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Arts in Action Second Mural Revealed



North Ridgeville Schools Arts in Action students unveiled their final mural for the year recently at Between the Bun. This is the third business to commission the students for such a project.

For more information, contact Dana Frieg at North Ridgeville High School.

The burger mural was revealed at Between the Bun restaurant, now operating as Buns and Brews Sportsbar and Grill.

"We can't thank the students and teachers enough for the amazing things they bring to the community. If you knew the whole story behind this art class. How and when and who started

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Amazing Shake Winners

Congratulations to Our Amazing Shake Winners!

After months of hard work, preparation, and professionalism, these outstanding students shined during The Amazing Shake and made a meaningful impact in our community along the way!

- Gianna Fiscella earned \$500 for the Lorain County Free Clinic thanks to sponsor Dr. Ron Arndt.
- Gavin Rusnak earned \$500 for Wigs for Kids thanks to sponsors Frank and Carol Toth.
- Harley Tilley earned \$500 for the Friendship APL thanks to the Somerville Family.
- Felicity Hebert earned \$500 for The Gathering Place thanks to the Peck Family.

These students dedicated themselves all year to developing confidence, communication, leadership, and professionalism through The Amazing Shake and their hard work truly paid off! Not only did they excel in competition, but they also helped support incredible local nonprofits making a difference in our community.

"We are so proud of each of you!"

The Amazing Shake educates students in the art of business and social etiquette.



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James Shuleva with NRCS physical therapist, Michelle Jicha

Kiwanis Club of North Ridgeville Donates Amtryke to Local Student

The Kiwanis Club of North Ridgeville recently donated a Path Line model Amtryke to James Shuleva, an 11-year-old North Ridgeville resident and fifth-grade student at North Ridgeville Academic Center, helping expand access to mobility, recreation and independence through adaptive equipment.

Amtrykes are customizable adaptive tricycles designed to promote mobility, strength, coordination and confidence. Each unit is tailored to meet the unique needs of the rider, making them an important therapeutic and recreational tool for individuals with varying abilities.

James, who has Down syndrome, partici-

pates in many of the same activities and sports as his peers. While it may take him a little longer to master certain skills, his determination and years of physical and occupational therapy have helped him overcome challenges related to muscle tone and coordination. Using the Amtryke will continue to build his stamina while giving him the freedom to enjoy riding just like any other young person.

James attends school in his home district, North Ridgeville, where he spends more than half of his school day in a traditional general education environment alongside his peers, with additional time dedicated to specialized

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instruction. Educating students with Down syndrome in their home districts, among typical peers, is now considered best practice and reflects a significant shift from approaches used decades ago.

James was already familiar with Amtrykes through his physical therapy work at school, where he was introduced to their benefits by North Ridgeville City Schools physical therapist, Michelle Jicha. Having his own Amtryke allows him to continue building strength and confidence at home and in the community.

“Kiwanis Club loves helping these very special kids. We have given 9 Amtrykes to North Ridgeville City Schools and 10 to individual children. We have another one that we hope to give out before the end of

the school year—number 20!” said president, Toni Krone.

Providing Amtrykes for children is a high priority and a major focus for the Kiwanis Club. This donation reflects the organization’s ongoing commitment to supporting youth and enhancing quality of life in North Ridgeville.

James was excited and grateful to receive his Amtryke and quickly put it to use, getting plenty of exercise on his first day riding. Mom, Jessica Shuleva shared, “having a bike like this allows James to enjoy the same freedoms as any young man. Thank you to Kiwanis for such a generous donation!”

For more information about the Kiwanis Club of North Ridgeville and its programs or to become a member, visit their website.



James with his mother Jessica

Arts in Action Second Mural Revealed

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it is just amazing. Thank you!” said Dana Frieg of North Ridgeville Schools

Another mural, another moment to celebrate! Another reason to come out and support talented students of North Ridgeville while experiencing their latest masterpiece in person. You won’t want to miss this!

For more information, contact Dana Frieg at North Ridgeville High School.



North Ridgeville Fire Department Earns Silver Recognition from American Heart Association’s Mission: Lifeline EMS Program

The North Ridgeville Fire Department has been awarded Silver recognition through the American Heart Association’s Mission: Lifeline EMS program, a national initiative that recognizes excellence in prehospital care for patients experiencing heart attacks and strokes.

Mission: Lifeline EMS highlights agencies across the country that meet or exceed established, guideline-directed quality measures. These standards are designed to improve patient outcomes by ensuring timely, evidence-based care from the moment emergency responders arrive.

Captain Alex Shear submitted the department’s performance data for consideration. The department earned Silver recognition in its first year participating in the program. With continued performance at similar levels, the depart-

ment is positioned to achieve Gold recognition in the future.

The American Heart Association’s Mission: Lifeline EMS program focuses on building a coordinated system of care that connects first responders, hospitals and specialists. The program emphasizes adherence to evidence-based guidelines, ongoing performance measurement and continuous quality improvement to identify opportunities to enhance care. Prehospital providers play a critical role as the first point of care for patients experiencing cardiac and stroke emergencies. The care delivered in these early moments often sets the course for a patient’s outcome.

“This recognition reflects our commitment to delivering high-quality, evidence-based care to our residents,” said Chief John Reese. “Our team continues to focus on training, performance and continuous improvement to ensure

the best possible outcomes for those we serve.”

The North Ridgeville Fire Department remains committed to advancing patient care and strengthening emergency medical services through ongoing evaluation, training and community-focused service delivery.



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Simply show your LPLS library card to participate.

Supporting the library also supports local businesses — a great way to celebrate 125 years in our community.



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North Ridgeville State of the City 2026 Highlights Blueprints for City/School Growth

Each year, the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce sponsors a State of the City luncheon to provide an opportunity for the Mayor to inform residents and businesses of the past year's activities and accomplishments and of the goals being set for the upcoming year.



BLUEPRINT for growth



Economic Development Preparing Sites and Infrastructure to Attract Investment

Strategic site readiness initiatives

- Industrial Park preparing ~60 acres for development
- Cypress Avenue extension opening new commercial opportunities
- Taylor Parkway resurfacing
- New tools: Community Improvement Corporation and TIF districts

What it means for residents:
More local jobs and a stronger tax base to support city services

What's next:
Development-ready sites positioned for new business

In 2022, that event expanded to include a joint address by the Mayor and Superintendent of North Ridgeville City Schools. Here is a look at some of the highlights shared by Mayor Kevin Corcoran and Supt. Roxann Ramsey-Caserio as they presented blueprints for community growth April 15 at the High School.



Mayor Kevin Corcoran and Supt. Roxann Ramsey-Caserio

To view the entire slide show visit: https://www.nridgeville.org/Downloads/State_of_North_Ridgeville_2026.pdf

BLUEPRINT for growth

Public Safety Responding to Community Needs

- Increased staffing
- Police specialty units
- Fire/EMS responding to more than 6,000 calls annually
- Expanded Community Outreach

What it means for residents:
Reliable response when you need it and proactive efforts to keep neighborhoods safe

What's next:
Ongoing focus on training, equipment and service delivery



BLUEPRINT for sustainability



More Balanced Tax Base Strengthens Financial Stability

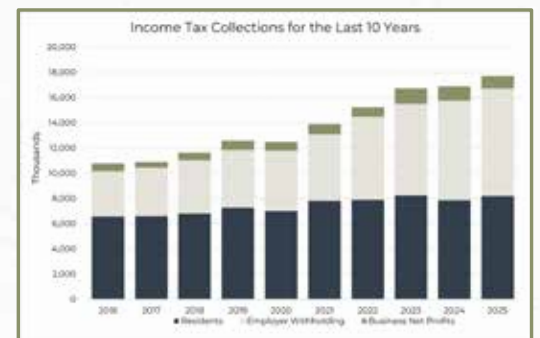
- Income tax collections have steadily increased over the past decade
- Employer withholdings now make up a larger share of revenue
- Business and job growth are helping balance the tax base

Shift in Revenue

- Residents: 56% → 46%
- Employers: 38% → 48%
- Net profits: 5% → 6%

What it means for residents:
More balance reduces reliance on residents and reflects a growing economy

What's next:
Continue attracting businesses and supporting job growth



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BLUEPRINT for sustainability

NRCs Expenditures

- Personnel: 82%
- Purchased Services: 12%
- Other: 6%

NRCs Revenue Sources

- Local Taxes: 63%
- State Funding: 29%
- Other: 8%

BLUEPRINT for sustainability

North Ridgeville City Schools will lose \$21 million over the next five years.

Public School Funding Changes

- Due to House Bill 186 and actions by the Lorain County Commissioners, district funding will decrease by **\$893.62 per student annually**.

Our Response

- Identify opportunities to increase revenue
- Conduct ongoing budget reviews to plan for responsible reductions

Our Goal

- Navigate funding changes while preserving high-quality school programming
- Minimum disruption to the educational experience for our students

House Bill 186 and related state funding changes eliminate over \$2.2 million each year.

LC Commissioners expanded the Homestead and Owner-occupied Credit which is an immediate loss of \$1.7 million.

BLUEPRINT for sustainability

Financial Foundation

Strong Finances Supporting Essential Services

- Awarded Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting every year since 2020
- Published first Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR)
- Dedicated to safety and security of community - based on focused spending

BLUEPRINT for the future

New North Ridgeville High School

Building Features

- 341,805 Square Feet
- Two large two-story academic wings
- Versatile flex spaces for collaborative group work or quiet individual study
- Performing Arts Center with 1,610 seats
- Competition Gymnasium with 1,750 seats
- Natatorium with eight lane pool for instruction, training, and competition

BLUEPRINT for the future

Smarter City Services

Modernizing City Operations

- Traffic monitoring and safety tools improving decision making
- Public Safety technology enhancing response and investigations
- Public Works GIS, database and water sensors track and prioritizes work
- GovWell portal for online permitting and electronic bidding
- Water meter upgrade

What it means to residents:
Faster, more accurate and efficient solutions to everyday challenges equals better service to our residents

What's next: Continued utilization of data and technology to improve how we serve the community

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Optimizes signal timing & operations

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Detection will help dispatchers select routes to avoid delays caused by trains

BLUEPRINT for the future

A City Moving Forward Together

- Growth is being guided with intention
- Resources are being managed responsibly
- Investments today are building tomorrow's community

Everything we've shared builds the foundation for the future of our community.

A strong community is not just built on infrastructure and services ... it's built on people.

Just as the city is planning for the future, the schools are preparing the next generation to succeed in it.

What it means to residents:
A strong, safe and connected North Ridgeville today - and into the future

BLUEPRINT for the future

Opportunities in the New Facility

Expanded Student Experiences

- Enhanced opportunities for student involvement, leadership, and real-world skill development

Added Programming

- New course offerings like Theater Production, Set Design & Construction, Costume Design
- Introduction of courses for Lifeguard Certification, Water Safety and Swim Instruction

Revenue Generating Opportunities

- Strategic use of spaces to support district sustainability
- Performing Arts Rentals for local dance companies, theater groups, and community organizations
- Pool rentals for local and regional swim teams

BLUEPRINT for the future

Construction Timeline

Completed

- Building pad
- Guaranteed Maximum Price Approved
- Bidding process complete and subcontractors hired

Next Phases

- Building concrete foundations
- Mechanical Electrical Plumbing Coordination
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North Ridgeville High School Students Honored for Community Impact

North Ridgeville High School proudly celebrates 47 students who have been recognized by the United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA) and InnerView as part of the eighth annual Community Service Impact Awards. These students are being honored not only for their dedication to service, but for the meaningful difference they are making in their community and beyond.

Through their collective efforts, North Ridgeville students contributed more than 3,748 hours of community service this year, earning the prestigious Sapphire School Impact Award. This level of commitment reflects the equivalent of nearly two full-time employees working year-round to address real-world challenges. Their work supported initiatives aligned with Quality Education and other global goals, demonstrating how local actions can create lasting, global impact.

In addition, students were recognized through The Kroger Co.'s Zero Hero Awards for their efforts to reduce hunger and waste, and by ServeOhio for their outstanding volunteer service addressing critical community needs across the state.

These accomplishments place North Ridgeville students among a nationwide network of young changemakers who collectively contributed over 2.3 million hours of service, representing an estimated \$78 million in community impact.

"Our students continue to show what it means to lead with purpose," said Mrs. Meghan Hignite, Principal of North Ridgeville High School. "Their commitment to serving others, addressing real needs, and taking initiative in their community is something we are incredibly proud of. These achievements reflect not only their hard work, but their compassion and vision for making a difference."

The Community Service Impact Awards program highlights student service that builds real-world skills while addressing pressing community challenges. Students are recognized at three levels—Merit (40 hours), Honor (60

hours), and Ambassador (100+ hours)—encouraging sustained engagement and leadership in service.

Beyond recognition, participating students also receive a digital service impact resume, showcasing their achievements, skills, and commitment.

Ambassador Awardees: Reagan Ball, Ali Komilov, Alex Maropakis, Robert Perkey, Hailey White

Honor Awardees: Ryan Anderson, Simon Annor, Jeremiah Baker, Serena Baki, Jason Begalla, Paige Bielozzer, Faith Brady, Frank Brady, Daniel Caldwell, Brooklyn Coughlin, Dylan DeShazo, Sean Giannetta, Jordis Greenly,

Mason Hoff, Jakob Holland, Maria Imbrigiotta, Daniel Justiniani, Braydin Laszlo, Eric Lengauer, Ahmed Malid, Clay Monastra, Luke Mroz, Kaylin Murton, Maxwell Mylonas, Paige Orzo, Gino Packard, Olivia Palcic, Brayden Rosado, Owen Scott, Brianna Semmens, Logan Short, Oliver Smith, Matthew Snead, Brian Strippy, Omar Sulaiman, Alyssa Taylor, Averi Wuorinen

Merit Awardees: Tyler Aliff, Evan Balmert, Ahmed Elayyan, Hailey Hatfield, Lily Ulisky

Zero Hero Awardees: Serena Baki, Daniel Justiniani, Maxwell Mylonas

Discover the Ridge

North Ridgeville Celebrates America's 250th with Annual "Discover the Ridge" Community Open House

The North Ridgeville Visitors Bureau is proud to announce the return of Discover the Ridge on Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Discover the Ridge is a free, family-friendly "open house" that invites residents and visitors to explore the unique businesses, landmarks, and organizations that define North Ridgeville. From its scenic parks to its thriving local commerce, the event highlights the "high places, low places, and everywhere in between."

Win Big: The 250th Ticket Grand Prize

In honor of the nation's 250th anniversary, this year features a high-stakes giveaway. Participants can visit designated stops throughout the city to enter a raffle. The lucky individual of the 250th ticket pulled will be crowned the grand prize winner, taking home a state-of-the-art big screen TV.

Plan your route, bring the family and enjoy a day of discovery across North Ridgeville. For more information, see the brochure at: <https://www.nridgeville.org/EventAttachments/DiscovertheRidgeBrochure2026.pdf>

Lorain County Beautiful Day

Lorain County Beautiful Day is May 16 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This is a great opportunity to play an active role in improving our community and parks. Residents are encouraged to clean up, fix up, paint and spruce up our community.

Interested organizations or individuals should contact Kevin Fougousse at (440) 490-2051 or via email at kfougousse@nridgeville.gov.

Chalk the Walk

Join us as our community comes together to color, creativity and patriotic pride to the multipurpose trail for Chalk the Walk at South Central Park on May 22 from 3 to 5 p.m.! In celebration of America's 250th birthday, we're inviting residents of all ages and abilities to help transform the trail into a vibrant outdoor art gallery.

Bring your imagination and help us honor 250 years of history, freedom and community spirit with sidewalk chalk masterpieces! Whether you draw patriotic symbols, historical tributes, inspiring messages or simply colorful designs, every piece will help tell the story of America through art.

Celebrating America 250-Ohio

There's a lot happening around North Ridgeville this May as we continue celebrating America 250-Ohio.

This month's theme, Ohio Creates, brings a variety of family-friendly activities and hands-on experiences to our community.

Take a look at the flyer for a full list of events and find something that fits your schedule. You can also visit our website each month for the latest events and updates as new activities are added throughout the year.

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Ancient Wonders Museum

Last week, NRAC 6th Grade students brought history to life at the Ancient Wonders Museum!

After weeks of hard work, creativity, and research, students showcased incredible artifacts and presentations. Families, friends, and community members had the chance to explore their exhibits and celebrate all they accomplished. We are so proud of the dedication, imagination, and teamwork these students demonstrated throughout the project. Great job, students!



Congratulations NRHS Symphonic Band

Huge congratulations to our NRHS Symphonic Band! They took the stage at the state competition at GlenOak High School and delivered an outstanding performance, earning a Superior Rating! Your hard work, dedication, and talent truly shined!



Rock-Solid Week

Mrs. Knopf's 3rd Grade class had a rock-solid week! As part of their rocks and minerals unit, students cracked open geodes and discovered the amazing crystals hidden inside. Hands-on learning + beautiful weather = the perfect combination for curiosity and fun!



NRHS Choir Visits Chicago

The NRHS Choir had an amazing weekend in Chicago! Students explored iconic spots, performed at the Field Museum, and participated in a choral clinic at the University of Illinois. Highlights included seeing Hamilton and enjoying deep-dish pizza! Most importantly, the trip was full of fun, connection, and unforgettable memories—check out photos from The Bean and their performance!



Baking for Beginners

We've had a sweet week in our Baking for Beginners classes! Students took on a fun cookie Challenge, where each group created their own original, crumbly-style cookie recipe. The creativity was incredible with flavors like Kitchen Sink, Strawberry Lemonade, Funfetti Milkshake, and Brownie S'more!



Leveling Up

NRAC Students are LEVELING UP this week as they gear up and get ready to power through state testing like pros. Let's go, NRAC. Time to unlock your potential!



Representing ASL

High School ASL students painted their hands to represent different signs, combining creativity with communication in a meaningful way! What a fun activity!



Celebrating Cinco de Mayo

RHTA Spanish students celebrated Cinco de Mayo through service and community impact! Inspired by the international movement "The Homeless World Cup," students created bilingual kindness kits to support at-risk youth during the summer months when school-based supports may not be available. A special thank you to our NRCS social workers for visiting our classroom and sharing the needs within our community, and gracias to everyone who helped make this project possible!



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Wind and Hail Damage: Protecting Your Roof When Storms Strike

Northeast Ohio homeowners are all too familiar with how unpredictable weather can be in every season. This spring has already delivered plenty of rain, high winds, and even hail. While these storms may pass in minutes, the damage they leave behind can affect your roof for years if not addressed promptly. At Mark 2 Roofing, we've seen how wind and hail can compromise even well-maintained roofs and siding, regardless of age. That's why the smartest step after severe weather is to schedule a professional inspection. Here's what you need to know about how storms can impact your home, and why acting early makes all the difference.

How Wind Damages Your Roof

Strong gusts create uplift pressure that lifts shingle edges and breaks the adhesive seals designed to keep them flat and watertight. Over time, this leads to curled, creased, or missing shingles, especially along eaves, ridges, and corners. Wind can also loosen flashing around chimneys, vents, and skylights, while scattering protective granules from asphalt shingles into your gutters. Even moderate winds (as low as 40–50 mph) can start these problems. Stronger storms push water underneath lifted areas, risking leaks, wood rot, and structural weakening. What may look like a minor cosmetic issue from the ground can quickly lead to interior water stains or attic moisture.



Kent and Jaime Krivich

The Impact of Hail on Asphalt Shingles

Many homeowners witnessed this firsthand in mid-April when golf ball-sized hail pounded the region. Hailstones strike with surprising force, bruising asphalt shingles, dislodging protective granules, and creating small dents or fractures in the shingle mat. You might notice dark circular spots, bald patches, or granules collecting in your downspouts afterward. These impacts can seem minor at first, but granule loss exposes the asphalt to UV rays, speeding up aging and making the roof more vulnerable to future storms. In some cases, hail causes hidden cracks or soft bruised spots that only become evident when water seeps underneath. Left unchecked, hail damage shortens your roof's lifespan and can lead to expensive repairs or a full replacement.



Why a Ground-Level View Isn't Enough

After a storm, many homeowners look up and do not see obvious problems, like missing shingles or visible dents. Unfortunately, damage from wind and hail often cannot be seen from the ground. Professional inspectors use close-up evaluation to check for lifted seals, granule loss patterns, soft spots, and early signs of water intrusion. Catching these issues early can prevent minor problems from turning into major leaks, mold concerns, or complete roof failure. A thorough inspection also helps document damage properly for insurance claims, giving you peace of mind and protecting your investment.

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