

NORTH RIDGEVILLE

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GIVING US THEIR BEST

When a fire broke out at a North Ridgeville condominium complex last weekend, the call went out to Westcom (Westshore Central Dispatch Center) located within University Hospitals St. John Medical Center.

Westcom sends fire and EMS responders to 9-1-1 and emergency number calls in Bay Village, Fairview Park, North Ridgeville, Rocky River and Westlake and for mutual aid to other neighboring communities.

At the time of the North Ridgeville fire, all units in that city were busy. So Westcom responded with mutual aid from Westlake, Sheffield Village, Olmsted Township, Avon Lake, North Olmsted and Avon.

At the end of the day, 30 firefighters, including 21 from those providing mutual aid, responded to the Muirfield Village fire that started at 12:13 Friday afternoon. One occupant was sent to the hospital and no firefighters were injured in the kitchen fire that sent smoke throughout the complex.

The mutual aid response brought this comment from the North Ridgeville Fire Dept:

While we are always grateful for our mutual aid partners, we are especially grateful for the assistance we were able to receive this past Friday. At approximately 1213 hours, a reported structure fire on Greenwich Avenue came in to Westcom Fire Dispatch. At that time, all three of our crews were encumbered on three separate overlapping EMS incidents and were unable to initially respond. Westcom quickly filled our initial alarm and a subsequent first alarm with our mutual aid partners which consisted of Avon Firefighters Local 4310, Westlake Firefighters Local 1814, Sheffield Village Fire Department, Olmsted Township Fire Fighters, Avon Lake Firefighters and North Olmsted Firefighters. Every department has been experiencing an unprecedented increase in the number of calls and we are lucky that all of these departments had available crews to lend a hand. The fire was contained to the kitchen area of the fire occupancy with smoke damage to the main unit and



Photos courtesy of Paula Bridge.



water damage to the fire occupancy as well as an attached unit. Figures provided by Westcom indicate that area fire departments are, indeed, busier than ever. Here are their run stats for the years 2020 and 2021:

Bay Village 1724 +14% vs '20 +11.4% vs '19
Fairview Park 2536 +14.1% vs '20 +5.7% vs '19
North Ridgeville 4638 +16.9% vs '20 +22.1 vs '19
Rocky River 3326 +9.4% vs '20 +4.3% vs '19
Westlake 6043 +16% vs '20 +9.9% vs 2019

2021 was a record setting year. We all owe Westcom and all our are fire departments and firefighter/paramedics a vote of thanks for all they do each and every day!

Businesses of the Year

Congratulations to the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce Businesses of the Year winners, honored at a luncheon at Tom's Country Place on Dec. 9.



Heather Johnson accepts the 2020 Business of the Year Award for The Northridge Health Center, presented by Chris Hibsman.



Mike Boukzam, North Ridgeville Sports Complex, Pride Award, presented by Chris Hibsman and Supt. of Schools Roxann Ramsey-Coserio.



Bill Kendall, Costin-Kendall CPAs, 2021 Business of the Year runner-up.



Tori Lambert, My Wood Loft, 2021 Business of the Year. (Not pictured, Steve Lambert)

City Council Inaugurations

The City of North Ridgeville held inaugurations for the three City Council members who won their elections last November. Mayor Kevin Corcoran administered the Oaths of Office to Martin DeVries, Georgia Awig and Jason Jacobs as family and friends filled council chambers the evening of Dec. 13. Congratulations to all.



Georgia Awig, Council at Large



Martin DeVries, Council at Large



Jason Jacobs, Council President

Lorain County Solid Waste & Recycling Update

The Director of Lorain County Solid Waste Management District, David Blevins, shares tips on effective recycling, helping residents to manage waste in eco-friendly ways.

A large focus of the Lorain County Solid Waste District is educating the residents about recycling contamination. On average, a quarter of all items placed in recycling bins should be disposed of in the landfill. Recycling contamination accounts for higher costs to communities which get passed on to the residents.

There are areas where contamination soars high above the average rate. In those areas, you will see the Solid Waste District delivering targeted mailers and developing tagging programs where recycling bins are inspected for contaminants and an educational tag placed on the bin to inform the resident.

Education is key! If residents know better, they'll do better! The district's Community Outreach Coordinator,

Brandi Schnell, is available for educational presentations for student and adult groups.

The Lorain County Collection Center operated by the Solid Waste District is a nationally award-winning facility located in the City of Elyria and open three days a week. The Collection Center is open to Lorain County residents for the collection and recycling or proper disposal of scrap tires, household hazardous waste, cardboard, electronic scrap materials, fluorescent bulbs and ballasts.

These materials can be dropped off free of charge by Lorain County residents. Those residents who live in multi-family housing units or who are otherwise not offered curbside recycling can also bring their household recyclables to

the Collection Center.

Lorain County businesses may bring in cardboard, electronic scrap materials, fluorescent bulbs/ballasts and household type recyclables as well at no cost to them.

The District recently was awarded a grant from the Ohio EPA to purchase and install a portable paper shredder for the Center. We offer a shredding service where paper is locked up securely and shredded using the shred truck and then bailed along with cardboard.

There are a lot of exciting things happening over at the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District, to keep up on these and new developments please like and follow us on our social media.

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Letter to the Editor

Thank You From Home Instead for Bringing Holidays to 200 Seniors with Be a Santa to a Senior

We at Home Instead in North Ridgeville would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped our *Be a Santa to a Senior* gift program this holiday season.

As seniors in the area continue to face challenges of isolation and loneliness, our great community stepped up and gifts were collected for 200 local seniors. Those gifts carry with them something even more valuable - the cheer *Be a Santa to a Senior* brings deserving seniors during the holidays. It truly means so much to those seniors who otherwise may feel forgotten or unappreciated.

We would also like to thank our community partners who were instrumental in the success of the program, including City of Elyria (records, civil and criminal departments), Amy's Hallmark, Community of Faith United Church of Christ, Tuffy on Leona Street, Tuffy on Cleveland Street, Village Market and Bread and Brew in Wellington.

Be a Santa to a Senior is a nationwide program that provides gifts and companionship to seniors. Home Instead partners with local non-profit and community organizations to identify seniors for a gift because they might not receive one otherwise. *Be a Santa to a Senior* relies on the generosity of our community and local volunteers. Since its inception in 2003, more than 65,000 volunteers have helped distribute 2.1 million gifts to more than 750,000 deserving seniors.

Again, thank you to all those who made this year's *Be a Santa to a Senior* possible. To learn more about opportunities to help local seniors, visit ReadytoCare.com or call 440-353-3080.

- Marny Fannin

NR Kiwanis Celebrates Christmas Generosity

North Ridgeville City Schools is grateful for the North Ridgeville Kiwanis Club and their generosity to the district over the years. Last month, the Kiwanis Club donated an AmTryke bike to sixth-grader Maksym Pronyuk! What an awesome holiday gift!

For years the North Ridgeville Kiwanis Club has been working with Amtryke to bring these life-changing devices to kids that need them. There is a lot of passion in these projects, and it's something many of our members hold close to their hearts. Pictured below is the 12th bike our club has assembled, and we couldn't be more proud. This tryke is sure to make somebody's holiday, and we can't wait to see the joy on their face!

Here's an awesome photo of the team that helped assemble our latest Amtryke. These trykes are complex and require some effort to put together, so a huge thanks to these guys!



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State of the City Address Postponed

Mayor Kevin Corcoran's annual State of the City address was scheduled to take place Jan. 10. The event has been postponed until Feb. 25. Hosted by the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce, the luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the North Ridgeville Academic Center, 34620 Bainbridge Road. Cost to attend is \$25. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 440-327-3737 or go to nrchamber.com.



North Ridgeville Historical Society Military Project

Last month, the North Ridgeville VFW hosted a display of North Ridgeville Historical Society's expanding Military project, which has grown to three notebooks and other memorabilia.

Historical Society member Gene Kleinholz put it all together and was at the VFW to share the hope to include every veteran that has ever lived here in town.

If you are a veteran or know a veteran from any era, please consider sharing your story with the NRHS. Their collection currently has stories of veterans from the past 200 years- some served at Gettysburg, some fought with George Washington, some were prisoners of war, some are MIA, and others are currently serving. The NRHS is honored to be the keeper of ALL of their stories. nrhistorical@yahoo.com



(Courtesy North Ridgeville Historical Society)

Holiday Rewind

Thank you to the students of the Ranger High Tech Academy who performed Christmas music for the residents of O'Neill Healthcare North Ridgeville last month. Their holiday cheer brought joy to residents and staff! **For more photos visit www.NorthRidgevilleReview.com**



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Masters of Soul to Perform Legendary Songs from Motown at Stocker Arts Center

Masters of Soul, a celebration of the legendary songs and performers that defined Motown and soul music, will perform at 3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 23 at the Lorain County Community College Stocker Arts Center Hoke Theatre.

The show features stylishly costumed, fully choreographed performances of both male and female groups backed by a live band.

“For many, Masters of Soul is the ultimate stroll down memory lane,” said Janet Herman Barlow, director of the Stocker Arts Center. “This show offers an opportunity to experience an era in our country’s history that produced many of the greatest music acts ever recorded.”

Stocker guests may remember Masters of Soul, Barlow said, as the group performed on its stage in April of 2019. “Their performance was a high-energy show and the audience loved it. I expect the same when they return,” she said.

Based in Virginia Beach, Virginia, the 10-person cast

consists of three lead male vocalists and three lead female vocalists backed by a four-piece band of seasoned musicians who’ve been touring together for decades.

Masters of Soul has performed to numerous sold-out audiences and garnered rave reviews across the country. Masters of Soul performs the music of Gladys Knight & The Pips, Marvin Gaye & Tammi Terrell, Smokey Robinson & the Miracles, The Temptations, The Four Tops, Diana Ross & The Supremes, Martha Reeves & The Vandellas, Barry White, Sam & Dave, James Brown and many more.

This is the fourth show in the 2021-2022 Stocker Arts Center Performing Artists Series. Single tickets are \$40 for orchestra seating and \$33 for mezzanine seating. Order tickets online at www.stockerartscenter.com or call the Box Office at (440) 366-4040.

Parking is free at the Stocker Arts Center but valet parking is available for \$5 per car.



North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Looking for Your Feedback

North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Department is looking for your feedback regarding our Tri-Annual Program Guide. For a long time you have been receiving our program guide through your utility bill, either via mail or email. We are looking at a digital option only in 2022. If you could answer this short 1 question survey at <https://forms.gle/BtyDbntNyAwnSaSW6>, it would be appreciated. Your feedback will help us determine whether we go strictly digital or keeping printing a hard copy. We appreciate your input and thank you for making North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation your recreation destination.



NORTH RIDGEVILLE PARKS & REC

Parents Night Out Session

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2022 AT 6 PM - 9 PM

Take a load off and let us do the work! Parents can enjoy an evening to themselves while the kids play games with friends, watch a movie, create a craft and enjoy pizza, snack & drink- all under the watchful supervision of the NRPRD staff.

For more information on Parents Night Out please see the “Parent Night Out Information Packet 2022” by clicking on the “FORMS” tab. Please check our website for the latest information regarding our programs.

THEME: “Winter Wonderland”

Snack: Oreos. Cheese Pizza will be served for dinner. We will make paper snow flakes and play winter themed games. You may bring a blanket to watch the movie SNOW DOGS.

Ages: K-6th Grade, Class Size: 10 minimum / 30 maximum. Fee: \$45 Resident / \$55 Non-Resident, \$15 EACH ADDITIONAL SIBLING

Daddy Daughter Dance

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022 AT 7 PM - 9 PM

Come out and enjoy an evening all dressed up with your special little girl. Have fun dancing and playing games with our DJ. Light refreshments will be served and there will be plenty of dancing and a photographer to capture the evening full of memories. Register early there is limited space. This event is for children in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. THERE ARE NO WALK-INS AVAILABLE FOR THIS EVENT. YOU MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED TO ATTEND.

THEME: Hollywood Night

The colors are red, black and white. No admittance until 6:30PM. Please note that we will have light refreshments this year. Ages: K-5th Grade, Size: 95 couples maximum (total: 190). Fee: \$35.00 Resident / \$45.00 Non-Resident. EVENT IS PER COUPLE, each additional child \$10.00. Location: NR Academic Center

Register online: www.nridgeville.org/parksandrec OR North Ridgeville Parks and Rec Office, 7327 Avon Belden Rd., Monday-Friday 8AM-4:30PM

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Ladies Brunch Schedule

January 20, 2022 - Women In History - Jackie Kennedy: Ladies meet at 10:30 AM for friendly conversation and a program on Thursdays once a month. The Brunch is a hot entrée, fruit, juice and coffee for only \$3. Reservations by 10 AM Wednesday morning by calling (440) 353-0828.

Super Thursdays are Back!!

Thursday, January 27, 10:30 a.m. - Beat the January Blues Party. Come enjoy a special brunch followed by a lively vocal performance by Hip To That, a jazz/pop duo whose vocal stylings will be sure to get your toes tapping. Reservations please by January 24 at noon to 440-353-0828.

Thursday, February 24 at 10:30 a.m. - The Beatles In Cleveland. Display of memorabilia and FAB music 30 minutes before and after. 60's Day- wear your tie-dye or other fun 60's apparel. Relive the excitement of Beatlemania as John, Paul, George and Ringo visit Cleveland for two of the wildest, out of control concerts in Beatles - and rock 'n' roll - history. Author Dave Schwensen will take you behind the scenes and on stage with The Fab Four through insider stories, rare concert films, never-before published photos and memorabilia. Program highlights include films of The Beatles riotous concerts at Cleveland Public Hall in 1964 and Municipal Stadium in 1966. Lunch to follow-secure your reservation for both the program and lunch by February 21 at noon

to 440-353-0828.

Spaghetti Dinner

January 28, 2022 - The Senior Center will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner from 5-7 PM on January 28, 2022 sponsored by Rotary Club of North Ridgeville. Enjoy our famous meal of spaghetti, sauce and meatballs, garlic bread and salad. Adults \$7.00; Seniors \$6.00 and Children 10 and under \$4.00; dessert \$1.00, pop \$.50 extra and carry out is available. Pre-sale tickets will be available beginning Friday, January 7 at the Senior Center reception desk.

AARP Tax Prep Aide

The Senior Center will begin scheduling appointments for AARP Tax Preparation on January 3, 2022. The appointments will be held on Tuesdays beginning February 1 at 9 AM and the last appointment will be on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. Call the front desk at (440) 353-0828 to schedule.

Music Bingo

February 23, 2022 - Music Bingo returns with fun and prizes for our February 23, 2022 after lunch entertainment! There will be hits for you to reminisce about and sing along! Reservations are a must. Please call the front desk (440) 353-0828 and bring a friend. If you are unable to join us for lunch please feel free to come for Music Bingo starting at 12:30 PM. Cards will commence as usual after lunch.

North Ridgeville Historical Society Arti-FACT

North Ridgeville Historical Society member, Karen, is showing an unusual item we have at the museum. What do you think it was used for?

This is an ice saw for cutting blocks of ice from a frozen pond, or creek. Having cold food was a lot of work in the old days. Ice was typically harvested in the months of January and February. Ice harvesters would have to scrape the snow from the pond, and then use an ice plow (sometimes pulled by horses, sometimes used by hand) to score the ice into rows that would then be divided into blocks. The saw pictured here would then be used on the scored lines and a splitting bar would break the block free from the row. Blocks could be 12-24" thick and could weigh up to 300 pounds! These were then hauled to an ice house that was double-walled and insulated with straw or sawdust and these were also strewn across the layers to keep the blocks from freezing together. The home "icebox" was patented in the 1850s and became a great convenience to the homeowner. Think of this when you push that button on your fridge next time!! - North Ridgeville Historical Society



(Courtesy North Ridgeville Historical Society)

Happy Noon Year's Eve

The Northridge Health Center celebrated Happy Noon Years Eve with their residents Residents on New Years Eve. This has been a tough year for their residents and their families and the Northridge wanted to end 2021 on a high note! "We can't wait to show you what we have in store for 2022! We've got some new faces but still providing the same amazing care! We hope you and your family have a safe and happy new year!"



Santa Visits Northridge

"Today we Celebrated with a special Visitor! SANTA CAME!!!! He brought wonderful gifts for our residents and brightened everyone's day!" Even the Northridge staff got a visit from Santa as they got into the Holiday cheer!

"We wish you and your family a Very Merry Christmas! We cannot wait to show



you what's in store for the New Year!!! Be safe and stay healthy!"

Special thanks to: St Peters Church and Journey Of Faith Church for Northridge Health Center's giving tree and 6th graders from NRAC for making the adorable mice candies Candy canes.

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Message from NRCS Superintendent January 7, 2022

Dear NRCS Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a safe and enjoyable holiday season and took time to relax. As we transition into 2022, you will notice a few changes in the district.

On January 4, 2022, at the Board of Education meeting, Mr. Jeff Grigsby was sworn in as a new board member. Mr. Grigsby replaces Ms. Kristen Iezzi, who plans to spend more time with her family. We are grateful for Ms. Iezzi and her commitment to serving the North Ridgeville City Schools for the past four years. I also want to congratulate Mr. Frank Vacha, who was reelected as the Board of Education president, and Ms. Marci Saxon, who was reelected as the Board of Education vice president. We are thankful for their continued leadership throughout the North Ridgeville Community.

Additionally, this week, NRCS held its initial Coffee and a Conversation with the superintendent. As a district, we continuously seek opportunities for community engagement. Coffee and a Conversation gives me the opportunity to listen to community members and answer questions they have about the district. Coffee and a Conversation gives residents, who otherwise may not have students in our schools, the chance to build a connection with the district. The next meeting is on Tuesday, February 15, from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at City Hall with Mayor Kevin Corcoran. Additional dates are listed in the newsletter.

Finally, while not unique to NRCS, we have experienced staffing shortages throughout the year. Despite this challenge, we have been fortunate to maintain a five-day, in-person calendar. While we hope it will not become necessary, the possibility of short-term remote learning has been part of our Ranger Reopening plan since the beginning of the school year. Should we experience a situation that would prevent us from staffing our buildings, families should prepare for a sudden shift to remote learning if we experience extreme staff shortages.



Sincerely,
Roxann Ramsey-Caserio,
Superintendent

Board of Education Inauguration

Congratulations to Jeff Grigsby who was sworn in as a new member of the Board of Education last week. Marci Saxon was sworn in after being reelected and after being selected by the board as vice president. Frank Vacha was sworn in as president after being selected by the board.



Happy 106th

Happy 106th birthday to Danbury Senior Living resident Viola Liptok. Viola turned 106 years old on Dec. 6!



Indoor Walking at Liberty Elementary

In collaboration with North Ridgeville Heart & Sole, indoor walking will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at Liberty Elementary until March 24. Masks are required when you attend and all ages are welcome. We hope to see you there!



Cheers to 2022 from Danbury Senior Living!



ROPE Winners



Join us in Congratulating Danbury North Ridgeville's most recent ROPE Award WINNERS, Cindy and Shawna!!

These two lovely ladies are in our Environmental Services Department, helping clean and attend the needs of our residents. We know we can always count on them, making sure our community is clean! They are so hardworking and show people what a strong team should look like!

Thank YOU Cindy and Shawna for all you do for our staff and residents! It's people like you, that make working and living at Danbury, a remarkable experience.

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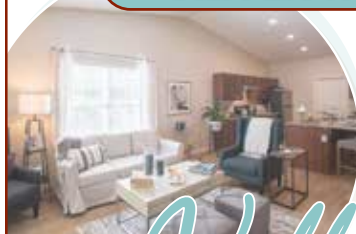
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North Ridgeville Schools Ranger Round-Up

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RHTA Open House

On Thursday, January 27, from 5-7 p.m., the Ranger High-Tech Academy is hosting an open house for incoming students and community members.

Eighth-Grade Information Night

On Monday, January 24, from, 6-7 p.m., there is an Eighth-Grade Information Night for incoming freshmen.

Coffee and Conversation

Enjoy coffee and a conversation with Superintendent Roxan Ramsey-Caserio in the NRAC Community Room from 9-10 a.m. March 16, April 12 and May 17. The Academic Center Community Room is located at 34620 Bainbridge Road at the Board of Education office.



Students of the Month

North Ridgeville City Schools proudly announces that seniors Cayla Holman and Hunter Roseto were selected as the Rotary Club of North Ridgeville January Students of the Month! Both students aspire to enter career fields that help others. Hunter plans to become a teacher and Cayla plans to become a doctor.



Ridgeville Gymnast Honored

Congratulations to Veronica Waugaman on a fantastic career as a North Ridgeville High gymnast! Veronica was recognized for her accomplishments during senior night. Veronica is also a noted pole vaulter and holds the Lorain County pole vault record. She is a track and field commit for Ohio State University and hopes to follow in the footsteps of Olympic gold medalist Katie Naegotte of Olmsted Falls.



Virtual Concert

On December 20, the NRHS choir and band performed a virtual concert for students at the Academic Center!



100 Wins

Congratulations to North Ridgeville wrestler Zach Orseno on earning his 100th career win last week. Way to go, Zach!



Making a Difference

Huge shout out to Nick & Dakota who took the lead on Ridgeville High Tech Academy's toy drive to benefit the pediatrics unit at Metro-Health Hospital. They also help shop to replenish the Community Care Pantry as part of our newly formed Kiwanis Builders Club.



Polar Express

Preschool and Kindergarten students at the ECLC experienced The Polar Express last month! Students had an enjoyable time watching the movie, eating snacks, and making crafts!



Solo and Ensemble Contest

On Saturday, January 29, from 8 a.m. - 5 pm., the North Ridgeville High School Band Department is hosting a Solo and Ensemble program. The district is hosting 26 high schools and hosting 529 events.



GINGERNEERING DESIGN CHALLENGE

MS. RAMBO'S 5TH GRADE STEM CLASS

Gingerbread Challenge

Ms. Rambo and Ms. Kessler's fifth and sixth-grade STEM classes at the North Ridgeville Academic Center participated in a competition through Explore Learning called the Gingerneering Design Challenge! Each class created a village out of food that displays simple machines!

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