

# North Ridgeville Community Connection

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## Mayor's Message...

### MEMO

To: All Residents and Businesses  
From: Mayor Gillock  
Subject: Center Ridge and Lear Nagle Roads



*Mayor H. David Gillock*

Recently I was in a local grocery store waiting in the checkout line when a lady in front of me asked the cashier, "How much property are you going to lose when they widen Center Ridge Road?" The cashier responded, "I don't know what you are talking about. I guess I didn't get the memo!" She then asked when this was supposed to happen and the shopper told her next year in 2014.

Well, here's your memo and with the latest correct information!

### Center Ridge Road

Funding for design engineering, EPA studies and land acquisition is in place. Land acquisition will begin in November of this year. The Governor and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) recommended that \$41 million be awarded towards construction. However, that will not be voted on until sometime next year. We are confident it will be approved. We will still need to contribute approximately \$8 million for which we will need to issue bonds. Actual construction is tentatively scheduled for some time in late 2016.

### Lear Nagle Road

Design engineering is almost complete. We are ready to begin the land acquisition, however for Lear Nagle it is almost all easements and there aren't any buildings to be taken. There remains \$2.5 million to be funded either by ODOT (which they have said they will do) or the city. If the city is required to make up this portion this would be included in the same bond issue. Actual construction is slated to begin in June 2015.

End of memo.

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## Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP)

The City of North Ridgeville recently received a \$400,000 Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) grant from the Ohio Development Services Agency. The grant provides assistance for two basic housing activities: homeowner rehabilitation and (emergency) home repair. These monies can be used to bring homes up to current health and safety standards and to address more immediate concerns such as a leaking roof, a failing furnace or a failing hot water tank. All participants must meet eligibility requirements and income guidelines in order to qualify for assistance.

A public meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 29, 2013** at 6:15 PM in Council Chambers to explain each type of assistance available and the eligibility requirements of each program. Applications for assistance will first be made available at this meeting. Thereafter, applications may be obtained by visiting the Treasurer's Office (Room 107) in North Ridgeville City Hall located at 7307 Avon Belden Road, during regular business hours.

## Special Leaf Collection, October 28-November 26

Leaves may be placed at the curb in **plastic bags** beginning the week of October 28 and will continue through November 26 on the regular trash pick-up day. After November, leaves in plastic bags can only be left out as extra garbage the first full week of each month. From April through October each year, yard waste must be placed in brown yard waste bags for weekly collection. Please call the Utilities Department at 353-0841 with any questions.



## North Ridgeville Charter Review Committee

Every six years the city's Charter is reviewed by a Mayor-appointed committee of nine residents for possible amendments to the Charter. The Charter is the City of North Ridgeville's governing document similar to the U.S. Constitution and The Ohio Constitution. A special thank you to this year's Charter Review Committee for volunteering their time and talents to the City of North Ridgeville.



Pictured are committee members (front row, left to right) Mario Cipriano, George Smith, Jerry Armstrong, Chris Turay and (back row, left to right) David Truman, Jodi Kidd, Sara Markel and Martin DeVries (not pictured, Greg Fry).

After six public meetings, the Committee recommended six amendments to the city's Charter to City Council for approval. City Council approved the amendments that will appear on the November 5, 2013 ballot for voter approval.

The following amendments are in the order they appear in the city's Charter and on the November 5<sup>th</sup> ballot. The changes and/or additions are noted in bold, italics font. The rationale for the change is noted after each proposed amendment.

### Article II The Mayor, Section 2.2 Qualifications

The Mayor for at least three (3) years prior to the last day he or she could have filed his or her petition for nomination and from that date thereafter and during his or her term of office shall have been and continue to be a resident and qualified elector of the Municipality. He or she shall not hold any other ***elected or appointed public office for compensation, or other full-time employment, public or private, or hold any other public employment in this City*** except that of Notary Public or a member of the State Militia or of the Reserve Corps of the United States or ***Safety Service Director*** for the City of North Ridgeville, Ohio. ***The Mayor shall be permitted to serve on part-time appointed boards or commissions with compensation subject to the approval of a majority vote of Council.*** He or she shall not be interested in the profits or emoluments of any contract, job, work or service with or for the Municipality as provided by the general laws of Ohio.

**Rationale:** The above changes clarify the ability for the Mayor to serve on boards or commissions that will benefit the city and its residents. One example, Mayor Gillock is currently serving on the NOPEC Board. NOPEC is a public energy buying group, authorized by voters in our community, to negotiate favorable rates and terms.

### Article III The Council, Section 3.9 Meetings

(d) Waiver of Notice. The attendance at any special meeting of the Council shall be considered as a waiver of notice required by this section and if ***a quorum*** of Council ***is*** present, the meeting may proceed as a duly called special meeting. Any member of Council may waive in writing in advance of the time of a special meeting of Council the provisions for notice contained in this section.

**Rationale:** The previous Charter language stated "all members" of Council are present. The above change allows the meeting to proceed if a Council member is absent from the meeting as long as a quorum is met.

### Article III The Council, Section 3.16 Publication

All other ordinances, resolutions, statements, orders, proclamations, notices and reports required by law, this Charter, or ordinance to be published, shall be published by promptly posting a copy thereof for a period of not less than ten (10) days on a bulletin board in the lobby of City Hall ***and through electronic media for that same period in a manner readily available and accessible to the public without requiring membership, access code or fee.*** Council may by ordinance provide for additional methods of publication as it, in its discretion, in any particular instance, or generally, may deem desirable.

**Rationale:** The previous Charter language required posting at four physical locations in North Ridgeville in which a staff member would travel to each of the locations to post the notice(s). To streamline the process and maximize our resources, the information will be posted on the city's website for easy accessibility and in the lobby of City Hall.

### Article IV The Auditor, Section 4.5 Failure to Comply with Certification Requirements

All contracts, agreements or other obligations and all ordinances, resolutions and orders entered into or passed without compliance with the provisions of Sections 4.3 and 4.4 of this Charter shall be void, and no person whomsoever shall have any claim or demand against the Municipality thereunder, nor shall the Council or any officer of the Municipality, ***except as authorized under the statutes and general laws of the State of Ohio,*** waive or qualify the limits fixed by such ordinance,

resolution or order or fasten upon the Municipality any liability whatever in excess of such limits, or release any party from an exact compliance with the provisions of this Charter under such ordinance, resolution or order.

**Rationale:** The above language is being inserted to conform to the general laws of the State of Ohio.

#### **Article XI Finance, Section 11.6 Bidding Required**

Each net expenditure for any contract or purchase of supplies or material, other than the compensation of persons employed by the City, that exceeds the financial limitations imposed by the statutes of the State of Ohio, including lease or lease purchase of facilities or equipment exceeding the same statutory limits, shall first be authorized and directed by ordinance of Council. When so authorized and directed, the contract, purchase or lease shall be granted to the lowest and best bidder after advertisement for not less than two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of North Ridgeville, Ohio, and dissemination to the public via one additional source of general public information or posting.

*Purchases by the City through a State Purchase Program established under the statutes and general laws of the State of Ohio, where the State has conducted competitive bidding and awarded State contracts to successful bidders, as authorized and directed by ordinance of Council, shall be deemed to satisfy the bidding requirements of this section for expenditures to be made pursuant to contract with the lowest and best bidder.*

*a. Design Build. The City may enter into contracts for expenditure of funds pursuant to a design-build selection process as established by the statutes and general laws of the State of Ohio or as such process may be authorized by ordinance approved by two-thirds vote of Council. For purposes of this section, design-build contracts as a form of competitive bidding, which shall consider both qualifications and costs, shall be deemed to satisfy the bidding requirements of this section.*

**Rationale:** The added language would allow the city to make purchases exceeding \$50,000 from a state bid list. This list is compiled by the state to include approved vendors and competitive pricing for products and/or projects. The addition of design-build bidding process was signed into Ohio law by Gov. Kasich in 2011 and represented the first change in how the state conducts public construction in more than 134 years. The design-build format allows for one entity to work under a single contract which would allow for a firm to design the project as well as build the project or have their subcontractor build the project.

#### **Shall section 12.1 of Article XII be deleted from the Charter of the City of North Ridgeville?**

#### **Article XII Taxation, Section 12.1 Submission of Extra Levy to Vote**

At least ninety (90) days prior to a general, regular, Municipal or any special election, Council may declare by resolution, adopted by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all the members thereto, that the amount of taxes permitted by the Constitution without a vote of the electors will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Municipality and it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for any Municipal purpose or purposes specified in such resolution and permitted by law. Such resolution shall be confined to a single purpose, specify the exact amount of levy required, the purposes thereof and the number of years, not exceeding five (5) it shall be in effect, which may or may not include a levy on the duplicate for the current year. A majority of those voting thereon in any election will be sufficient for its passage. If passed, the Council may immediately make such levy, or such part thereof as it finds necessary.

**Rationale:** If the above amendment is repealed, the reference of tax levies in the city's Charter would be eliminated and all future tax levy requests would be referred to state and federal law governing such levies.

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### **Dr. Ronald Arndt Appointed Ward 3 Councilman**



Dr. Ronald (Ron) Arndt was appointed to the Ward 3 Council seat on August 5, 2013 by unanimous vote of City Council to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Richard (Dick) Jaenke.

Additionally, Dr. Arndt served on City Council as President from 2003 through 2007. He is a 40-year North Ridgeville businessman and entrepreneur having opened his dental practice in 1973 on Sugar Ridge Road. Over the past twenty years, Dr. Arndt has had two additional careers, one in financial planning and investment management and the last fifteen years as a professional business coach serving primarily dentists.

For the duration of Dr. Arndt's remaining two and a half years of this term, he intends to blend his previous four years of city government experience with his passion for growing and supporting small companies.

Dr. Ron can be reached at (440) 748-6161 or by e-mail at [rarndt@nrridgeville.org](mailto:rarndt@nrridgeville.org).







## Community Calendar



- October 29 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM public meeting at 6:15 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- October 31 TRICK-OR-TREAT will be observed 6-7:30 PM – citywide.
- November 1-  
December 13 HOLIDAY FOOD AND TOY DRIVE to benefit Community Care. Non-perishable food items and new toys in original packaging may be dropped off at City Hall, Parks & Recreation and Senior Center.
- November 3 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ends. As a reminder, turn your clocks back one hour.
- November 4, 18 CITY COUNCIL meeting at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- November 4, 5 BULK/EXTRA TRASH COLLECTION DAYS.
- November 5 ELECTION DAY – Exercise your right to vote! Polls open at 6:30 AM and close at 7:30 PM.
- November 11 CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED in observance of Veterans Day.
- November 28, 29 CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.
- December 2, 16 CITY COUNCIL meeting at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- December 2, 3 BULK/EXTRA TRASH COLLECTION DAYS.
- December 7 HOLIDAY ON THE RIDGE is the city's kick off to the holiday season. The self-guided tour takes you to multiple craft shows, business open houses and special events (*sponsored by North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce*).  
  
TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY at South Central Park at 5 PM. This is an annual tradition where local scouts decorate the tree, High School Choir will lead the spectators in festive songs of the season while Mayor Gillock lights the community tree.
- December 24, 25 CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED in observance of the Christmas holiday.
- December 27 SINGING ANGELS will perform at Fields Methodist Church, 34077 Lorain Road, for a FREE concert. Doors open at 6:30 PM and concert begins at 7 PM; sponsored by Center Ridge Health Campus on behalf of the Senior Center.
- January 1 CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED in observance of New Year's Day.
- January 6, 20 CITY COUNCIL meeting at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- January 6, 7 BULK/EXTRA TRASH COLLECTION DAYS.
- January 16 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS by Mayor David Gillock at the North Ridgeville Education Center. The event is sponsored by the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 327-3737.
- January 20 CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- January 24 SPAGHETTI DINNER at the Senior Center from 5-7 PM. Cost: \$6 adults, \$5 seniors and \$4 children 10 and under. Take-out available.

### **PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

*For up-to-date class and program information, please visit the Parks & Recreation's website at: [www.nridgeville.org/parksandrec](http://www.nridgeville.org/parksandrec) or call 353-0860. Watch for the winter issue of the Rec Gazette in your December utility bill for a detailed listing of events.*

3rd ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOTOUT, November 16 at 1 PM, North Ridgeville High School; cost \$5 per resident team, \$7 non-resident team; ages 3-18. Registration is October 1 through November 8. For more information or to register, visit the Parks & Recreation Department's website.

SANTA'S CALLING, parents who would like their child to receive a phone call from Santa may register at the Parks & Recreation Department from November 4-December 6; ages 3-8; cost \$2. Assistance provided by the North Ridgeville Lions Club.

### **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.*

SENIOR SCAMS SEMINAR, November 14 from 10-11 AM, Felicia King, Ohio Attorney General's Office, presentation on senior scams.

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST, Thursdays, November 7, December 5, January 2 at the Senior Center from 9-10 AM; cost \$3.

WOMEN'S BRUNCH, Thursdays, November 21, December 19, January 23 at the Senior Center from 10:30-11:30 AM; cost \$3.

BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING, third Wednesday each month at the Senior Center from 9 AM-noon.

FOOT CLINIC, December 4 at the Senior Center from 8-11 AM.

HEARING TESTING, Thursday, December 5 at the Senior Center from 1-2 PM. Call 353-0828 to schedule an appointment.

HOLIDAY PARTY with entertainment, Tuesday, December 10 at noon; reservations required; cost \$5.

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

CANASTA meets every Wednesday at the Senior Center from 12:30-4 PM; PINOCHLE and EUCHRE meets every Thursday at the Senior Center from noon-4 PM. If interested in joining a group, please call Shelly at 353-0835.