

Community Connection, Summer 2022

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Mayor's Message…

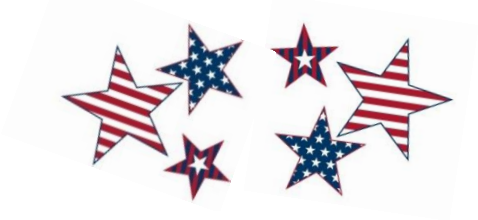


As we move into summer, many of us are looking forward to the long days of sunshine, upcoming vacations and enjoying some moments of rest and relaxation. At City Hall, we remain busy moving our capital projects forward and ensuring city services are meeting the needs of our community. This year in particular provides us an opportunity to reflect on how we deliver services as a city government.

Every six years a Charter Review Committee comprised of nine North Ridgeville residents is convened for the purpose of recommending revisions and amendments to our City Charter. Our Charter is the legal framework through which our city exercises its powers of self-government. Every charter can be unique, reflecting the government structure desired by residents of that community. As our city grows, our needs change and new technologies and methods of service delivery are developed. Our Charter should also evolve with the times.

The Charter Review Committee will be meeting in May and June and will present their recommendations to Council this summer. Committee meetings are open to the public and community input is encouraged! Recommendations will be placed on the November ballot for consideration by voters. Keep informed about upcoming meetings and proposed Charter amendments by visiting our city website at nridgeville.org.

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



Sincerely,
Mayor Kevin Corcoran

New Businesses

Please help me to welcome and support these new businesses that opened their doors in North Ridgeville so far this year.

- Discount Drug Mart
  33633 Bagley Road
- Mootown Creamery (*Coming Soon*)
  34259 Center Ridge Road
- Smoothie King
  34250 Center Ridge Road
- Starbucks
  32435 Cook Road
- The Treat Shoppe & Bakery
  35522 Center Ridge Road



Update on Capital Improvement Projects

Catch Basins. The contract was recently awarded to Set In Stone Contracting to perform various catch basin adjustments along Meadow Lakes Boulevard. Construction is anticipated to begin in early June and last for approximately three weeks. The catch basins to be repaired will receive new concrete blockouts. The project will also include a concrete pad replacement on Meadow Lakes Boulevard.

Crack Seal. The City has appropriated $100,000 and retained Crossroads Asphalt Recycling to perform crack sealing of various streets throughout the city including Aspen Street, Bolton Drive, Calista Drive, Denise Drive, Eastview Avenue, Elder Street, Jaycox Road, Loman Court, Lyman Court, Morgan Circle, Noah Lane, Ridgeview Boulevard (between Center Ridge Road and Helen Street and north of Drake Street), Oxford Court, Rosebelle Avenue, Sandelwood Avenue, Saybrook Drive, Shaw Drive, Stonegate Circle, Wood Street, Woodbine Street and the Timber Ridge Subdivision. The project is anticipated to begin in June and last for approximately two weeks.

Lorain Road Water Main Extension. The City has retained Fechko Excavating to construct 2,300 feet of new water main along Lorain Road from a point east of Lear Nagle Road to a point west of Bliss Parkway. The commercial properties along this stretch of Lorain Road are currently serviced by the Avon Lake Municipal Utilities (ALMU) 30" water main. The project seeks to remove all of the existing taps and connect them to the new 12" water main that will be maintained by the City. Construction of the project will begin in early July and last through the summer. Please use caution when passing through this area as some daytime, evening and nighttime work is expected.

Mill Creek Conservation and Flood Control. The City recently awarded a contract to Ohio Erie Excavating to perform tree removal and site preparation to make way for the Mill Creek Conservation and Flood Control Project to be constructed at a later date. The land clearing activities are currently underway with construction expected to last through August. The project involves the tree clearing and land preparation of 17.25 acres of wooded area north of Boulder Drive and southeast of Center Ridge Road. The project will help to reduce flooding in several areas upstream of the project area.

Mills Road, Stoney Ridge Road and Avalon Drive Roundabout. The Mills Road, Stoney Ridge Road and Avalon Drive Roundabout construction plans have been finalized. Property acquisitions are currently underway and expected to be completed in June. Construction will begin at the end of summer and last for approximately three months. The project includes new pavement, curb and gutters, traffic control and landscaping. The roundabout will consist of a "peanut" shape to improve safety and efficiency and eliminate the current intersection's offset geometry.

Street Repairs and Paving Projects

After careful review of the master plan report for Pavement Condition Rating (PCR), the City identified the streets to be paved/repaired 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 City has appropriated $650,000 for asphalt paving in 2022. The Service Department will pave the following streets: Creekside Lane, Gail Drive, Hadaway Street, Harris Drive, James Road, Mark Court, May Street, McKinley Avenue (between Center Ridge Road and Thelma Street), Orchard Lane, Root Road (between Lorain Road and Chestnut Ridge Road) and Theresa Street. As of the printing of this newsletter, the project was out to bid and had not been awarded. If additional funds become available, more streets may be added to the list.

Full Depth Concrete Pavement Replacement Project. The City has appropriated $550,000 for this project. As of the printing of this newsletter, the project was out to bid and had not been awarded. The following concrete streets are on the list to be repaired this year: Albert Street (from Poplar Street to Mildred Street), Dorchester Avenue (cul-de-sac only), Lee Avenue (from Drake Street to Poplar Street), Millwood Circle, Nicoll Drive (from approximately 6711 to 6795 Nicoll Drive) and the intersection of Washington Boulevard and Monroe Lane.

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

Planning Home Improvements?

Building permits are required for most home improvement projects including additions, alterations, decks, sheds/barns, fences, swimming pools, replacement windows, siding and roofing. Depending on your project, plans or drawings may be required along with your permit application. These documents are reviewed to ensure the proposed construction complies with the Residential Code of Ohio, local zoning ordinances and other applicable regulations. Building permits and inspections benefit property owners and the community by ensuring sound construction practices that protect public safety. Any contractor working in North Ridgeville must be properly licensed and registered with the Building Department. We are here to help! When in doubt, call the Building Department at (440) 353-0822 to learn more about the specific requirements for your home improvement project.

Garage Sales

Did you know that a permit is required to hold a garage sale in North Ridgeville? Permits cost $2 and must be clearly posted during the sale. Garage sales are limited to no more than four consecutive days twice per calendar year. Any signs associated with your sale must be removed no later than 24 hours after the permit expires. Stop by the Mayor's Office at City Hall between the hours of 8 AM and 4:30 PM to obtain a permit.

Freedom Festival and Fireworks



The City is co-sponsoring with Pepco Elyria this year's Independence Day Celebration at Victory Park Ohio, 7777 Victory Lane, North Ridgeville on **Sunday, July 3**. Gates open at 5 PM with scheduled 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.

Activities and entertainment include an inflatable village, miscellaneous sporting activities, hayride, NEO Bubble Soccer (6-9 PM), a Face Painter, Caricature Artist & Balloon Twister (5:30-8:30 PM), a Patriotic Stilt Walker (7-9 PM), a water ski show by the Chippewa Lake Water Ski Team (6-6:45 PM), a magic show by Magician & Illusionist Rick Smith Jr. (7:30-8:30 PM), and a fire juggling show by Ohio Burn Unit (9-9:45 PM). Fireworks will go off after sundown around 10 PM.

Net proceeds to benefit North Ridgeville Community Care and Canine Superheroes Foundation. In 2021, Victory Park Ohio presented North Ridgeville Community Care a generous check in the amount of $7,500 and we hope this year's even better!

Produce Pick-Up and Community Walking Returns This Summer

Heart and Sole is a community-based group powered by the United Way of Greater Lorain County, and facilitated by Lorain County Public Health. The collaborative includes partners from local businesses, agencies, and organizations working toward one goal of making the healthy choice the easy choice in the area.



North Ridgeville Heart and Sole health collaborative invites residents to keep active and healthy. Fresh produce pick-ups are returning in late summer 2022! Support North Ridgeville farmers by reserving a fresh produce bag for pick-up at a designated location. Pricing, reservation instructions and pickup locations will be listed closer to the event. For more information visit facebook.com/nrheartandsole/ or email nrheartandsole@gmail.com.

Walking With Sole, (formerly called Healthy Strides) a community walking hour, will return this summer to South Central Park. Consider coming to stay active and promote physical fitness, allowing yourself to physically and mentally recharge. Walks are Thursdays 6-7 PM beginning June 9 and running through August 25. Walking With Sole is free to attend with no pre-registration needed. In case of inclement weather, walks will be cancelled for the evening. All ages and abilities are welcome.

Stop the Bleed Program



Through a cooperative partnership with University Hospitals and the North Ridgeville Fire Department, North Ridgeville City School District high school staff was trained in the use of special dressings and tourniquets to assist in a bleeding emergency before paramedics arrive. The remaining schools will receive training prior to the start of the next school year.

As a part of this program, University Hospitals donated Stop the Bleed buckets and trauma kits for every classroom in the school district. These buckets contain the tools necessary to help control bleeding in an emergency, and include such items as tourniquets, gauze for packing wounds, protective gloves, chest seals, and bandages. "Stop the Bleed is all about being proactive and having the ability to save lives if a violent incident occurs," said Fire Chief John C. Reese. "We are proud of the partnership that we have with University Hospitals, the North Ridgeville City Schools, and the North Ridgeville Police Department."

(Photo Courtesy of North Ridgeville City Schools)

Community Calendar

The calendar below is subject to change. For the latest updates, visit the city website at www.nridgeville.org.

June 6, 20	**City Council Meeting** at 7 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
June 8-11	**Citywide Garage Sale Days** sponsored by North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau. Drive thru registration will be held on June 1 and June 3 from 9 AM-3 PM at North Ridgeville Community Care (behind Arby's). For more information contact the Chamber at www.nrchamber.com or call (440) 327-3737.
June 9	**Car Seat Fitting Station** from 2-5 PM at Fire Station #1, 7000 Ranger Way. The Fire Department has partnered with UH St. John Medical Center Community Outreach to offer a monthly car seat fitting station. Appointments are required by calling the UH Community Outreach Team at (440) 827-5440.
June 20	**Coffee & Conversation with Safety Service Director Jeff Armbruster** from 8:30-9:30 AM at City Hall in Council Chambers. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation.
June 25	**Shred Day** in the parking lot at the North Ridgeville Branch Library, 35700 Bainbridge Road, from 9 AM to Noon. Bring your sensitive documents to be shredded onsite. Each household may bring up to five standard-size copier paper boxes or five grocery-size bags of documents. Staples are acceptable, but no paper clips, binder clips, binders, spiral-bound notebooks, other metal objects, batteries or electronics. Free event provided by Lorain County Solid Waste Management District. The event may end early if the truck is full.
June 26	**Summer Concert Series** at South Central Park Gazebo from 5-8 PM featuring Disco Inferno performing music from the 70's. Pack your lawn chairs and bring the entire family out to enjoy this free concert.
July 3	**Freedom Festival and Fireworks** at Victory Park Ohio, 7777 Victory Lane, North Ridgeville. Gates open at 5 PM with activities, entertainment, food and beverages, and fireworks at 10 PM. Tickets are per vehicle and can be purchased online in advance only by visiting www.victoryparkohio.com. *Sponsored by the City of North Ridgeville and Pepco Elyria.*
July 4	**Independence Day** - City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday; trash collection delayed one day.
July 5, 18	**City Council Meeting** at 7 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
July 10	**Summer Concert Series** at South Central Park Gazebo from 6-8 PM featuring Jul Big Green performing pop/rock music. Pack your lawn chairs and bring the entire family out to enjoy this free concert.
July 14	**Car Seat Fitting Station** from 2-5 PM at Fire Station #1, 7000 Ranger Way. The Fire Department has partnered with UH St. John Medical Center Community Outreach to offer a monthly car seat fitting station. Appointments are required by calling the UH Community Outreach Team at (440) 827-5440.
July 19	**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 24	**Summer Concert Series** at South Central Park Gazebo from 6-8 PM featuring Rubix Cubed performing music from the 80's. Pack your lawn chairs and bring the entire family out to enjoy this free concert.
August 1, 15	**City Council Meeting** at 7 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
August 11	**Car Seat Fitting Station** from 2-5 PM at Fire Station #1, 7000 Ranger Way. The Fire Department has partnered with UH St. John Medical Center Community Outreach to offer a monthly car seat fitting station. Appointments are required by calling the UH Community Outreach Team at (440) 827-5440.
August 12-14	**Corn Festival** on Bainbridge Road between Root Road and Avon Belden Road. For more information on festivities, please visit nrcornfest.org or call (440) 218-9802.
August 24	**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.
September 5	**Labor Day** - City Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday; trash collection delayed one day.
September 6, 19	**City Council Meeting** at 7 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.
September 8	**Car Seat Fitting Station** from 2-5 PM at Fire Station #1, 7000 Ranger Way. The Fire Department has partnered with UH St. John Medical Center Community Outreach to offer a monthly car seat fitting station. Appointments are required by calling the UH Community Outreach Team at (440) 827-5440.