

North Ridgeville

Community Connection

Quarterly newsletter of the City of North Ridgeville ~ October 2010

Mayor's Message...

Since the new year will be starting before the next newsletter is published, I thought it might be appropriate to bring you up to date on several different projects that are both a high priority to this administration as well as topics that residents seem to most often ask about. We certainly hope to see completion of these in the next few months.



David Hillenkamp
Mayor

LORAIN ROAD RE-CONSTRUCTION PHASE 3A

Work is complete on the new permanent concrete pavement on the north side of Lorain Road. Construction of the permanent concrete pavement on the south side will soon begin. Traffic will be maintained in both directions during construction work but there may still be times when delays will be encountered. Work is scheduled to be complete by the end of October with landscape work being completed in early 2011.

REPAIR OF DETERIORATED CONCRETE PAVEMENT

Work has been completed to repair deteriorated concrete pavement, catch basins and curb ramps on Wil-Lou Lane, Debbie Drive, Browning Drive at Miller Drive intersection, Browning Drive at Nicoll Drive intersection, 6700 to 6720 Nicoll Drive, and the Nicoll Drive and Mitchell Drive intersection. Work is in progress at the Fox Hollow at Hickory Trail intersection and Hawthorne Hollow at Hickory Trail intersection. Work will soon begin on the Gem Circle cul-de-sac and the Manning Circle cul-de-sac.

LORAIN ROAD RE-CONSTRUCTION PHASE 3B

Work has begun on the construction of the new storm sewer on the south side of Lorain Road from Honeycut Drive to Island Road. Four sanitary sewer laterals were lowered to allow the storm sewer to be constructed. The new pavement on the north side of Lorain Road will be constructed first with traffic maintained in both directions. There may still be times when delays are encountered. Construction is scheduled to be completed this year with landscape work being completed in early 2011.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT FIRE STATION NO. 2 ON NORTH LORAIN ROAD

In a few months work will begin on construction of a traffic signal at Fire Station No. 2 on Lorain Road. The City of North Ridgeville was the recipient of a \$126,287.00 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program. The signal will enable the Fire Department to stop traffic on Lorain Road with a red signal for emergency calls and when returning to the station.

COOK ROAD WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT

Bids will be opened in November for the replacement of the existing six-inch water line on Cook Road with a new eight-inch water line. Traffic will be maintained during construction. If the bidding goes well, work could begin in a few months, weather permitting.

With the holidays upon us, please allow me this opportunity to wish you a happy and blessed holiday season and a safe and prosperous New Year.

ALL ELECTRIC HOME RATES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

North Ridgeville residents can meet with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) regarding the all-electric home rates at a local public hearing to be held on November 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the North Ridgeville Education Center, 5490 Mills Creek Lane. This will give customers the opportunity to testify "on the record" regarding the PUCO report's recommendation. To review the PUCO report go to <http://allelectrichomes.info/>.

Old Town Hall Renovations

You may have noticed work being done on the Old Town Hall while driving through North Ridgeville. Renovations are being done to restore and preserve this important symbol of North Ridgeville History.

The main focus of the project is to install a handicapped accessible platform lift which will allow folks in wheelchairs to get to the second floor to view Old Town Hall Theatre productions. This lift is tentatively scheduled for installation in January 2011. The handicapped accessible entrance (at the rear of the building) has also been re-configured through the first floor area.

Also funded through the grant are new furnace and air conditioner units, repairing and sealing of the brick, repair roofing; repair, seal and paint the soffit, corbels and bell tower. All exterior wood window trim has been painted and the old chimneys have been completely rebuilt to the original configuration. The old aluminum storefront type door on the side entrance and rear door have been replaced with six-panel doors to blend more with the building. The front steps and handrail will be replaced in the near future as well as installing new hot water heaters for the restrooms.

The work, funded by a \$175,000 grant obtained through the Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission, is being done by the Cornice Company of Fairlawn, Ohio. A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned after the completion of the lift to celebrate the historical significance of this local landmark.



Railroad Quiet Zone

On October 4, 2010, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio filed a Journal Entry based on the Ohio Rail Development Commission's recommendations. This Entry orders Norfolk Southern Railroad to submit site plans and cost estimates for the construction of this project to the Commission by January 2, 2011. Due to the complexity of the project, the construction deadline is 15 months and the grade crossing improvements are to be completed by January 4, 2012. The Ohio Rail Development Commission has authorized funding for the safety upgrades for a quiet zone corridor project at the Race Road, Maddock Road, Root Road and Chestnut Ridge Road crossings. Circuitry upgrades will be provided for all four crossings. Maddock Road will be provided with median barrier curbs and the other three crossings will be provided with four-quadrant gates. Funding is to be provided by Congressional Set Aside Ohio 279 Funds, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, Norfolk Southern Railroad, the Ohio Rail Development Commission and the City of North Ridgeville.

New Parks and Recreation Director Hits the Ground Running

Kevin Fougousse has been named the new Parks and Recreation Director, taking over that position September 1, 2010. He is a Lakewood resident, graduating from Kent State University in 2003 with a bachelor's degree, majoring in recreation and sports management and is a certified youth sport administrator and is certified as a National Alliance for Youth Sports Clinician. He is also certified in first aid and crisis management. Kevin comes to North Ridgeville from Fairview Park where he served as a program coordinator, managing a 40 person staff, also scheduling athletic and special events in Fairview's 93,000 square-foot recreation center. His Fairview experience and his work prior to that led him to be the number one candidate, enhanced by his go-getter attitude and his people skills. Please join us in welcoming Kevin to North Ridgeville. We wish him every success and a long tenure as Director of Parks and Recreation.



Attention Pet Owners

There have been numerous complaints from residents regarding pet owners who do not clean up after their dogs. Please be a good neighbor and a conscientious resident by abiding by the following Ordinance No. 4597-2004:

The feces deposited by the defecation of any animal upon any public or private property, other than that of the animal or the person in charge thereof, creates an unsanitary and unhealthy condition and is hereby declared a nuisance. Where the owner or person in charge or control of such animal immediately, and before taking such animal from the area where the defecation occurred, cleans the area and removes the feces and disposes of it in a sanitary manner in a proper receptacle, the nuisance shall be considered abated. This ordinance does not apply to guide dogs under the control of a visually impaired person. Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

Frontier Park Restroom Renovations
























With the help of a State of Ohio Community Development Block Grant, the Parks and Recreation Department is renovating the restrooms at Frontier Park. The old single occupant restrooms have been completely removed and new double occupant accessible restrooms with outside entrances are being installed. The new restrooms will have automatic flush and faucets, new metal toilet compartments and turbo hand dryers. Motion sensors will automatically turn the lights on when someone enters the room and automatic locks on electronic timers will be programmable to allow access during predetermined hours and days. Also included is a new sidewalk from the parking lot to the building and alterations to the existing footbridge to change the slope for easier access by someone in a wheelchair and a handrail made of recycled plastic materials to reduce the concern of splinters. A drinking fountain has been installed outside the restroom doors and the concession stand window is anticipated to be lowered for accessibility and a roll up shutter installed. Alterations are anticipated to be complete around the middle of November.





Community Calendar



-  October 18 JUNIOR RANGERS BASKETBALL PROGRAM: Open to boys/girls grades 1-8. Register at the Parks and Recreation Office October 18 through December 3. Game play begins January 15. \$45 Resident/\$55 Non-Resident.
-  October 27 HALLOWEEN PARTY at the Senior Center for Lunch, only \$3.25. RSVP at 353-0828.
-  October 28 LADIES BRUNCH at the Senior Center, only \$2.50, serving 10:30 AM. RSVP at 353-0828.
-  October 29 TOTS TRICK-OR-TREAT at 1:00 PM at the N.R. Senior Center and City Hall. Reservations thru Parks and Rec at 353-0860. 2-5 year olds gather treats donated by employees handed out at each department. Also see a Fire Truck and Police K-9 unit close up and personal.
-  October 29 SPAGHETTI DINNER - Serving 5 PM - 7 PM at the Senior Center. Adults \$6.00, Seniors \$5.00, Children 10 and under \$4.00. Desserts \$1.00. Carry out available. All Welcome!
-  October 31 TRICK-OR-TREAT will be observed 6:00 to 7:30 PM as designated by the Lorain County Community Alliance. Please drive with care and check those goodies over carefully.
-  November 1 HOLIDAY FOOD & TOY DRIVE - non perishable food items and new toys in original packaging will be collected to benefit Community Care. Drop off boxes located at City Hall, the Parks and Recreation Department and the Senior Center, Nov. 1 thru Dec. 18.
-  November 2 ELECTION DAY - Please vote! Polls open 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM. Exercise your right!
-  November 4 SENIOR CENTER MEN'S BREAKFAST - 9 AM, cost \$2.50. To RSVP, call 353-0828.
-  November 7 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ends. Turn clocks **BACK** one hour. Check your smoke alarms!
-  November 11 VETERAN'S DAY - City Hall will be closed.
-  November 18 LADIES BRUNCH - \$2.50 at the Senior Center serving at 10:30 AM. To RSVP call 353-0828.
-  November 25 THANKSGIVING DAY - City Hall will be closed.
-  November 26 DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING - City Hall will be closed.
-  December 2&16 SENIOR CENTER MEN'S BREAKFAST, serving 9 AM, cost \$2.50. To RSVP call 353-0828.
-  December 4 TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY at South Central Park Gazebo at 5 PM. Join Mayor Gillock, local scouts, and the High School Choir. Santa will be present to collect boys' and girls' letters and wish you a Happy Holiday. Kick off the holiday season!
-  December 9 HOLIDAY PARTY at the Senior Center \$5.00, serving at noon. Reservations required by calling 353-0828.
-  December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE day - City Hall will be closed.
-  December 27 City Hall will be CLOSED in observance of CHRISTMAS.
-  December 29 THE SINGING ANGELS perform at St. Julie's Church in cooperation with North Ridgeville Seniors. Sponsored by LifeCare Centers of America and Center Ridge Health Campus. Doors open a 6:30 PM, performance begins at 7:00 PM. *Free event!*
-  December 31 City Hall will be CLOSED in observance of NEW YEAR'S DAY.
-  January 20 STATE OF THE CITY address by Mayor David Gillock at the North Ridgeville Education Center, sponsored by the N.R. Chamber of Commerce. For tickets and further information call the N.R. Chamber at 327-3737.
-  January 28 SPAGHETTI DINNER: Serving 5 PM - 7 PM at the Senior Center. Adults \$6.00, Seniors \$5.00, Children 10 and under \$4.00. Desserts \$1.00. Carry out available. All Welcome!