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THE COMMUNITY THAT CARES...

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Homecoming Royalty

King Xander Shelley and Queen Evion Waselski

Mayor's Message

When I was a kid, I loved comic books and superhero cartoons. Captain America and Spider-Man were two of my favorites. I am definitely more of a Marvel guy and I will admit that I even have a Captain America costume that has made an appearance from time to time.

As a kid, I thought the coolest part was the shield and the web-slinging. As an adult, I appreciate something different. Before Captain America had his strength and before Spider-Man could climb walls, the qualities that made them who they were at their core were already there. They were willing to step forward, help others and keep going when things got difficult.

In real life, being there for someone usually looks a lot less dramatic. There are no capes. It's a first responder answering a call, a teacher believing in a student, a coach giving another evening to a team or a neighbor noticing that someone could use a hand.

Sometimes, though, an ordinary day asks something extraordinary of you. We saw that at the Corn Festival this summer when several individuals came upon a man experiencing a life-threatening medical emergency. They stepped forward and worked together to help save his life. The moment came, and they answered it.

Courage can take other forms, too. We recently welcomed Lake Effect Comics to North Ridgeville. The owners are residents who took something they have been passionate about for years and had the courage to build a business around it in their hometown.

Comic books invite us to use our imagination, and Halloween gives us a chance to bring some of that imagination to life while getting outside, seeing our neighbors and enjoying our community together.

One of my favorite traditions is seeing the children come through City Hall for Tots Trick-or-Treat (Friday, October 30 at 1:00 p.m.). It takes me back to when my own kids were little.

Whether your household includes a superhero, a princess, Bluey or something completely original, I hope your family enjoys the season and has a safe Halloween. If you are handing out candy, remember to leave the porch light on.

Have a great October, North Ridgeville.

Mayor Kevin Corcoran

Quick Action at Corn Festival Leads to Lifesaving Recognition



Fire Chief John Reese, Chris Weissling, Mike Holtzman, Vince Gargaro, Benjamin Clarkson, Tri-C Fire Training Academy Commander Patrick Finneran, Mayor Kevin Corcoran

Individuals who came together to save a man's life during the North Ridgeville Corn Festival were presented with the **Citizens Lifesaving Award** during the September 21 North Ridgeville City Council meeting.

Mayor Kevin Corcoran and Fire Chief John Reese recognized Mike Holtzman, Chris Weissling and Benjamin Clarkson for their response to a medical emergency that occurred Friday, August 7.

A man attending the festival suffered a medical emergency that caused his heart to stop and he collapsed on Bainbridge Road. Although Holtzman, Weissling and Clarkson did not know one another before that evening, each stepped forward to help.

"These strangers...came together to help save a man's life," Reese told City Council as he described their actions.

Holtzman, an off-duty Beachwood firefighter, was attending the festival with family and friends when he noticed a commotion on Bainbridge Road. After finding the man on the ground, Holtzman relieved another bystander who had begun CPR and continued providing chest compressions.

Weissling, a Corn Festival Committee volunteer and graduate of paramedic school and the Tri-C Fire Academy, was volunteering elsewhere at the festival when he heard a radio call requesting someone to perform CPR. He immediately responded and joined Holtzman in providing CPR while they waited for an automated external defibrillator (AED).

Clarkson was walking along Bainbridge Road when he saw the emergency and immediately began

searching for an AED. A festival volunteer directed him to the Safetyville cabin. Clarkson ran to retrieve the device, then returned it to those providing care.

Clarkson's quick retrieval of the AED was a critical part of the response. Once the device arrived, Weissling applied the pads and administered a shock while Holtzman continued CPR. A pulse was restored before North Ridgeville Fire Department paramedics, who were stationed at the Corn Festival, arrived and assumed care.

Reese emphasized during the recognition that these men had never met before that evening. In a matter of moments, however, they worked together toward the same goal — helping a stranger in need.

The man whose life they helped save attended the City Council meeting and personally thanked Holtzman, Weissling and Clarkson for their quick actions.

In addition to receiving the Citizens Lifesaving Award from the city, Holtzman was presented with the Fire Academy Excellence in Service Award, while Weissling received the Fire Academy Distinguished Service Award in recognition of their actions.

Their response also demonstrates the importance of learning CPR and knowing how to use an AED. Immediate action by bystanders can provide critical care in the minutes before professional first responders arrive.

The City of North Ridgeville extends its gratitude to Holtzman, Weissling and Clarkson for their heroic actions, their willingness to step forward when help was needed and their role in saving a life.

Important Voting Dates and Information

The November 3 General Election is approaching. Here are several important dates for Ohio voters to keep in mind: **October 5:** Voter Registration Deadline • **October 6:** Early In-Person Voting Begins • **November 3:** Election Day

For early voting dates and hours, voter registration information, polling locations and other election details, visit VoteLorainCountyOhio.gov or contact the Lorain County Board of Elections at (440) 326-5900.

Be alert about voter-related scams. If you receive an unexpected text asking you to click a link to check or update your voter registration, do not use the link in the message. Instead, go directly to VoteLorainCountyOhio.gov or contact the Lorain County Board of Elections. Federal cybersecurity and consumer protection agencies advise against clicking links in unexpected texts because they may be phishing attempts.

North Ridgeville Health & Wellness Fair

for older adults

Thursday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
North Ridgeville Senior Center
7327 Avon Belden Rd., North Ridgeville

FREE!

- Blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol & vision screenings
- Flu shots

Vendors include:

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North Ridgeville Heart & Sole Health Resumes Indoor Walking at LCCC University Partnership Campus this Fall and Winter

North Ridgeville Heart & Sole health collaborative resumes indoor walking this season to both morning and evening hours. Residents are invited to keep active and walk indoors at LCCC University Partnership Ridge Campus, 32121 Lorain Road, during the following days and times.

- Mondays through Thursdays, 5-7 p.m.
- Fridays, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Indoor walking will take place Oct. 5, 2026 - Mar. 31, 2027. Enter through the building's main doors and sign in at the table each visit. Walking takes place on the second floor- use the stairs or elevator to access the second floor. Approximately 16 laps is equal to one mile.

No cost to participate. All ages and abilities are welcome to attend. If the building is closed due to holiday closure or weather, indoor walking is canceled. Check the Heart & Sole Facebook page for updates on closures.

Check out other resources to stay healthy:

- Attend an exercise class through North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation or North Ridgeville Senior Center (adults age 55+).
- Download free, simple and tasty recipes

at nrheartandsole.com/healthy-eating.

- Walk the paths at the Town Center Trail and the North Ridgeville Heart & Sole Fitness Trail at Shady Drive Complex.

- Join Silver Sneakers if you are 65 years or older. Some insurances cover these classes; visit SilverSneakers.com to check eligibility. LCCC hosts classes at University Partnership Ridge Campus Mondays through Thursdays.

- Keep active all across Lorain County with United We Sweat for free access to fitness events and gyms.

- Borrow a travel-size blood pressure kit from North Ridgeville Branch Library - all you need is a library card.

Heart & 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 to improve physical, social, and mental wellbeing of those who live, work, and visit the community. Learn more at nrheartandsole.com and follow Heart & Sole on Facebook.

Coffee and Conversation

Enjoy a relaxed conversation over coffee on Tuesday, October 13 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers. Hear updates, ask questions and learn more about fire safety with special guest Assistant Fire Chief Mike Uhnak.

October is recognized as Fire Prevention Month, making this a timely opportunity to learn more about steps you can take to help keep your home, workplace and community safe.

Halloween Masks vs. Facial Masks

Halloween is the one time of year when we actually want to put on a mask! But unlike a Halloween mask that hides your face, a good facial mask helps reveal your best face!

Think of a Halloween mask as a little costume magic—it can transform you into someone or something completely different. A skincare mask works a little differently. It gives your skin some extra attention by helping to cleanse, exfoliate, hydrate or refresh, depending on the type you choose.

Skin has a natural exfoliating process. Sometimes this process doesn't work as effectively as it should, so oil, bacteria and impurities get trapped inside pores. Masks help remove the dirt and impurities that can contribute to problem skin and offer a gentle solution for supporting a clearer-looking complexion.

And here's the scary part: skipping your skincare routine can catch up with you!

So this Halloween, have fun choosing the perfect costume mask, but don't forget about the mask that helps your skin look and feel its best. A few extra minutes of pampering can make a big difference.

After all, Halloween may be about hiding behind a mask—but beautiful, healthy-looking skin is something you'll want to show off!

If you'd like to find out which facial mask is right for your skin, I'd be happy to help you choose one!

Georgia Awig, RN



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Back: Nick Bogner, Joe Erni & Ken Lutke

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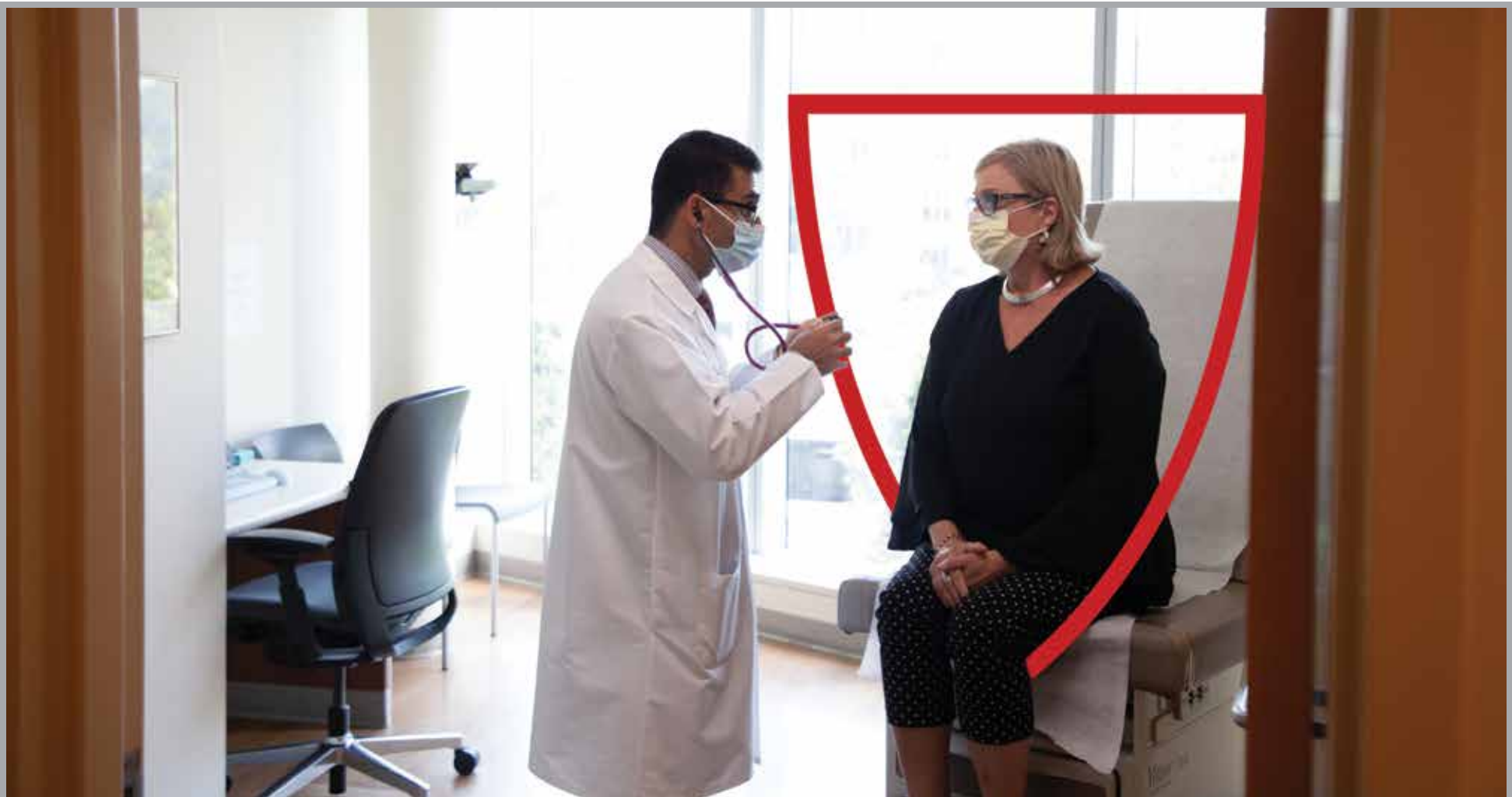


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America 250-OH: Celebrating Ohio Food and Farms

North Ridgeville’s America 250-OH programming continues in October with a focus on the people, traditions and local resources that connect us to agriculture.

The North Ridgeville Historical Society will share posts on the city’s farming history throughout the month. North Ridgeville Heart & Sole will offer a special Fall Produce Pickup, and local schools will host food collection competitions benefiting North Ridgeville Community Care.

To explore farms across the state, check out the Ohio Ag-Venture Guide. It features U-pick orchards, pumpkin patches, corn mazes, hayrides, animal encounters, seasonal festivals and farm markets.

Review the Guide: <https://america250-ohio.org/ohio-ag-venture-guide/>

JOIN US FOR A
COMMUNITY TALK

Understanding
Lung Health &
Breathing
Options

with Pulmonologist:
Dr. Basem Haddad, MD

Wednesday,
October 14 | 1:00 PM

O'Neill Healthcare Bay Village
605 Bradley Rd.
Bay Village, OH 44140

Featuring Dr. Basem Haddad,
MD, who will discuss lung
health going into the colder
winter months.

Coffee & snacks will be
provided.

Please RSVP to Amy by
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SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Health and Wellness Fair

The annual Health and Wellness Fair returns on Thursday, October 15 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Connect with dozens of vendors offering information, resources and services to support your health and well-being.

University Hospitals will provide free glucose and blood pressure checks, and Marc's Pharmacy will offer flu and COVID-19 vaccinations. Take advantage of this convenient opportunity to ask questions, learn about local wellness resources and take a few simple steps toward better health.

YMCA Diabetes Prevention Program

Classes will be offered in North Ridgeville in early October. If you've been diagnosed with prediabetes, or if you're concerned about your risk for type 2 diabetes, the YMCA's Diabetes Prevention Program can help. This yearlong program helps you:

- Lose 5-7% of your body weight through healthy eating
- Work up to 150 minutes or more of weekly physical activity
- Build lasting habits
- Connect with peers and expert coaches

The cost may be covered by Medicare Part B. Call (440) 574-0580 or email healthyliving@clevelandymca.org.

Super Thursday Halloween Party

Join us for a Halloween party on Thursday, October 29 at 11:00 a.m. Enjoy a Halloween-themed menu, a costume contest and seasonal fun with friends. Cost is \$5 per person. Register by October 23.

Socktober: Small Donations, Big Impact

Socktober began in 2011 when middle school students saw the need for socks in local shelters. It has since grown into a nationwide movement, with donations reaching all seven continents.

Throughout October, we're collecting new socks for the Lorain County Office on Aging's food pantry. Pick up an extra pair or two on your next shopping trip and drop them in the collection bin in our lobby.

Project Safe Senior

The Office for Older Adults and the Fire Department are

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Lorain County Public Health

Encourages Residents to Get Vaccinated Before Respiratory Illness Season

As colder weather approaches, Lorain County Public Health (LCPH) is here to help you and your family stay healthy. Protect yourself and loved ones by staying up to date on recommended vaccines, including flu and COVID-19 vaccines.

"Getting vaccinated before holiday gatherings and the height of respiratory illness season can help keep you and your loved ones healthier throughout the winter," said Justin Rechichar, MPH, MBA, MHHS, REHS, health commissioner at LCPH.

Vaccination reduces the risk of severe illness, hospitalization and death from respiratory viruses. Getting vaccines is especially for people at higher risk, including older adults, pregnant people, young children and people with chronic medical conditions or weakened immune systems. In addition to getting vaccinated, simple everyday habits can help prevent the spread of illness. Washing your hands, covering coughs and sneezes and staying home when sick can help protect yourself and others.

Flu vaccines are recommended for everyone 6 months and older. COVID-19 vaccines are available for eligible people 6 months and older. Residents should talk with their healthcare provider about which vaccines are recommended for them based on their age, health and other individual factors.

The following fall vaccine clinics will offer flu and COVID-19 vaccines, unless otherwise noted. While walk-ins are accepted, schedule in advance at loraincountyhealth.com/vaccines or call 440-284-3206 for the best experience. Same-day appointments are available.

- Starting Oct. 1: Lorain County Public Health, 9880 Murray Ridge Road, Elyria, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (closed daily 12-1 p.m.). Extended evening hours until 6 p.m. on Nov. 12 and 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 8. The WIC office is also open late on Dec. 8.
- Oct. 18: Mexican Consulate at Sacred Heart, 4301 Pearl Ave., Lorain, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Oct. 21: Homeless Standdown at Sacred Heart, 4301 Pearl Ave., Lorain, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Oct. 21: WIC Amherst Clinic, 2001 Cooper Foster Park Rd., Amherst, 2-6 p.m. (Flu and RSV vaccines only)
- Oct. 28: Mini Health Expo at Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Oct. 28: Lorain County Free Clinic, 5040 Oberlin Ave., Lorain, 2-5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 4: Herrick Memorial Library, 101 Willard Memorial Square, Wellington, 2-5:30 p.m. (routine immunizations also available)
- Nov. 25: Lorain County Free Clinic, 5040 Oberlin Ave., Lorain, 2-5:30 p.m.
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LCPH also provides weekly local data to help residents make informed decisions during respiratory disease season. From October through May, LCPH updates its Respiratory Disease Activity Dashboard weekly at loraincountyhealth.com/data.

We're here to help you make informed health decisions. When it comes to your health, prevention is key, and vaccines are a safe, highly effective, and simple way to keep everyone well. We know being your own best health advocate means getting all the facts. If you have questions or concerns, we encourage you to reach out! Talk with your healthcare provider or child's doctor, or call 440-322-6367 to speak directly with a nurse at LCPH.

For more information on how LCPH serves and supports a healthy community, call 440-322-6367 or visit LorainCountyHealth.com. Get local health updates on Facebook, Instagram, X, or YouTube.



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SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

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partnering to make sure seniors have working smoke alarms and know the basics of home fire safety. Answer three brief survey questions to let us know you're interested.

Complete the Survey: <https://www.nridgeville.org/Downloads/ProjectSafeSeniorSurvey3.pdf>

Pancake Breakfast

What's better than crossing the finish line at the Stache Dash 5K or one-mile walk? Celebrating with pancakes afterward!

Whether you ran or just want a good start to your Saturday, stop by the Senior Center on Saturday, November 7 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, milk and coffee. Sponsored by the VFW.

Cost is \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors and students ages 6 to 18. Children 5 and younger eat free.

Ted Smith: The Ten Plagues

October 12, 19 & 26 at 1 p.m.

The Ten Plagues of Egypt are familiar to most; blood in the Nile, frogs on the land, swarms of insects, etc. They are attributed to the wrath of God for enslaving the Israelites. Yet our 21st century understanding might point to more natural geological phenomena. If true, was there less divine intervention and more divine timing? We will also explore what symbolic meaning each of the miracles adds to the history of the events and how we might interpret them today.

Meet Up: Fatheads Brewery

October 21 at 4:30 p.m.

Join us for dinner at Fatheads, Brewery, 24581 Lorain Road, in nearby North Olmsted. Their menu features local products, seasonal specials, burgers, salads, wings, soups, flatbreads, sandwiches and more. Register by Oct. 16.

Ladies Brunch

October 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Audrey Hepburn. Sponsored by Brookdale Senior Living. Cost is \$4. To register call (440) 490-2056. Kari Brozic will present a special program on the elegant and iconic Audrey Hepburn. In a nod to Audrey, pearls are encouraged.

Music Bingo

October 27 at 1 p.m.

Join Stacey for a toe-tapping game of bingo featuring music from different decades and categories.

Try It Tuesday

October 27 at 12 p.m.

This program explores different cultures, regions or even go back in time through food or different food preferences/diets.

In October brings us to the last meal, foods from the last meal of some of the most notorious criminals in America. Register by Oct 23 by calling (440) 490-2056. Cost \$3.

Super Thursday: Halloween Party

October 29 at 11 a.m.

Let your inner child out to play and join us for a spooktacular day! We will have a Halloween themed menu, costume contests and more! Register by Oct. 23 - call (440) 490-2056. Cost \$5.

Outing: Great Lakes Theater: Sweeney Todd

November 3 at 9:15 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Great Lakes Theater: Sweeney Todd The Demon Barber of Fleet Street. Cost \$25. After the show, we will stop for lunch, not included in the price. Registration begins Sept. 17 at 1:00 pm. 13 spots available on the bus. Tickets must be paid for by Oct. 1

Gayle Manning Focused on Lowering Costs and Delivering Tax Relief for Northeast Ohio Families

Dedicated Public Servant Will Fight for Families Across Lorain and Huron Counties

Gayle Manning is running for Ohio's 13th Senate District to continue lowering costs, delivering tax relief and strengthening local schools for families across Lorain and Huron counties.

Manning has a proven record of supporting strong schools, lowering utility costs and delivering income and property tax cuts for middle-class families and seniors on fixed budgets. She led the effort to pass landmark energy reform that lowered electric bills and secured \$700 million for Ohio's public schools. Last week, she voted to temporarily suspend taxes on gasoline and diesel at a time when Ohio's motorists need relief.

Manning spent 37 years as an elementary school teacher and has devoted her career to serving the families of northern Ohio. Her experience as a teacher, small-business owner and public servant has prepared her to continue delivering practical

results for every part of Senate District 13.

"Families are working hard, but too many are struggling with higher utility bills, grocery prices and everyday expenses," Manning said. "I am running for the Ohio Senate to continue delivering meaningful tax relief, lowering costs and making sure our schools, communities and local economy remain strong. I will always put the hardworking people of Lorain and Huron counties first."

Manning is asking voters for the opportunity to continue serving northern Ohio and fighting for safer communities, stronger schools and a more affordable future. You can learn more about her campaign at gaylemanning.com.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. Early in-person and absentee voting begins Tuesday, October 6.

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*A Teacher.
A Neighbor.
A Leader.*

Retired Public School Teacher

Gayle Manning spent her career in the classroom, believing in the power of education, hard work and opportunity. Now, she's ready to bring that same commitment to the State Senate — fighting for stronger workforce development and safer communities for every Ohioan.

VOTE GAYLE MANNING FOR STATE SENATE

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NORTH RIDGEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

NRFD Training

Firefighters from the North Ridgeville Fire Department had been training over a week and a half at an acquired structure.

Last month, firefighters trained on primary search. This role is typically assigned to a crew that arrives at the same time as or immediately after the arrival of the fire attack crew. Firefighters assigned to primary search look for victims around the fire without the protection of a hose line. This task is often performed in conditions with little to no visibility.

This week, firefighters are practicing fire attack. Fire attack is the most important job on the fire ground



as firefighters assigned to this role are tasked with locating, confining, and extinguishing the fire as well as searching the immediate area around the main body of fire for victims. Firefighters assigned to this role often have to move hose lines through hazardous conditions to reach the fire, sometimes with little to no visibility due to the smoke conditions.

Cynthia K. Curtin Candidate for the 9th District Court of Appeals

Cynthia Curtin is a candidate for the 9th District Court of Appeals. A former judge of the Stow Municipal Court and current magistrate in the Summit County Domestic Relations Court, she has more than 35 years of legal experience. She has practiced in many courts throughout Ohio including U.S. District Court for both the Northern and Southern Districts, and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

She was appointed Judge of the Stow Municipal Court by Gov. DeWine in June 2025 to fulfill an unexpired term which ended on December 31, 2025. Prior to being a judge, she was a litigation attorney for over 35 years handling jury trials, appellate arguments, mediations and arbitrations. Throughout her career, Curtin represented individuals, small businesses, national retailers and insurance companies, defending matters involving motor vehicle liability, premises liability, products liability, property damage, worker's comp, employment, SIU, insurance coverage and estate planning. Some representative clients included Home Depot, Walmart, the Cleveland Clinic, State Farm, Allstate, USAA and Met Life.

Curtin owned and managed her own law firm, a certified woman owned law firm, in Akron with her husband, Michael. Upon Michael's sudden passing, in 2017, Curtin maintained the law firm for an additional five years and then closed the practice to join Perez - Morris in Cleveland. While at Perez- Morris, Curtin assisted national coordinating counsel. In this role, she worked with attorneys around the country in various state and federal courts defending premises liability cases.

She is a 50-year resident of Hudson, OH. Has two adult children, both married, living in Virginia. She received her B.S. in Business Administration from Indiana University, and J.D. from Cleveland State University. Having lived in Colombia, South America during her pre-teen years, she speaks Spanish and is familiar with the Latin culture.



ELAINE SEGUIN FOR LORAIN COUNTY AUDITOR

Elaine Seguin's career has been built outside of politics. Elaine is a lifelong Elyria Township resident, a Certified Public Accountant, and a local small-business owner. With over 30 years of financial experience, her background includes 17 years at Deloitte Tax, and she currently practices at Levis Seguin CPAs. Elaine also serves as President of the Elyria City School Board.

After more than a decade under the same leadership, Lorain County taxpayers deserve a fresh perspective, greater transparency, and true accountability. We need an auditor who understands the financial pressures facing families and local businesses. Elaine brings real-world experience shaped beyond government.

Vote Elaine Seguin for Lorain County Auditor.

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Sugar Ridge Road Projects Open House

Help shape upcoming improvements to Sugar Ridge Road, including a roundabout at Bender Road and an improved roadway between Bender Road and Waterbury Boulevard with a shared-use path for walkers and cyclists.

Sugar Ridge Road and Bender Road Roundabout

This project involves replacing the intersection of Sugar Ridge Road and Bender Road with a single lane roundabout. The project will improve traffic safety and efficiency and upgrade stormwater infrastructure. Comment form coming soon.

Sugar Ridge Road Rehabilitation

This project involves the widening and resurfacing of Sugar Ridge Road from Bender Road to Waterbury Blvd. The project envisions a new 10-foot wide shared-use path along the north side of the road and associated drainage improvements. Comment form coming soon. Drop in Tuesday, October 27 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Senior Center to review the designs, talk with engineers and submit comments. Nearby property owners and tenants will receive notices by mail.



From Invasive to Native

As part of North Ridgeville's ongoing Tree City USA efforts, the city recently partnered with a local business and community volunteers to remove invasive Callery pear trees and replace them with native species.

Callery pear trees were once widely planted for their spring flowers and fast growth, but they can spread aggressively into natural areas and crowd out native plants. Replacing them with native trees helps support healthier habitats, provides better resources for birds and pollinators and strengthens the diversity of our urban forest.

This project is a great example of what can happen when residents, local partners and the city work together to make a lasting investment in North Ridgeville's tree canopy.

Do you have an invasive pear tree on your property? Consider replacing it with a native species that will provide beauty, shade and environmental benefits for years to come.

This is just the beginning. Stay tuned for more information about our "27 in 2027" program, which will focus on removing and replacing 27 additional Callery pear trees across the community in 2027.

Fall Yard-Care Practices

Fall leaves may seem harmless, but where they end up can make a difference for our local waterways.

Leaves naturally contain phosphorus, a nutrient that helps plants grow. When leaves, grass clippings, fertilizer and other organic materials are washed into storm drains, those nutrients can eventually reach local streams and contribute to algae growth and poor water quality.

In fact, a U.S. Geological Survey study found that, in the area studied, nearly 60% of the annual phosphorus entering stormwater could come from fallen leaves during the autumn. The study also found that keeping leaves from accumulating in streets can significantly reduce the amount of phosphorus carried into stormwater.

That's why a few simple fall yard-care practices can help:

- **Mulch-mow your leaves.** Running over leaves with your mower breaks them into smaller pieces that can decompose naturally and return nutrients to your lawn.
- **Compost leaves and yard waste** when possible rather than raking or blowing them into the street.
- **Keep storm drains clear.** Avoid piling leaves, grass clippings or other yard debris near storm drains where rain can carry them into the stormwater system.
- **Sweep fertilizer off driveways and sidewalks** and back onto your lawn instead of washing it into the street.
- **Use fertilizer** only when needed and avoid applying it immediately before rain.

Have questions about stormwater? Stop by and talk with our Engineering team at the Safety Fair on October 3 or learn more from the U.S. EPA about ways to protect water quality in your own yard.

Fall Cleanup Reminders

As the weather cools and leaves begin to fall, please help keep our stormwater system clear and functioning. Leaves and debris can block storm drains and ditches, causing flooding, standing water and unsafe driving conditions. You can help by: Keeping yard inlets, catch basins, ditches and streams around your property free of obstructions • Raking leaves and yard waste away from storm drains and ditches • Never blowing or dumping leaves, grass clippings, pet waste or debris into the street or waterways

If you see a clogged storm grate or ditch and can safely clear it, please dispose of the debris properly. To report an obstruction, call Public Works at (440) 490-2094. Together we can protect our neighborhoods and keep stormwater flowing.



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September Coffee and Conversation Recap

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Coffee & Conversation on September 18 and a special thank you to Lee Armbruster, Coordinator of Community Partnerships and Educational Opportunities for North Ridgeville City Schools, for joining the discussion.

Lee shared how the district is helping students explore career pathways and prepare for life after graduation. She also highlighted the district's 4.5-star state report card and emphasized an important part of the story behind that achievement: "Our kids grow." Students are making progress, building skills and preparing for what comes next. Lee also discussed the importance of partnerships with the JVS, LCCC and neighboring school districts to support the district's commitment to Every Ranger, Every Day.

The community is also invited to attend Friday Night Lights home football games. Tonight's game will recognize military personnel and first responders.

Mayor Kevin Corcoran provided several City updates, including: **HUD/CDBG Funding:** The Community Development Block Grant program has provided federal funding to communities nationwide since 1975. North Ridgeville has been a long time participant, identifying eligible projects and partnering with Lorain County to apply for funding. Recent examples include ADA improvements at the Senior Center, street repaving of Carolyn, Monica and Luanne and the upcoming waterline replacement on Behm Drive.

Zoning Update: The Planning Commission is now reviewing public feedback as part of the city's zoning update. Changes are being made to the draft map and text based on that feedback. The update will consolidate the city's land use regulations into a single, unified ordinance and better align zoning classifications with existing land uses.

Cypress Road Extension: The roadwork is substantially complete, however delivery of streetlight poles and traffic signals isn't expected until early 2027 to finish the project. The Gateway North Ridgeville initiative is providing the roadmap for the city to seek additional funding opportunities to improve the Cypress and Lear Nagle intersection.

Coffee & Conversation is an opportunity to hear directly from city leaders and community partners, ask questions and learn more about what is happening in North Ridgeville. Thank you to everyone who took part!

Meet Cliff Winkel: Candidate for Ohio House District 52

My name is **Cliff Winkel**, and I am running to represent Ohio's 52nd House District because I believe public service should begin with listening, hard work, and a genuine commitment to the communities you represent.

Lorain County has been my home my entire life. I was born and raised here, built my life and career here, and have watched our communities grow and change over the years. This isn't simply the district I'm seeking to represent—it is home. I understand the character of our communities, the importance of our local businesses and skilled trades, and the values of the hardworking families who make Lorain County a great place to live.

I currently serve on **North Ridgeville City Council**, where I have had the privilege of representing my neighbors and working on the everyday issues that affect families, businesses, and our community. That experience has reinforced something I have long believed: government works best when elected officials stay connected to the community they serve and focus on practical solutions.

I am also a local businessman and property owner. I understand what it means to meet a payroll, manage expenses, invest in a community, and deal firsthand with the regulations and decisions that affect businesses and working families. I believe that experience provides an important perspective to bring to Columbus.

I am running for State Representative because the decisions made at the Statehouse have a direct impact on our communities—from the cost of living and taxes to education, infrastructure, public safety, economic development, and the opportunities available to the next generation.

Our district includes communities with their own identities and priorities, and I don't believe a representative's job is simply to tell people what Columbus thinks. The job is to listen to the people back home and make sure **their voices are heard in Columbus.**

I have been honored by the trust people have placed in me while serving on City Council. If given the opportunity to represent the 52nd District, I will bring the same approach to the Statehouse: **be accessible, do the homework, work with people, and never forget where I came from.**

Lorain County has given me a place to build a life, a career, and relationships that I deeply value. I'm running because I want to give back to the place I've always called home and make sure the families, workers, businesses, and communities of the 52nd District have a strong voice in the decisions shaping Ohio's future.

Cliff Winkel
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UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

Annual Fall Fest

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Trunk or Treat

Get your ghosts, superheroes and princesses ready to join the North Ridgeville Police Department and fellow first responders for the sixth annual First Responders and Community Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oc-

tober 17 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Phantom Fireworks, 4900 Transportation Drive in Sheffield. This free, family-friendly event will bring together over 50 first responder agencies, local organizations, businesses and community members for an incredible evening of Halloween fun!

Tots Trick-or-Treat

Bring your little ghosts, goblins, superheroes and princesses to City Hall on October 30 at 1 p.m. for a not-so-spooky Halloween celebration designed especially for our youngest trick-or-treaters.

Children will parade through the building in costume, collecting ghoulish goodies along the way and enjoying a fun, festive experience in a safe and welcoming setting.

Pre-registration is required so we can make sure there are plenty of treats for everyone. Don't wait to reserve your spot! Register: <https://north-ridgeville.recdesk.com/Community/Program>

Firefighters Community Fund Event

The North Ridgeville Firefighters IAFF Local 2129 will host a Community Fund Event on Saturday, October 24 from 6 to 10 p.m. at VFW Post 9871, 6805 Lear Nagle Road.

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Stache Dash 2026

Northeast Ohio's premier celebration of facial hair and fitness returns for its 13th year on Saturday, November 7. This family-friendly 1-mile and 5K event is the perfect excuse to skip shaving and get moving. Costumes and creative mustaches are encouraged.

The first 300 pre-registered participants will receive a race bag, so register early.



LCCC Once Again Named Among Nation's Most Affordable Colleges

For the 15th consecutive year, Lorain County Community College has been recognized among the nation's most affordable colleges, earning a place in the top 10% in the U.S. Department of Education's College Affordability and Transparency Center report.

The recognition reflects LCCC's longstanding commitment to keeping the cost of higher education within reach while helping students earn degrees and credentials that lead to meaningful careers and greater economic opportunity.

LCCC's net price is \$4,126, which includes tuition, books, fees, supplies and living expenses, minus grants and scholarships. That is less than one-third of the national average net price of \$13,289 for similar institutions.

"Lorain County Community College was founded to provide affordable access to higher education and workforce training, and that commitment remains at the heart of our work today," said LCCC President Marcia J. Ballinger, Ph.D. "Keeping costs low is important, but affordability is ultimately about what students gain from their investment — a valuable credential, a pathway to a thriving career and opportunities that can

strengthen their families and our community."

Making College More Affordable at Every Step

LCCC combines low tuition with financial aid, scholarships and innovative pathways designed to reduce the total cost of earning a college degree. Eighty-two percent of LCCC students receive some form of financial assistance to help them complete their education.

Students can begin realizing those savings before they even graduate from high school. Through Ohio's College Credit Plus program, 52% of Lorain County's 2026 high school graduates earned LCCC college credit while still in high school, completing an average of 22 credits and saving their families more than \$5.67 million in tuition.

Those savings can continue through a bachelor's or graduate degree. Through LCCC's University Partnership, students can pursue bachelor's and graduate degree options from Ohio colleges and universities while remaining close to home. Students can complete their first two or three years at LCCC before continuing

with upper-level coursework through a University Partnership institution — a model that saves students an average of \$74,000 on the cost of a bachelor's degree.

For students preparing to enter the workforce, LCCC also builds opportunities to earn while they learn into many academic and career pathways. Paid work-based learning experiences allow students to earn wages while developing the practical skills and professional experience employers value.

Connecting Affordability to Career Opportunity

"Our partnerships with local employers give our students an incredible advantage," Ballinger said. "Students are gaining more than knowledge in the classroom. They are building experience, professional connections and a clear understanding of where their education can take them."

For more information on the tuition and affordability listings, visit <http://collegecost.ed.gov/>. LCCC fall classes are still available. To enroll, visit www.lorainccc.edu/enroll.

For the full story visit www.TheVillagerNewspaper.com.

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North Ridgeville Schools Ranger Round-Up

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Stay in the Game MVP

Congratulations to Sadie Moviél, our Stay in the Game MVP for the Cleveland Browns home opener last week! Thanks to her great attendance, Sadie was selected to watch the Browns bring home a win against the Carolina Panthers. What an awesome afternoon!



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North Ridgeville City Schools Earns 4.5 Stars on Ohio State Report Card

The North Ridgeville City Schools District is proud to announce continued progress on the Ohio State Report Card, improving its overall rating from 4 stars to 4.5.

The district's Performance Index increased from 83.4 to 83.7, reflecting meaningful academic growth among North Ridgeville students. The Performance Index recognizes achievement for all students grades 3 through high school on Ohio's State Tests, measuring performance beyond whether students simply meet the proficient mark.

North Ridgeville City Schools also made notable progress in College, Career, Workforce, and Military Readiness. The district's score increased from 56 to 65, improving from a 2-star to a 3-star rating in that area.

"These results are a testament to the hard work and commitment of our students, families, teachers, and staff," said Stacy Rocco, Director of Curriculum. "We are especially proud of the growth in the College, Career, Work-

force, and Military Readiness. The exceptional team at North Ridgeville High School, led by Principal Meghan Hignite and Coordinator of Community Partnerships and Educational Opportunities Lee Armbruster, is dedicated to advancing this important work. They are creating meaningful opportunities and strong outcomes for our students through career exploration, educational pathways, and pre-apprenticeships."

Looking ahead, North Ridgeville City Schools remain focused on continued annual growth by maintaining a clear commitment to every student. The district will celebrate its successes while identifying opportunities to strengthen areas for improvement, ensuring every Ranger has the support and opportunities to succeed.

"This is something our entire North Ridgeville community can be proud of," Rocco said. "It reflects our true commitment to Every Ranger, Every Day."



Multiplication Boot Camp

Last month, Mrs. Roseto's math students reported for duty at Multiplication Boot Camp! Through fun challenges, movement, and teamwork, Rangers strengthened their multiplication fact fluency and proved that math practice can be a mission worth taking on!



Attendance Awareness Month

As part of Attendance Awareness Month in September, NRHS students made a commitment to showing up and staying engaged by signing the Attendance Pledge! Their names now fill a wall in the building as a reminder that every day, and every Ranger, matters.

International Dot Day

Students in 3 Orange celebrated International Dot Day with a day full of creativity, problem-solving, and courage! After reading The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds, students explored the importance of simply being willing to begin.

From creating multiplication arrays with dot stickers and building 3D shapes during a STEM challenge to designing colorful coffee-filter dots, students were reminded that learning starts with taking a chance, even when something feels difficult. They even brought home DOTS candy as a sweet reminder to keep making their mark! Make your mark, take a chance, and never be afraid to begin!



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Wind can lift shingle edges, break adhesive seals, and loosen flashing around chimneys, vents, and skylights. Hail bruises asphalt shingles, knocks off protective granules, can create soft spots or fractures in the shingle mat, and dent metal surfaces. Once the protective layer on the shingles is compromised, water can find its way underneath. The result is often a slow leak, which may appear on the interior as a ceiling stain or damp attic insulation, long after the storm has passed. That's why waiting until you see a leak is one of the costliest mistakes a homeowner can make. By the time water reaches the interior, the damage has usually progressed far beyond the original storm impact. A professional inspection is the only reliable way to catch problems early.



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