris found. If you find an obstruction that cannot be removed, please contact our Service Department at 353-0814 or 353-0859.

Please do not place cut grass clippings in ditches and waterways in the City. In addition, when residents cut grass near a roadway, we ask that they sweep up the grass from the roadway. These maintenance practices will prevent flooding of ditches, waterways, catch basins and sewers which are critical in flood prevention.

HIGH PRESSURE WATER MAIN

In late July or early August, at the Lorain Road and Bagley Road intersection, a contractor will begin the installation of a new connection to the 30 inch high pressure water main. This connection, along with its pressure relief valve, will allow the City to increase the water pressure to the southeast corner of North Ridgeville. This area has been suffering from low water pressure and with the new homes being constructed in the area, the problem has increased. The City will now be able to increase water pressure in the area without being concerned with damaging the old water pipes in the area.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

South Central Park was a happening place on July 3rd for the Independence Day celebration. Many thanks to Missy Williams, Parks & Rec Activities Director, for all her planning and scheduling and to Gary Teel, Maintenance Supervisor, and his guys for their fix-up and clean-up work. Of course, let's not forget the Fire Department and their spectacular fireworks and the Police Department for crowd and traffic control. A good time was had by all thanks to them! The special fireworks at the finale was a memorial to "Pops", Tom Schultz, our dear Animal Control Officer, for his 35 years of dedication and service to the City of North Ridgeville. Photos courtesy of Missy Williams and Lynn Grundy of the Police Department.

UNITED STATES CENSUS 2010

The Census is a count of everyone in the United States. All U.S. residents must be counted - people of all races and ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens. The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years. It will show state population counts and determines representation in the U.S. House of Representatives. Census questionnaires will be delivered or mailed to households via U.S. mail in March 2010; many households will receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census workers also will visit households that do not return questionnaires.

The 2010 Census is important because it determines the distribution of more than $300 billion annually of government funding for critical community services. Census data guides local decision-makers on where to build new roads, hospitals, child-care and senior citizens centers, schools and more. It generates thousands of jobs across the country and it impacts your voice in Congress.

Census day is April 1, 2010. With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire is one of the shortest questionnaires in history and takes just 10 minutes to complete. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's census questionnaire responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. For more information about the 2010 Census, go to www.2010census.gov.

INCOME TAX REMINDER

Estimated taxes in the City of North Ridgeville are **mandatory.** An annual estimate and first quarter payment is required by April 15 each year if the non-withheld tax liability exceeds $50.00. The remaining estimated taxes are billed as a convenience for the second, third and fourth quarters. The payment schedule is as follows:

1st Quarter	due April 15
2nd Quarter	due July 31
3rd Quarter	due October 31
4th Quarter	due January 31

Estimated taxes can be paid online with Ubill at: www.nridgeville.org. Please feel free to call the Income Tax Department at 353-0846 with any questions or concerns.

LORAIN ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Construction will begin in late August on the next phase of the reconstruction of Lorain Road. This phase, called Phase 3A, will extend from Root Road to Honeycut Drive and will consist of two lane concrete pavement similar to the east side of Root Road. Traffic will be maintained in both directions during the construction work, but there may still be times when delays are encountered. The last and final phase of the Lorain Road reconstruction, Phase 3B, from Honeycut to Island Road, is currently planned for 2010.

SOLICITOR'S PERMIT

By Supreme Court ruling, cities must allow solicitors to go door to door. However, we do require them to obtain a Solicitor's Permit from City Hall and we make sure we have contact information and confirmation from the parent company. If a solicitor stops at your door, ask to see their permit. If they have no permit, turn them away and call the Police at 327-2191 to report them. The Police will check into the situation and handle it appropriately. If you wish to put a "NO SOLICITING" sign at or on your door, they are not allowed to stop. If they do, this may also be reported to the Police Department. In these tough economic times, it seems there are more solicitors than ever appearing. Please use caution and common sense, knowing the Police are just a call away. "No Soliciting" stickers like those shown are available at City Hall.

Community Calendar

- ★ July 22 — Fishing Club at the Senior Center, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Everyone welcome!
- ★ July 23 — Super Thursday Luncheon with Eddie and the Edsels - serving at noon.
- ★ July 25 — Summer Movie Night @ dusk, South Central Park by Splash Pad, "Hotel for Dogs".
- ★ July 28 — Summer Concert at the Gazebo, 7-9 p.m., South Central Park - Kick'in Back.
- ★ July 30 — Combined Breakfast for Men and Women at the Senior Center with singer Dona George - serving at 9 a.m.
- ★ July 31 — Quarterly City Income Tax due.

- ★ August 7-9 — Corn Festival, Bainbridge Road extension, between Root and Avon Belden Roads. Friday, 6-11 p.m.; Saturday 12-11 p.m.; Sunday 12-8 p.m.
- ★ August 8 — Lorain County Engineer Ken Carney's 19th Annual Horseshoe Tournament to benefit Meals on Wheels, at South Central Park, registration 10 a.m. - 12 noon; play begins after the grudge match between Ken Carney and Mayor Dave Gillock at noon.
- ★ August 8 — Shuttle Service provided by the Senior Center from Wilcox Elementary School to the Corn Festival grounds, 12 noon - 6 p.m. Donations appreciated!
- ★ August 9 — Corn Festival Parade, 2:30 p.m., from the Post Office parking lot to the Middle School.
- ★ August 11 — Summer Concert at the Gazebo, 7-9 p.m., South Central Park - The Green.
- ★ August 18 — Summer Concert at the Gazebo, 7-9 p.m., South Central Park - The Shams.
- ★ August 22 — Summer Movie Night @ dusk, South Central Park by the Splash Pad, "The Tale of Despereaux".
- ★ August 26 — Fishing Club at the Senior Center, 1:30 - 3 p.m. Everyone Welcome!
- ★ August 27 — Super Thursday Luncheon serving at noon. Sing-a-long with Worthy at 12:30 p.m.

- ★ September 6 — Labor Day Party in the Park, 6-10 p.m., South Central Park (Fireworks at dark).
- ★ September 7 — CITY HALL CLOSED - Labor Day.
- ★ September 12 — Skunk Fest, 8:00 a.m., South Central Park for a friendly gathering for skunk lovers and skunk owners with games, raffles, vendors, skunk contests and educational information. All proceeds benefit domestic skunk rescue, rehabilitation and education.
- ★ September 23 — Big Band Dance at DeLuca's, 6075 Middle Ridge Rd., Lorain. Doors open 6 p.m.
- ★ September 24 — Fishing Club at the Senior Center, 1:30 - 3 p.m. Everyone Welcome!
- ★ September 25 — Spaghetti Dinner returns! Serving 5-7 p.m. at the Senior Center. Adults $6.00, Seniors $5.00; Kids 10 and under $4.00; desserts $1.00 additional. *Everyone Invited !!!*

- ★ October 13 — Flu Shots! 9 a.m. - 1 p.m at the Senior Center. Cost: flu $30, pneumonia $45, or paid by Medicare and some other insurances.
- ★ October 17 — Spookville at South Central Park, 4-10 p.m. For details call Missy at 353-0880.
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