

### Mayor's Message



A famous author once said, “Spring is the time of plans and projects.” Perhaps he had experience working for local government.

In this season of renewal, we look around at all of the positive changes and improvements in our community. Capital projects recently completed include the Eastview Sanitary Sewer Extension with the Barres Road Realignment at Stoney Ridge Road kicking off at the end of the month or early April. The Cypress Avenue Extension is out to bid and construction will commence this summer along with our annual streets and catch basin rehab programs.

Progress continues on the Mills Creek Conservation and Flood Control Project and the peanut roundabout at Mills, Stoney Ridge and Avalon. For some of us, especially those impacted by this construction, change cannot come quick enough!

Our master plan process, Ridgeville Ready, began last fall and is now well underway. As a community, we know we need to take an active role in planning for and managing change. The master plan is an important tool to establish our vision and guide our decision making to achieve that vision. Our steering committee and planning team have been hard at work conducting outreach, gathering data and generating awareness about this project. If you have not yet had an opportunity to learn about this initiative or share your input, I encourage you to do so. Our first round of public engagement ends on March 13, so please visit [RidgevilleReady.com](http://RidgevilleReady.com) to get information on how to participate in one of our in-person or virtual workshops or share your input via our website.

The city needs your help to create a master plan.  
**Share your ideas about North Ridgeville's future!**

For more information about how to get involved, visit:  
**RidgevilleReady.com**

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NORTH **RIDGEVILLE** **READY!**  
Planning together for a better tomorrow

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There is a lot happening in North Ridgeville! Stay on top of the latest news by visiting our city's website at [nridgeville.org](http://nridgeville.org) or by following City of North Ridgeville Government on Facebook. I also enjoy the opportunity to provide updates and respond to your questions in person each month. Upcoming Coffee and Conversation dates are March 9, April 12 and May 2. Our March 9 event will be from 6:00-7:00 PM at the Senior Center, while April and May dates will be 8:30-9:30 AM. Beginning in April, I'm pleased to welcome guests back to Council Chambers, where we've recently completed a refresh to make the space more functional for our public meetings and more inviting for our residents.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call my office at (440) 353-0811.

*Mayor Kevin Corcoran*

## Capital Improvement Projects

Highlighted below is a brief summary of some of the capital improvement projects planned for this year. If you have any questions regarding these projects, please call the Engineering Department at (440) 353-0842. There will be more to come in the summer issue of the *Community Connection* including street paving and full depth concrete repairs.

### Barres Road Realignment with Stoney Ridge Road

Construction of the Barres Road Realignment Project is expected to begin this upcoming spring. 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, new asphalt pavement with curbs, storm sewer improvements, utility relocations and new pavement markings.

### Center Ridge Road Urban Paving

The City is working with the Ohio Department of Transportation to resurface Center Ridge Road from the Elyria corporation limit to the Westlake corporation limit, with the exception of the 2.1-mile section of Center Ridge Road that was recently widened. Construction is anticipated to begin in April of this year and last for approximately four months.

### Cypress Avenue Extension

The Cypress Avenue Roadway Extension Project includes the addition of 930 linear feet of new roadway to connect Cypress Avenue to Lorain Road just inside the city limits 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. The City intends to bid this project in the spring with construction expected to begin this upcoming summer.

### Maddock Road Culvert Replacement Over Watson Ditch

The City has retained American Structurepoint, Inc. for the preparation of design plans for the Maddock Road Box Culvert Replacement Project. Design plans will be completed in the spring with construction expected to occur this upcoming fall. The project will include a reinforced concrete box culvert complete with new footers and headwalls/wingwalls at both ends of the structure. Work will also include grading, stream restoration, and minor roadway improvements.

## 4 Ways to Recycle Right

1. Leave recyclables loose - not bagged. Plastic bags do not belong in your recycling bin or cart. Plastic bags get tangled in the sorting machines at the recycling facilities and cause major problems for the recycling process. Plastic shopping bags can be recycled at many retail locations, including Giant Eagle, Lowe's, Marc's, Target and Walmart stores.
2. Make sure it's clean and empty. Rinse residue from cartons, containers, bottles and jars or any other recyclable that may contain food particles. Greasy pizza boxes are not accepted.
3. Keep it dry. When it comes to paper, boxes and cardboard, keeping it dry is imperative for the recycling process. Flatten all cardboard and boxes as well.
4. Don't wishcycle. Think you can throw everything into your recycling bin and it will get sorted out at the recycling plant? Think again. Recycling only the correct items is paramount: aluminum cups, cans, cardboard, glass bottles and jars, paper and boxes along with plastic bottles and jugs.



### Mills Road, Stoney Ridge Road and Avalon Drive Roundabout

The City is currently in the process of acquiring the necessary easements and property acquisitions for construction to begin. The Mills Road, Stoney Ridge Road and Avalon Drive Roundabout Project will consist of a "peanut" shape to improve safety and efficiency and eliminate the current intersection's offset geometry. This project will also include new pavement, curb and gutters, traffic control and landscaping. The City intends to advertise this project for bids in the spring of 2023 with construction expected to begin this upcoming summer.

## **Mills Creek Conservation and Flood Control**

All land clearing activities for the Mills Creek Conservation and Flood Control Project were completed in 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.

## **Mills Road Watermain Extension (Stoney Ridge to Stratton Mill)**

The City has tasked KS Associates, Inc. for the preparation of 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 Mills 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 spring with construction expected to begin in the summer.

## **Mills Road and Jaycox Road Sanitary Sewer Replacement**

The City contracted with AECOM for the redesign of the sanitary sewer at Mills Road and Jaycox Road. The project involves the replacement of two sanitary mains (that run parallel) with a single sanitary sewer. The proposed sanitary sewer main will run along Mills Road from Mills Industrial Parkway west to Jaycox Road for approximately 1,820 linear feet. Design plans for the combined sanitary sewer are nearing completion with construction expected to occur later this year.

## **State Route 83 and Chestnut Ridge Road Roundabout**

The City has secured safety funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation for the design of the State Route 83 and Chestnut Ridge Road Roundabout Project. The new roundabout will eliminate the intersection's current skewed configuration. The project seeks to eliminate the need for a traffic signal while improving safety and efficiency at the intersection. The project includes new pavement, curb and gutters, stormwater improvements, pavement markings and new signage. The Ohio Department of Transportation is currently finalizing all of the necessary property acquisitions that are needed for construction to begin. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2024.

## **Stoney Ridge Road Watermain Extension**

The City plans to replace the existing eight-inch watermain on Stoney Ridge Road from Schaefer Drive to Sandy Ridge Drive, a distance of roughly 950 feet. Design plans for the watermain extension are currently being finalized. The City intends to bid this project in the summer with construction expected to occur in the fall of 2023.

## **Sugar Ridge Road Sanitary Sewer Extension**

The project will connect a new twelve-inch sanitary sewer to the existing twelve-inch sanitary sewer on Sugar Ridge Road in front of address 36600 and continue it east to Avon Belden Road (SR 83), a distance of roughly 2,800 feet. Design plans are currently being finalized with construction expected to begin this summer.

## **Victory Retention Basin**

The City will be performing sediment removal of the Victory Park Retention Basin to re-establish the original capacity of the basin that has been lost over time due to sediment accumulation and failing slopes. This project is necessary to reduce the potential for flooding in the surrounding area. Design plans for the basin will be completed later this year with construction expected to occur in 2024.

## **Recycling, Bulk, Yard Waste and Rubbish Collection Reminders**

Collection is weekly on Tuesdays; please have all items at curbside by 6:00 AM.

In addition to your trash and recycling carts, you may also place at curbside:

- Bulk trash – no more than 4 items per week (examples include furniture, appliances, carpeting tied and rolled in 3 to 4-foot lengths and no more than 50 pounds each, mattresses must be bagged for disposal, etc.)
- Yard Waste (grass clippings, leaves) will be picked up weekly all year long. Place in clear plastic bags, yard waste bags or loose in a trash container not to exceed 32 gallons and clearly marked “yard waste.” These items do not count towards the 4 bulk items.
- Brush and small tree trimmings must be cut, bundled and securely tied not to exceed 4 feet in length and 50 pounds.

Holiday One-Day Trash Delays 2023:

- Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Christmas. Collection will be on Wednesday.

# Community Calendar

*The calendar is subject to change. Visit the city's website at [www.nridgeville.org](http://www.nridgeville.org) for the latest updates.*

- March 6, 20** City Council Meeting at 7 PM in the Police Department Training Room, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- March 9** Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Corcoran from 6-7 PM at the Senior Center. 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.
- April 1** Easter Egg Hunt at 1 PM at the Ranger Stadium. Gates open at 12:30 PM. Free event, ages 1-9. Please bring your own basket to collect the eggs. Sponsored by Rotary Club of North Ridgeville.
- April 3, 17** City Council Meeting at 7 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- April 7** Good Friday - City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.
- April 10** Safetyville Registration Begins. The Police Department is sponsoring its annual Safetyville program that provides an educational setting in which children are exposed to various safety topics with regard to traffic, school bus, stranger danger, 911, fire safety and more. Safetyville is for kids entering kindergarten in the fall of 2023, but is not a prerequisite. Look for more information about this great program coming soon in the North Ridgeville Parks & Recreation Spring/Summer Program Guide.
- April 12** 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.
- April 28** 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 Liston Funeral Home.*
- May 1, 15** City Council Meeting at 7 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- May 2** 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.
- Election Day – Exercise your right to vote. Polls open at 6:30 AM and close at 7:30 PM.
- May 6** Fishing Derby at South Central Park from 7:30 AM-noon. The derby is free with donation of \$5 accepted the day of the event for Aluminum Cans for Burned Children. Bring your own rod and bait. Visit the Parks & Recreation website at [www.nridgeville.org/parksandrec](http://www.nridgeville.org/parksandrec) to register for the event.
- May 20** Keep Lorain County Beautiful Day from 9 AM-noon. Residents are encouraged to clean up, fix up, paint and spruce up the community. Interested organizations and individuals should contact Parks & Recreation Director Kevin Fougerousse at (440) 353-0860 or by email at [kfougerousse@nridgeville.org](mailto:kfougerousse@nridgeville.org).
- Discover the Ridge from 10 AM-4 PM. Family-friendly open house event at various locations throughout the city. Sponsored by the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau. For more information visit the Chamber's website at [www.nrchamber.com](http://www.nrchamber.com) or call (440) 327-3737.
- Garden Club of North Ridgeville Annual Plant and Bake Sale from 9 AM-1 PM at South Central Park Pavilion 1. For more information, please call (440) 365-8522.
- May 27** Splash Pad at South Central Park opens daily from 10 AM-8 PM thru Labor Day.
- May 29** Memorial Day - City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday. Trash collection will be delayed one day. Republic Services will collect on Wednesday, May 31.
- Memorial Day Parade at 9:45 AM departing from the Senior Center parking lot to the North Ridgeville Academic Center. Memorial Day Ceremony at the Ranger Stadium immediately following the parade.
- June 5, 19** City Council Meeting at 7 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
- June 7-10** Citywide Garage Sale Days sponsored by North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau. Drive thru registration will be held on June 1 and June 2 from 9 AM-3 PM at North Ridgeville Community Care (behind Arby's). For more information visit the Chamber's website at [www.nrchamber.com](http://www.nrchamber.com) or call (440) 327-3737.