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# **Ridgeville Schools Celebrate Summer**

erty, NRAC 3-4, and NRAC 5-8, in collaboration with Ranger High-Tech Academy, hosted reverse parades as teachers officially said goodbye to students as summer break officially begins next week.

"The parades were a remarkable sight as staff decorated colorful and creative signs expressing how much they have missed their students and wishing them a great summer," Superintendent Roxann Ramsey-Caserio said. "Balloons and streamers were







prominently displayed on staff members' vehicles. Liberty Principal Mitch Heffron even wore his famous chicken costume despite the scorching heat, and made his students

"As always, I acknowledge the hard work and effort our staff put into organizing these reverse parades. The staff created an opportunity for students to share with them a wonderful ending to a most unusual school year."

Here is a look at the fun!

## Honoring the **North Ridgeville** Class of 2020



How did the transportation department organize the bus tribute for the Class of 2020? Check out the short video to see how the design transpired! #NRCSTogether #RangerSTRONG

# **Lorain County Community College Celebrates 2020 Graduates with Grand Display**



LCCC graduate Damarilys Hernandez, who earned her associate of arts degree, in the center of the flags as her father snaps a picture on her graduation day.

Colleges and universities across the country that would normally be packed with thousands of graduates celebrating commencement ceremonies with their families sit empty this May. But a college in Elyria, Ohio is anything but empty. Lorain County Community College has added 47,000 flags near its main entrance in a grand art display honoring the 2,178 graduates of the class of 2020. The flags form the shape of a nearly 100,000 square-foot graduation cap.

"When this pandemic forced us to cancel our on-campus commencement and replace it with a virtual ceremony, we knew we had to do something special for this class," said LCCC president, Marcia Ballinger, Ph.D. "They're missing out on a tradition, on a hallmark moment in their lives. So, we wanted to honor each and every graduate in a way we've never done before."

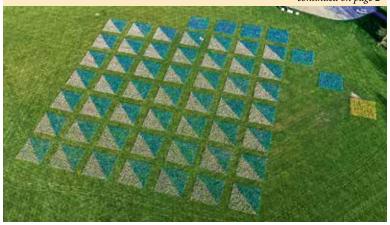
The breathtaking display is a symbolic celebration of the 2020 graduates and all grads since 1964, which marked LCCC's first graduating class. The 47,000 marking flags each represent an LCCC graduate. One square, identified by yellow flags, represents the end of the tassel and the class of 2020.

"The spirit behind this gift is to show our graduates, their friends and families, and our entire community that while we are celebrating this momentous occasion apart, the class of 2020 is united as LCCC graduates today and alumni forever," Dr. Ballinger said.

Uniting is exactly what this artwork has done. Dr. Ballinger dedicated the display to the graduating class during LCCC's virtual commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 16th. That same day, members of this year's graduating class visited campus, many in their regalia, to walk through the display, find their names on the sign that included all 2,178 graduates, and take photos with their families. Graduates like Damarilys Hernandez, who earned an associate of arts degree, stood in the center of the flags while her parents snapped photos.

But also strolling among the display were graduates from decades ago. Robert Mendak graduated from LCCC in 1985. He was there with his wife Mirta, also a 1985

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graduate and their son Stephen who graduated in 2019. Steven Logar, a retired educator who graduated from LCCC in 1976, visited the display because, he said, LCCC was where it all started for him.

Even those who've yet to see the artwork in person can feel its unifying impact.

"This art display brought tears to my eyes – not only for the LCCC graduates but all graduates nationwide," said Lisa Piscola, a 1988 LCCC grad who saw photos on Facebook.

The artwork will remain up through May and Dr. Ballinger hopes many will visit during this time, while adhering to the physical distancing rules posted. Because the world still is grappling with a pandemic that's altered the way colleges around the nation celebrate annually and function daily, possibly forever.

"In more ways than they might realize, this class is history in the making. These times are unprecedented, but so are our graduates' innovative thinking, determination, and potential," Dr. Ballinger said.



Madison Dicken, Associate of Arts with Honors, LCCC class of 2020. She's pictured here with her grandfather.



Robert and Mirta Mendak from the class of 1985 with their son, Stephen, a 2019 graduate, representing two generations of LCCC graduates.





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"I've always known LCCC students have grit, but in the past few weeks, as our graduates have overcome adversity and uncertainty that no one in this lifetime has experienced, I've been in awe.'

Dr. Ballinger is talking about students like James Wells, Jr., who dropped out of college more than 20 years ago and is finally earning his degree, alongside his son, James Wells III.

"I never dreamed I would be able to graduate from college given the opportunities I wasted as a youth. But I am overjoyed to have the privilege of graduating alongside my own son," Wells Jr. said.

Wells Jr. and his son are proud to represent two yellow flags in the cap's tassel, and to have their flags surrounded by the flags of every graduate who came before them.

That's the sentiment Dr. Ballinger had hoped for. "When you look out at 47,000 flags waving together in the wind, there's an undeniable feeling of accomplishment and togetherness that our community is so in need of these days," Dr. Ballinger said. "This is our gift to the class of 2020."

### Emerald Street to Close at Center Ridge Road

Beginning June 2, 2020, Emerald Street will close at Center Ridge Road and reopen on June 8, 2020 (weather permitting) to construct new curbs and pavement as it relates to the Center Ridge Road widening project. Detour maps are posted below for eastbound and westbound traffic on Center Ridge Road on how to gain access to businesses on Emerald Street as well as to the homes in the development.



We Are Proud To Announce Bistro 83 Will Be Re-Opening Monday, June 8th For Dine In & Curbside Pickup.

Our Hours Will Be:

Monday - Thursday: 11am - 9pm Friday - Saturday: 11am - 10pm Sunday: Closed





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## Norfolk Southern Starts Phase 3 of Repairs at Crossings

Norfolk Southern railroad track repairs have been moved to start phase 3 this week. Phase 3 - the crossing will be paved and permanently put back into service; this closure is a controlled closure and the road will be closed for one full day. The following is a tentative schedule for closing each crossing: Race Road and Maddock Road - work is scheduled to occur June 3, 2020; and, Root Road and Chestnut Ridge Road - work is scheduled June 4, 2020. 6-1-2020 - NS notified the city there will be a one to two day delay in this schedule.

The entire project - all three phases - are anticipated to be completed by mid June 2020. Once the work is completed, the Quiet Zone signal will be repaired.

# **Updated Street** Repair

The city has released its asphalt street resurfacing list.

Adele Street - Milling to begin June 1 with paving to follow

Gloria Avenue (from Jefferson Avenue to just west of Madison Avenue) - Milling to begin June 1 with paving to follow

Madison Avenue (between Adams Avenue and Gloria Avenue) - Milling to begin June 1 with paving to follow

Main Avenue (from Adele to May) - Milling to begin June 1 with paving to follow

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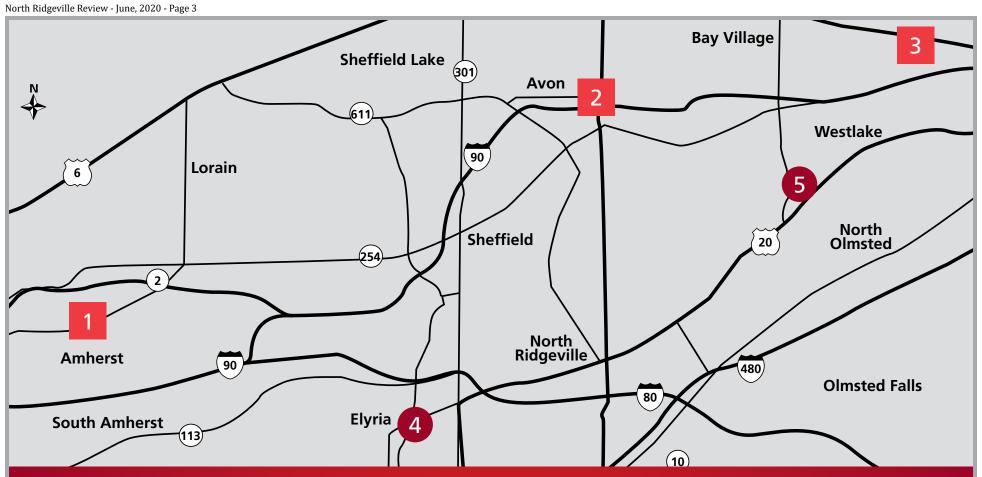
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# North Ridgeville Parks & Recreation: Adventures Alive Scavenger Hunt 2020

There's a real life treasure hidden somewhere in in North Ridgeville! Will you and your team be able to find it?

Lost Treasure of ZAGR is an immersive, augmented reality that will direct you all over North Ridgeville. This is an app based game for playing digitally interactive scavenger hunts to lead the learner on a path of adventure and discovery. The game or 'clue hunt' quite literally augments our reality by enhancing peoples' reallife interaction while using their smartphones or tablets to uncover clues and solve riddles.

Grab your team of 2-6 players (friends, family or both) and see if you have what it takes to finish the hunt! One smart phone per team. Must visit the locations and be within 25 feet to unlock next

To begin please download application which will be emailed to you. If you have any questions please contact Melissa Shirley.

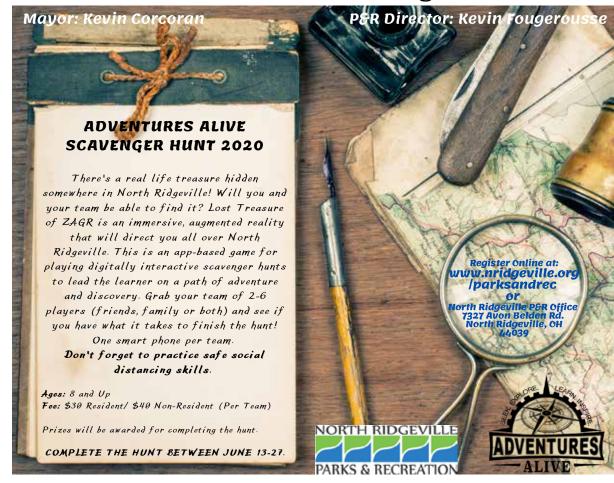
Ages: 8 and Up, Fee: \$30 Resident / \$40 Non-Resident Per

Register Online at: www.nridgeville.org/parksandrec or North Ridgeville P&R Office, 7327 Avon Belden Rd., North Ridgeville,

#### **HOW IT WORKS**

The Lost Treasure of ZaGR is an immersive, augmented reality, educational experience that allows kids of all ages to participate in a virtual, global treasure hunt right in their hometown.

- 1. Download the app Your adventure is centrally driven by the ClueKeeper app (available for both iOS Apple and Android phones)
- 2. Magical Clues Appear! SCAN pages of the secret journal to reveal amazing places and people. Each clue comes to life in augmented reality! Submit your answers.
- 3. **Take Notes** Note-taking is a good academic skill in itself. Write down clues, words, symbols, and ideas that stick out, and refer back to them later. There may even be some clues you'll need to string together over several clues.
- 4. **Be Patient** There's no shortcut to adventure, and there's certainly no shortcut to finding The Lost Treasure of ZaGR. Finding the treasure will challenge your intuition, your focus, your ability to locate and decipher clues and riddles, and your commitment to completing the challenge. You won't catch everything the first time. Slow things down. Pause where necessary. Go back to earlier videos later on.



## **Danbury Senior Living: Letter To Families**

Dear Residents & Families,

Many of the conversations we are having these days are understandably around visitation. We get it. So, great news

Yesterday we received word from the Governor's office that restrictions on visitation in assisted living communities are beginning to be lifted. What does this mean for us? To quote the Governor's office

Beginning on June 8, 2020, properly prepared assisted living facilities and intermediate care facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities can begin to allow outdoor visitation.

Because each facility is different, each facility can determine how to best implement outdoor visitations, however, at a minimum, all facilities must develop a policy that includes:

- Screening for temperatures and symptom-reporting for visitors
- Scheduled hours and time limits for visits
- Proper social distancing measures
- Face coverings
- Resident, family, and friend education about the risks of the spread of COVID-19

This is, of course, welcome news for all of us in the Danbury family! We give a big shout out to the Ohio Assisted Living Association and our own Chief Operations Officer, Andy Harpster. Both were instrumental in getting this accomplished sooner rather than later. Our gratitude goes to both of you!

We are in the planning stage for these outdoor visitations to take place in the courtyards of our communities. To maintain compliance with the Governor's guidelines above our plan will include the following:

- Two visits per week per family
- Two-hour blocks of time per visit
- Visits are limited to two people per resident.
- Visits will be Monday-Friday and can be made from 9-11am or 1:30-3:30pm
- For working families, visits can be made 5-7pm on Wednesday evenings
  - All visits will be scheduled by RSVP
  - Visitors must wear mask

Please be aware there will be a set number of stations for visits because of space limitations and to keep social distancing. This will limit the number of visits we can schedule at given times.

For scheduling, please call your community on Thursday & Friday, June 4-5.

Our priority is the care of the whole person, and in a crisis like the one we are experiencing this is a delicate balance. While we are seeing businesses open and some restrictions changing and lifting, we know that the CO-VID-19 virus is still very prevalent and can be devastating to vulnerable populations. It is important to all of us decisions be made carefully to balance the need to reunite family members and the safety of all.

We will continue to keep in place an abundance of preventative measures and policies, along with recommendations to as much as possible maintain everyone's safety. We also continue to need everyone to do their individual part to ensure their safety and that of those around them. For the sake of our much-loved residents please practice wearing mask, social distancing, hand washing, and other measures to remain safe and healthy.

Always in this together! Sincerely yours, The Danbury Senior Living Family

# Danbury Carries On for a Better Tomorrow



To our staff, thank you for all you do.

To our residents, we will be with you every step. To our community, we are ready to support you.

At Danbury Senior Living, we are determined to do all we can to provide personalized care with the safest and most comfortable environment we can in each of our Danbury communities.



To find out how we can support you and for more information on Danbury North Ridgeville please call

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Be sure to visit us on our website and on social media to take virtual tours or to see our Danbury communities!

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