



Community Connection, Summer 2021

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Mayor's Message...

With Ohio weather, the window of opportunity for construction projects is limited. Now that we are moving into the summer months, it is full steam ahead with our projects including street repairs and paving. You'll find below and throughout the newsletter updates on several of them.



- **Center Ridge Road Reconstruction Project.** ODOT anticipates this project to be completed July 2021. The plan is to mill in late May and place the asphalt surface course on Center Ridge Road in early June. This work will be done between the hours of 6 PM and 6 AM and will take approximately a week to finish. Paving of intersections will occur during the day after the surface course paving is complete. Permanent traffic striping will be added and all traffic signals will be programmed and activated after completion of all surface courses. This schedule is subject to change depending on weather conditions.
- **Chestnut Ridge Road and Alternate State Route 83 Roundabout Project.** Construction of a 3-leg roundabout is already well underway at this intersection and is expected to be done by the end of July 2021. The project includes storm sewers, street lighting, landscaping, sediment and erosion control measures and traffic control. To expedite this project, the intersection is currently closed with detour signs posted.

As we continue to contend with the COVID-19 pandemic, our Senior Center facility remains closed to the public until we receive guidance from the Governor's Office and health department. Our staff is still available by phone at (440) 353-0828 and our volunteers continue to deliver Meals on Wheels to our clients.

Our Parks and Recreation Department staff is working diligently to plan activities for all ages while adhering to state guidelines. I've highlighted below Movies in the Park and Summer Concert Series that are scheduled at South Central Park Gazebo and are free to attend – no pre-registration required. For a complete listing of program offerings, see the North Ridgeville Parks & Recreation spring-summer program guide available at City Hall or visit their website at www.nridgeville.org/parksandrec.

- **Movies in the Park.** Bring your chair or blanket, pack a picnic dinner, catch up with your neighbors and enjoy the free movie series. Movies begin at dusk on the following evenings: Friday, June 4 – *The Goonies*; Friday, June 18 – *Jumanji The Next Level*; Friday, July 16 – *Onward*; and, Friday, July 30 – *Wonder Woman 1984*.



- **Summer Concert Series.** Bring the entire family out along with your chairs or blanket to enjoy this traditional summer pastime. The concerts are scheduled from 6-8 PM on the following evenings: Sunday, June 13 – The WIXY 1260's: Ft. Cleveland's Clearwater Revival; Sunday, June 27 – Just Jazz Live; Sunday, July 11 – Southern Cross Band; and, Sunday, July 25 – Bridgetown Junction.

Freedom Festival and Fireworks. The City is co-sponsoring with Pepco Elyria this year's Independence Day celebration at Victory Park Ohio located at 7777 Victory Lane on **Saturday, July 3**. Gates open at 6 PM with scheduled activities, entertainment, food and beverages for purchase, and fireworks at approximately 10 PM. Tickets are sold per vehicle and purchased in advance only by visiting www.victoryparkohio.com. Net proceeds to benefit North Ridgeville Community Care and Canine Superheroes Foundation. This is a great opportunity to bring the entire family out to celebrate Independence Day and take part in the planned activities in a safe and socially distanced environment. I hope to see everyone there!



Mayor Kevin Corcoran

UPDATE ON STREET REPAIRS AND PAVING PROJECTS

After careful review of the master plan report for Pavement Condition Rating (PCR), the City identified the streets that will be paved/repared this year within the allocated budget. The PCR report includes a summary of the condition assessment, recommendations as to the prioritized areas requiring attention, and maintenance and rehabilitation recommendations for the entire city network of streets, with the exception of interstate highways.

Asphalt Paving Projects. The Service Department will pave the following streets: Broad Boulevard, Charles Road, Emerald Street, Greenwich Avenue, Hedgerow Park Drive, Lorain Road (west of Island Road to SR 83), McKinley Avenue, Rose Street, Shady Moss Lane and Sycamore Street.

Full-Depth Concrete Pavement Repairs. These repairs are partially funded through Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) at \$400,000 with local share at \$300,000 for an estimated total cost of \$700,000. OPWC funding is anticipated to be awarded in July 2021. The Engineering Department will advertise for bids in June, award the project in July and construction tentatively to begin in August. Full-depth concrete streets to be repaired include: Greenlawn Drive from Center Ridge Road to 460' south of Center Ridge Road, Harris Court, Nicoll Drive from Gail Drive to Browning Drive, Sourbrook Lane, Sweetbriar Court and Topaz Court.

For the latest updates and repair schedule, visit the city's website at www.nridgeville.org.

CHANGES ARE COMING TO 440 AREA CODE WITH TEN DIGIT DIALING

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has adopted 988 as a new three-digit number to be used nationwide to reach the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline starting July 16, 2022. In order for 988 to work in certain area codes, including the 440 area code, 10-digit local dialing must be implemented.

By October 24, 2021, anyone with a telephone number from the 440 area code will need to dial 10 digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls. On and after this date, local calls dialed with only seven digits may not be completed, and a recording will inform you that your call cannot be completed as dialed. You must hang up and dial again using the area code and 7-digit number.

In addition to changing the way you dial local calls, all services, automatic dialing equipment, or other types of equipment that are programmed to complete calls to 7-digit local numbers will need to be reprogrammed to complete calls to 10-digit numbers. Some examples include life safety systems or medical monitoring devices, mobile or other wireless phone contact lists, call forwarding settings, voicemail services, speed dialers, fax machines, internet dial-up numbers, fire or burglar alarm and security systems or gates.

MILLS ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

The City obtained a grant through the Ohio Department of Transportation's Municipal Bridge Program to provide federal funding for a major portion of the costs to replace the Mills Road bridge over French Creek. The bridge is located on Mills Road midway between Westminster Avenue and Greenwich Avenue. The replacement is necessary due to the serious condition of the bridge deck concrete slab and design loading deficiencies of the foundation.

The new bridge will be a 25 foot span by a 9 foot rise precast reinforced concrete three sided culvert. Work will also include the relocation of an existing 12-inch water main, additional drainage and the installation of sidewalk. Construction of the bridge is expected to begin in June 2021 and will be completed around October 2021. The total cost for construction is \$891,710.75. Maximum federal grant funds of \$776,000 are allotted for this project. The City will be responsible for the remaining costs of \$115,710.75.



One lane of traffic will be maintained during construction with the use of portable temporary signals. Alternative routes will be 1) SR 83, Riegelsberger Road and Jaycox Road or 2) SR 83, Center Ridge Road and Jaycox Road. Part-width bridge construction will be used to complete the bridge in two phases. Temporary right of way will be acquired in order to provide space to construct temporary pavement to maintain traffic during construction.

If you have any questions, please contact the Engineering Department at (440) 353-0842.

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW POLICE STATION



This upcoming November the City will be placing a bond issue on the ballot to seek voter approval for the construction of a new police station. The current station at the City Hall complex was built in the 1970's with an addition in 1995. While we have done our best to keep the building looking professional, we consistently battle to keep it operational and struggle to install the needed 21st century technology.

As the population continues to increase so does the demand on police facilities. The need for additional interview rooms, evidence collection/storage space, work space, equipment storage, lobby space, etc. needs to be addressed. The location of the new building would be next to Fire Station #1 on Ranger Way, directly across the street from the North Ridgeville Academic Center and North Ridgeville High School. This location is ideal because the City already owns the land and in terms of response time able to quickly address any emergency that may occur at the schools.

The facilities are being designed with function and cost in mind. The main police building would be single story with no basement. The secondary evidence/equipment storage building would be a metal structure with a professional looking front façade. With the successful passage of the bond issue, and new police facilities are built, the space vacated would be absorbed by other city departments that are also in dire need of additional office space. Cost projections and bond issue information for the new facilities as of this newsletter are not yet available. More information will be shared in the next issue of the *Community Connection* and also on the city's website.

CLEAN WATER EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS

The environment that we live in is directly affected by our behavior and actions. Conversely, the environment has a direct impact on our health and well-being. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us just how sensitive and vulnerable we are to the world around us. Mother Nature can be brutal. Therefore, it is important to respect the environment in which we live. Now that spring/summer is here and the wet weather is upon us, it is the perfect time of year to talk about stormwater quality, a situation that has challenged the City for decades.

In an effort to increase awareness and understanding of how water is cycled through the environment, the City has teamed with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to provide resources and educational videos to our residents. The following link provides information and videos for interested residents to learn about stormwater management, water quality, green infrastructure, sewage science, how sewage becomes clean water and more: www.youtube.com/user/neorsdccc/videos. This link is also accessible from the Engineering Department webpage on the city's website. Residents are encouraged to explore these resources at their convenience.



Please contact the Engineering Department at (440) 353-0842 for questions and concerns related to stormwater quality and management.

Community Calendar

Please Note: The calendar below is subject to change because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please check the city's website at www.nridgeville.org for the latest updates.**

June 4, 18	Movies in the Park: 6-4 <i>The Goonies</i> and 6-18 <i>Jumanji The Next Level</i> Bring your chair, have a picnic dinner, catch up with your neighbors and enjoy free movies at South Central Park Gazebo. The movies will be shown at dusk.
June 7, 21	**City Council Meeting at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
June 8, 15	Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days (6/8 Route 83 and all homes east; 6/15 all homes west of Route 83).
June 9-12	Citywide Garage Sale Days sponsored by North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau. For a list of participating addresses, visit their website at www.nrchamber.com .
June 10, 17, 24	Healthy Strides: A Cleveland Clinic Program...Come Walk With Us! All members of the community are welcome. Free to attend and no pre-registration required. Meet at South Central Park Pavilion 1 at 6 PM.
June 13, 27	Summer Concert Series: 6-13 <i>The Wixy 1260's: Ft. Cleveland's Clearwater Revival</i> and 6-27 <i>Just Jazz Live</i> Free concert at South Central Park Gazebo from 6-8 PM. Bring the entire family out along with your lawn chairs or blanket to enjoy this traditional summer pastime.
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Healthy Strides: A Cleveland Clinic Program...Come Walk With Us! All members of the community are welcome. Free to attend and no pre-registration required. Meet at South Central Park Pavilion 1 at 6 PM.
July 3	Freedom Festival and Fireworks at Victory Park Ohio, 7777 Victory Lane, North Ridgeville. Gates open at 6 PM with activities, entertainment, food and beverages, and fireworks at approximately 10 PM. Tickets are per vehicle and can be purchased online in advance only by visiting www.victoryparkohio.com . <i>Sponsored by the City of North Ridgeville and Pepco Elyria.</i>
July 4	Independence Day – Celebrate Our Freedom!
July 5	City Hall Closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday; trash collection delayed one day.
July 6, 19	**City Council Meeting at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
July 7, 13	Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days (7/7 Route 83 and all homes east; 7/13 all homes west of Route 83).
July 11, 25	Summer Concert Series: 7-11 <i>Southern Cross Band</i> and 7-25 <i>Bridgetown Junction</i> Free concert at South Central Park Gazebo from 6-8 PM. Bring the entire family out along with your lawn chairs or blanket to enjoy this traditional summer pastime.
July 15	Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Corcoran from 8:30-9:30 AM at City Hall in Council Chambers. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
July 16, 30	Movies in the Park: 7-16 <i>Onward</i> and 7-30 <i>Wonder Woman 1984</i> Bring your chair, have a picnic dinner, catch up with your neighbors and enjoy free movies at South Central Park Gazebo. The movies will be shown at dusk.
August 2, 16	**City Council Meeting at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
August 3, 10	Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days (8/3 Route 83 and all homes east; 8/10 all homes west of Route 83).
Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26	Healthy Strides: A Cleveland Clinic Program...Come Walk With Us! All members of the community are welcome. Free to attend and no pre-registration required. Meet at South Central Park Pavilion 1 at 6 PM.
August 11	Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Corcoran from 8:30-9:30 AM at City Hall in Council Chambers. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.
August 13-15	Corn Festival on Bainbridge Road between Root Road and Avon Belden Road. For more information on festivities, visit nrcornfest.org or call (440) 218-9802.
September 6	Labor Day – City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday; trash collection delayed one day.
September 7, 20	**City Council Meeting at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
September 8, 14	Bulk/Extra Trash Collection Days (9/8 Route 83 and all homes east; 9/14 all homes west of Route 83).
September 13	Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Corcoran from 8:30-9:30 AM at City Hall in Council Chambers. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.