

Business Spotlight

In the last few months, we have welcomed several new businesses to town including Glow Fitness Studio at 39245 Center Ridge Road, KLM Home Décor at 6287 Lear Nagle Road and Smokin' Mary's BBQ Pit and Saloon at 34173 Center Ridge Road. Also on the horizon, these new spots will be sure to tantalize your taste buds: Angie's Coffee, Chipotle and Scooter's Coffee on Center Ridge Road and Culver's Restaurant on Lorain Road.



Are you thinking about opening a new business in North Ridgeville? The City works with new business owners to ensure the health and safety of employees and customers. Whether you're contemplating a construction project or signing a lease in an existing building, all new businesses require some level of city approval. If you're not sure where to start, contact the Planning and Economic Development Department at (440) 353-0867 for assistance.



Mayor's Message

I'd like to thank all those North Ridgeville residents who exercised their right to vote in November. We are pleased that all eight amendments to the City's Charter were approved at the ballot box. We appreciate your support and we'll be getting to work to implement these changes over the coming weeks.

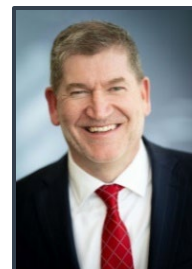
Next, we are turning our attention to the development of a citywide master plan. The last plan was completed in 2009, and much has changed in the intervening years, not just locally but regionally and nationally. Given our growth and the great potential of our community, the time is right to establish a new Master Plan to set a positive course of action for the future. The plan will cover a wide range of topics such as housing, infrastructure and recreation, with special emphasis on land use and economic development. A land use plan that is aligned with our economic development goals will help us manage growth and change over the coming years, and help the City to take advantage of new opportunities.

We understand that the Master Plan should respond to the needs of all those impacted by it, including residents, businesses and other constituent groups. To that end, a volunteer steering committee has been formed to assist with outreach and provide feedback throughout the process. The committee will help us to encourage involvement, as well as increase awareness about this planning initiative in the community. Once completed, this is not a plan that we intend to place on the proverbial shelf. The planning process will ensure that actions are tied to specific timeframes, responsibilities, resources and tools needed to make them happen, so we can benchmark our progress moving forward.

We hope you are as energized as we are to embark upon this Master Plan effort! As we kick off the New Year, there will be numerous opportunities for residents to get involved and share their ideas. More information will be posted on our website at nridgeville.org and on our City of North Ridgeville Government Facebook page.

I wish you very happy holidays!

Mayor Kevin Corcoran



Engineering Project Updates

Barres Road Realignment

Bids for the Barres Road Realignment Project were opened in November 2022. The City is in the process of awarding the contract. The project involves the realignment of Barres Road to bring it in line with Ravenna Drive at Stoney Ridge Road. Additional improvements include the widening of Stoney Ridge Road, curb and gutter, storm sewer improvements, and traffic markings. Construction is expected to begin in February with paving not expected to occur until early spring when the temperature allows. The intersection may be closed for approximately three weeks. During this time detour signs will be posted.

Eastview Sanitary Sewer Extension

The Eastview Sanitary Sewer Extension Project was awarded to Underground Utilities, Inc. in November 2022. The project involves the installation of a new eight-inch sanitary sewer main going east from the intersection of Ridgeview Boulevard and Hadaway Street, then turning south through the right of way of Eastview Avenue and terminating north of Center Ridge Road. The total length of sanitary sewer main to be installed is approximately 780 linear feet. The project will also provide new taps and cleanouts to nearby property owners for future abandonment of septic systems. Construction of the new sewer is expected to occur over the winter.

Cypress Avenue

Design plans for the Cypress Avenue Extension Project are nearing completion. The City intends to bid this project in early 2023. This project involves the extension of Cypress Avenue from its current end point for approximately 935 linear feet ultimately connecting into Lorain Road within the City of North Olmsted. The project will include storm sewers along with a waterline and sanitary sewers. This project is intended to provide opportunities for future business development along the newly extended roadway.

Mills Road Watermain Extension

The City has tasked KS Associates, Inc. with the preparation of final design plans for the Mills Road Watermain Extension Project. The project includes the extension of an eight-inch water main from Stoney Ridge Road to Stratton Mill Street. The total length of watermain to be installed is approximately 1,250 linear feet. Plans for the watermain extension will be completed this upcoming winter with construction expected to begin in the spring of 2023.

Mills Road, Stoney Ridge Road and Avalon Drive Roundabout

Design plans for the “peanut-shaped” roundabout are being finalized. The City is currently in the process of acquiring the necessary easements and property acquisitions before construction can begin. The City intends to advertise this project for bids in early 2023 with construction expected to begin in the summer of 2023.

Mills Creek Conservation and Flood Control

All land clearing activities for the Mills Creek Conservation and Flood Control Project were completed in November 2022. Bramhall Engineering and Surveying, Inc. is in the process of finalizing the technical design plans and acquiring the necessary permits through the Ohio EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that are needed for design. The final plans and permit approvals are expected by the end of 2023 with construction to begin in 2024. The project will include a series of detention ponds and drainage channels along with a multipurpose trail and landscaping. This project will help to reduce flooding in the Mills Creek Watershed.

New Police Station Update

If you’ve driven down Ranger Way you have seen bulldozers moving dirt at the site of the soon-to-be constructed Police Station.

We’ve been diligently working with Architectural Vision Group (AVG) to complete all of the necessary environmental studies, finalize the architectural plans and obtain all permits that are required in order to begin the construction phase. The project went to bid and was awarded to general contractor Dunlop & Johnston, Inc.

The contractor has begun moving dirt in preparation for the underground utilities and foundations. The work will continue through the end of next year.



Office for Older Adults & Senior Center

Are you 55 years of age or older? If so, you may have an interest in participating or learning more about the programs and services offered through the center.

Wellness

We offer free monthly blood pressure checks, podiatrist services and health talks that focus on diseases and conditions relevant to the older adult population.

Fitness

Our Chair Yoga, CardioDance and Tai Chi classes help with balance and stability which are important components to reducing fall risk.

Socialization

Join us for conversation and socialization. Opportunities include a weekly hot lunch with dessert for \$5 followed by bingo or cards, crafting and painting, field trips, special programs such as the Men's Breakfast and Ladies Brunch that offer entertainment or community speakers, and so much more.

Supportive Services

These services are offered to individuals 60 years of age or older and include the Meals On Wheels program, limited transportation services for those unable to drive, Medicare counseling services by appointment and resources and linkages for families in need of home and medical support for the older adult in their lives.

If you or someone you know can benefit from these services or programs, please call us at (440) 353-0828.



Winter Reminders

- ❄ When snow exceeds two inches within 24 hours, a **Snow Ban** is in effect and **No Parking** is permitted on any city street to allow snow plows to pass.
- ❄ City Ordinances 660.04 and 600.05 require sidewalks, curbs or gutters to be cleared of snow and ice within a reasonable time, which will ordinarily not exceed 12 hours after any storm during which the snow and ice has accumulated.
- ❄ The removal and disposal of ice and snow from private drives or parking lots into the city streets or across the street onto a tree lawn is prohibited per City Ordinance 600.04.
- ❄ You should stay back at least 100 feet when following a snow plow or salt truck.
- ❄ If your mailbox is damaged by a snow plow, please contact the Service Department at (440) 353-0814 or you can report it online at nridgeville.org by clicking on Departments, then Service (Streets).
- ❄ When your wipers are on so should your headlights regardless of the time of day/night.
- ❄ Do not allow children to play in or on snow drifts near streets or roadways. Safety first!
- ❄ You should make sure fire hydrants are clear of snow and ice.
- ❄ When using indoor electric and propane/ kerosene heaters, be sure to keep them a safe distance away from combustible materials such as curtains, furniture and flammable items. Propane/kerosene heaters should be utilized in only well-ventilated areas.
- ❄ When traffic lights are out, exercise safety by treating all intersections as four-way stops.
- ❄ Even when it's cold outside, dog walkers are required to pick up after their dog when they leave a deposit in a neighbor's yard or on a tree lawn and to properly dispose of the feces in a sanitary manner in a proper receptacle.
- ❄ Recreational fires require a permit and can be obtained at no cost to the property owner and is valid for the entire year in which it was issued. To obtain a permit, visit nridgeville.org/Fire.aspx to access the link.

Community Calendar

The calendar is subject to change. Check the city's website at www.nridgeville.org for the latest updates.

- December 5, 19** **City Council Meeting at 7 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.**
- December 14** **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.**
- December 23, 26** **Christmas Holiday - City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.**
- January 2** **New Year's Holiday - City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.**
- January 3, 17** **City Council Meeting at 7 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.**
- January 9** **State of North Ridgeville Address at 11:30 AM at the North Ridgeville Academic Center. North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce will host the annual event in collaboration with the City and North Ridgeville City Schools. Join Mayor Corcoran and Superintendent Caserio for a lively, informative and interactive session on why North Ridgeville is the best place to live, learn, work and play. Pre-registration is required by visiting nrchamber.com or call the Chamber at (440) 327-3737.**
- January 16** **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.**
- January 17** **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.**
- January 27** **Spaghetti Dinner from 5-7 PM at the Senior Center. Tickets are available for purchase at the door or in advance from the Senior Center. Cost is \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$5 for children 10 and under. Dine in or take out. *Sponsored by the Rotary Club of North Ridgeville.***
- February 6, 21** **City Council Meeting at 7 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.**
- February 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.**
- February 20** **Presidents' Day - City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.**
- March 6, 20** **City Council Meeting at 7 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.**
- March 9** **Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Corcoran from 6:00-7:00 PM at City Hall in Council Chambers. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation with the Mayor.**
- March 12** **Daylight Saving Time Begins. As a reminder, turn your clocks ahead one hour.**