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## Corn Festival Brings Thousands

Thousands flocked to the 51st Annual Corn Festival despite the heat to enjoy a fun filled weekend of food, music, a lighted drone show, a corn hole tournament, a cutest pooch contest, a car show and evening dunking members of the North Ridgeville Marching Band! The weekend was capped off with the Grande Parade on Sunday afternoon. Congratulations to the committee and everyone who helped to pull off a great event! See you next year!

Check out page 6 for more photos!



*Junior Committee Kids volunteer  
their time to shuck corn*



*Nothing like an  
ice cold lemonade*



*At the  
car  
show!*



## North Ridgeville Firefighters/ Paramedics Complete Live-Fire Hose Advancement Training

North Ridgeville Firefighters/Paramedics recently strengthened their fire suppression skills through hands-on training provided by the Ohio Fire Academy.

The academy brought its Fire Blast trailer to the North Ridgeville Fire Department, allowing participants to practice extinguishing simulated kitchen and bedroom fires on the ground floor before descending stairs to access a simulated basement fire. Propane was used to safely create realistic fire conditions inside the specialized training unit.

Firefighters from neighboring departments were also invited to participate, providing an opportunity for regional personnel to train together in a controlled environment. The majority of the North Ridgeville Fire Department completed the training.

Assistant Chief/Training Officer Jon Graf said the experience was especially valuable because effective fire suppression requires firefighters to do more than direct water toward a fire. Crews must advance heavy hose lines through a structure, position the hose where it is needed and operate the appropriate nozzle with the correct amount of water.

"One of the biggest challenges is moving the hose to where it needs to be while managing the necessary water flow," Graf said. "This type of hands-on training allows our firefighters to practice those skills in realistic conditions, so they are better prepared when responding to an emergency."

The Ohio Fire Academy training crew reinforces the importance of the first hose line with the saying, "As the first line goes, so goes the fire." The first line placed into operation often plays a critical role in controlling the fire, protecting occupants and

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

August is a month of transition. Like many families, mine tries to fit in one last vacation, day trip or adventure before summer winds down.

Back-to-school season is right around the corner. Students are looking forward to finding out their teachers and reconnecting with friends, and there's a real excitement building as the new year gets closer. While the end of summer feels bittersweet, there is also something positive about it. A new year means new chances to learn and grow.

There's still plenty of summer left here in North Ridgeville, and I hope you take advantage of it. Some of the best summer memories are made right here at home.

However you spend these last few weeks, whether it's traveling, out at a community event or just enjoying a quiet evening with family, I hope you make the most of it.

As we get closer to the new school year, I wish our students, families, teachers and school staff a safe and successful year ahead. I'll also ask everyone to keep an eye out for kids and buses, and to expect more traffic in the mornings and afternoons once classes resume.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. I hope to see you around town.

*Mayor Kevin Corcoran*



# Lorain County Health & Dentistry Earns Multiple National Quality Awards from HRSA for Outstanding 2025 Performance

Lorain County Health & Dentistry (LCH&D) has been recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) with multiple **Community Health Quality Recognition (CHQR)** badges for its outstanding performance during the 2025 reporting year.

The annual CHQR badges recognize Community Health Centers across the nation that demonstrate exceptional clinical quality, improved patient outcomes, expanded access to care, and excellence in using health information technology to serve their communities.

Among the badges awarded to LCH&D are:

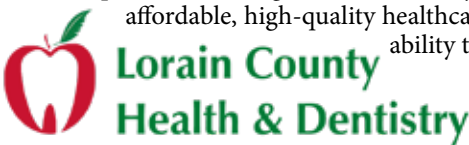
**National Quality Leader – Diabetes Health • Preventive Health • National Quality Leader – Heart Health • Health Center Quality Leader – Silver Awardee • Advancing Health Information Technology for Quality**

These national recognitions highlight LCH&D's continued commitment to providing high-quality, accessible, and patient-centered healthcare while improving health outcomes across the communities it serves. The Community Health Quality Recognition program highlights health centers that consistently meet or exceed national benchmarks in preventive care, chronic disease management, health outcomes, quality improvement, and the strategic use of health information technology. The awards are based on performance data submitted annually through HRSA's Uniform Data System.

In 2025, Lorain County Health & Dentistry provided comprehensive healthcare services to more than **17,500** patients through more than **57,000** visits across its six locations in Lorain, Elyria, Oberlin, and North Ridgeville.

Lorain County Health & Dentistry offers comprehensive medical, dental, behavioral health, psychiatry, women's health, vision, podiatry, pharmacy, and care coordination services for patients of all ages. As a Federally Qualified Health Center, LCH&D provides

affordable, high-quality healthcare regardless of a patient's insurance status or ability to pay.



For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (440) 240-1655 or visit [www.lorainhealth-dentistry.org](http://www.lorainhealth-dentistry.org).

# City Awarded Funds Through Highway Safety Improvement Program

The city of North Ridgeville has been awarded \$1,892,025 through the Ohio Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Improvement Program to support sidewalk and pedestrian safety improvements along Lorain Road (State Route 10).

The award was announced July 23 as part of a \$72 million statewide investment in 33 transportation safety projects across 23 Ohio counties. The Highway Safety Improvement Program targets locations where infrastructure improvements can help reduce fatal and serious injury crashes.

The Lorain Road Systemic Safety Pedestrian Improvements project will address gaps in sidewalk coverage along Lorain Road, extending from Bliss Parkway through the Interstate 480 interchange area. Other planned improvements include new pedestrian countdown signals and pushbuttons at several intersections as well as enhanced crosswalk markings and ADA-accessible curb ramps.

The corridor is identified as a High Priority Pedestrian Segment on ODOT's Safety Map Viewer and is included in the city's Active Transportation Plan which can be viewed at [nridgeville.gov/](http://nridgeville.gov/)

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Once completed, the project will provide residents with a safer, more continuous route for walking and biking along this section of Lorain Road.

"We are grateful to the state for recognizing the need along this corridor," Mayor Kevin Corcoran said. "Following the pedestrian safety improvements completed on Lorain Road this summer, this award allows us to continue that work along another critical section of the corridor."

Pedestrian safety funding is highly competitive and the award reflects the strength of the city's application and the documented need for improvements along this section of Lorain Road.

Funding is programmed for state fiscal year 2031. Project design, scheduling and construction details will be shared as they become available.



# Back-to-School Skincare: Start the School Year Looking Your Best

As August arrives, students and teachers alike are getting ready for a new school year. While you're shopping for school supplies and planning your schedule, don't forget about your skin. Looking your best starts with healthy skin, and a consistent skincare routine can make a noticeable difference.

The foundation of healthy skin is simple: cleanse and mois-

turize twice a day with products designed for your skin type. Even during the busiest days, taking a few minutes to care for yourself is well worth it. Healthy-looking skin can boost confidence, helping you feel your best in the classroom and beyond.

The school year can also bring added stress. Long days, busy schedules, hormone changes, and lack of sleep can all affect your skin. These factors may contribute to acne, dryness, or flare-ups of conditions such as eczema. The good news is that many of these concerns can be minimized with a consistent skincare routine and the right products.

Pay attention to how your skin changes throughout the year. If you notice increased dryness or breakouts, it may be time to add a targeted product to your routine. While there are effective products to treat acne, dry skin, and eczema, prevention is always the best approach.

Healthy skin isn't just about what you apply—it's also about how you care for your body. Stay well hydrated by drinking plenty of water throughout the day, especially if

you're active. Most health experts recommend aiming for about eight hours of sleep each night, along with adequate daily water intake. Good sleep, proper hydration, and a balanced skincare routine work together to keep your skin looking healthy and refreshed.

To help lock in moisture, look for moisturizers containing ingredients such as hyaluronic acid or glycerin. If acne is a concern, choose non-comedogenic products that won't clog pores. Fragrance-free formulas are often an excellent choice for sensitive skin.

Remember, your skin's needs are unique. Choosing products that are right for your skin type can help you maintain a healthy complexion all year long. If you'd like personalized recommendations for your skincare routine, I'd be happy to help you find products that fit your skin's specific needs.

Georgia Awig, RN



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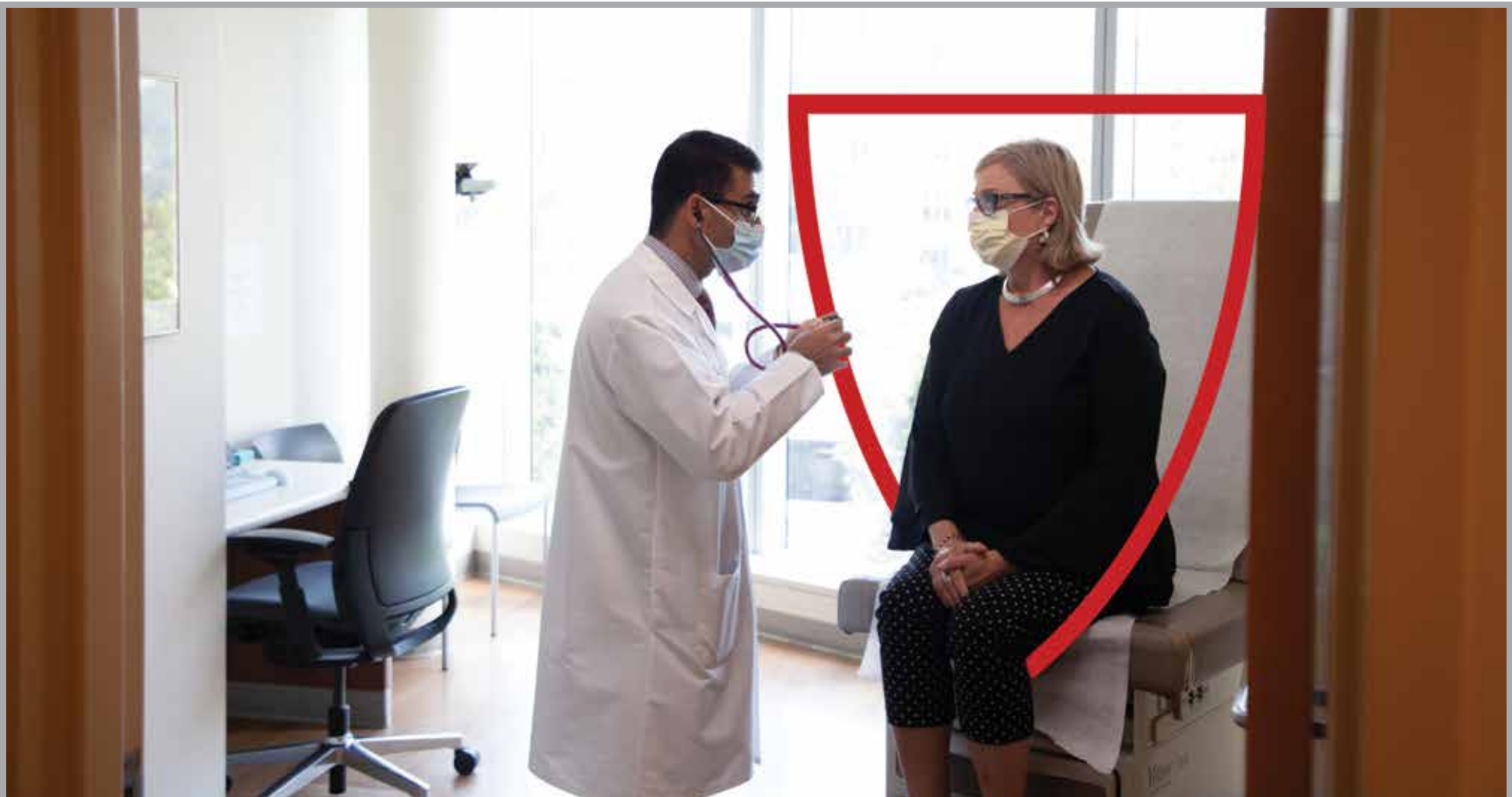
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## SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

**Hey, Batter, Batter, Batter:** *Monday, August 17, 1 p.m.* - Hey, Batter, Batter, Batter... Calling all baseball fans! Join this fresh, thought-provoking discussion on what's happening in the game today - rule changes, analytics, salaries, pace of play and where the sport is headed, wrapping up with a Q & A led by you! Register by August 14.

**Health Talk with Dr. Alexander Zolli:** *Thursday, August 20, 10 a.m.* - Join us for an informative presentation on a variety of health, disease and wellness topics. August's topic is Lymphedema. Dr. Alexander Zolli is the Surgeon-in-Residence at LCCC.

**Ladies Brunch:** *Thursday, August 20, 10:30 a.m.* - North Ridgeville Police Department presents SWAT Team. An officer from NRPD will be here to present on SWAT Team training, the bomb squad and other encounters. There will be time for a Q & A, make sure you prepare your questions! Register in advance by calling (440) 490-2056. Cost: \$4

**Nature Walks:** *Friday, August 21, 2 p.m.* - Join Stacey for a guided nature walk at Sandy Ridge West Reservation. We will keep working on our American 250 list together.

**Banana Split Day:** *Tuesday, August 25, 1 p.m.* - Because sometimes one scoop of happiness just isn't enough. Come out of the heat of summer and celebrate this sweet treat. Register by August 21.

**Try It Tuesday:** *Tuesday, August 25, 12 p.m.* - Explore different cultures, regions or even to back in time through food or different food preferences/diets. One of our own, will be cooking up authentic Pakistani recipes. Register by August 20. Cost \$3.

**Concert in the Park:** *Thursday, August 27, 6 p.m.* - Bring your lawnchair and join us for the free concert hosted by Lorain County MetroParks at Lakeview Park. Swing Time Big Band.

**Outing: Milan, Marblehead & Merry-Go Round:** *Friday, August 28, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.* - Milan,

Marblehead & Merry-Go Rounds \$24. Ohio is home to a rich and unique history. Our journey will begin with a visit to Thomas Edison's birthplace, followed by a tour of the oldest lighthouse on Lake Erie. Afterward, we'll enjoy lunch at Frisch's Big Boy before making our final stop at the Merry-Go-Round Museum on the way home. All tours are included in the trip price. Guests who wish to climb to the top of the lighthouse may do so for an additional \$5 fee. Registration begins Wednesday, July 29 at 1 p.m. 13 spots available on the bus.

**Goodtime III Cruise & Air Show:** *Friday, September 4, 10:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.* - Goodtime III Cruise & Air Show \$35. Cruise along the lakefront and up the Cuyahoga River on the Goodtime III, with some glimpses of air show practice. Late lunch to follow. Registration begins Wednesday, July 15 at 1 p.m. 13 spots available on the bus.

**Foot Care:** *Wednesday, September 16, 8 a.m.* - Appointments are first come first served by the

sign-in sheet at the front desk. If it is your first visit with the doctor, contact Dr. Emmert's Office at (216) 529-1800 before your appointment to verify they have the necessary information.

**Diabetes Wellness Retreat:** *Friday, September 18* - The Senior Center will be hosting a community Diabetes Wellness Retreat sponsored by University Hospitals. Target audience is individuals 50-80 with pre-diabetes or type-1 diabetes. This free, all-day workshop provides education and guidance on: Diabetes & Nutrition Education • Healthy Meals & Snacks • Physical Activity & Exercise Classes • Free Wellness Tools & Resources. More information will be posted when it becomes available.

**Spaghetti Dinner:** *Friday, September 25, 5-7 p.m.* - Join us for this community event that raises money for programs at the center. Adults \$8, Seniors \$7, Children 10 and under \$5. Soda and dessert are available for \$1 each. Dine-in or carry out is available.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE SAFETY FAIR!

Join us Saturday, October 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Ranger Way for an afternoon of safety demonstrations, activities, prizes and opportunities to meet members of our local safety forces. Bring the family and learn important safety tips while enjoying

a fun community event. We hope to see you there!

Come kick off Fire Safety Week with the North Ridgeville Police & Fire Department! There will be food, bounce houses, face painting and other fun activities for kids. Informational tables on

hand with fire safety and health tips for adults and children. Fire trucks and ambulances, police cars and street department trucks will be on hand to tour and touch. Area medical helicopters are also planned to visit, weather and emergencies permitting.



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## Lorain Public Library System to be Drop Off Sites for United Way of Greater Lorain County School Supply Drive

All six branches of the Lorain Public Library System will be collecting new school supplies for the United Way of Greater Lorain County's Collect-Sort-Deliver initiative from Saturday, Aug. 1 through Monday, Aug. 31.

"The majority of their other community partners are collecting supplies this month," said Jennifer Black, Director of Marketing and Public Relations for LPLS. "We decided to collect in August to not interfere with the diaper drive that we are running through the end of July."

The school supplies gathered will benefit Lorain County elementary students. There are two ways to donate: either shop and take the supplies to a designated box at any of the drop-off locations or shop online and have your donation shipped directly to the United Way of Greater Lorain County's office at 642 Broadway, Lorain, OH 44052 to the attention of Kelsey Jones.

The 2026 School Supply Collection Wish List: 2-pocket folders • Backpacks • Disinfecting wipes • Dry erase markers • Glue sticks • Over the ear headphones (not ear buds) • Highlighters • Crayons (24 count) • Index cards • Laddie pencils • Notebooks (single subject, wide-ruled) • Pencil pouches • Hand Sanitizer • Scissors (childrens) • Tissues • Ziplock bags (sandwich and/or gallon sized) • Fidget toys / Sensory items

Those interested in volunteering to help sort, count, pack or deliver the school supplies should contact Kelsey Jones at United Way 440-277-6530.

Lorain Public Library System has branches in Avon, Columbia Station, Lorain, North Ridgeville and Sheffield Lake.

For more information on United Way of Lorain County visit [uwloraincounty.org](http://uwloraincounty.org).

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# Nominations Open for 2026 LCCC Commodore Hall of Fame

Lorain County Community College and the Lorain County Community College Foundation are inviting the community to nominate deserving alumni for the third class of Commodore Hall of Fame. Nominations are now open for alumni who have distinguished themselves through professional accomplishments, leadership, service to others, and a continued connection to LCCC's mission.

Established to honor the achievements of LCCC graduates, the Commodore Hall of Fame recognizes alumni whose success and contributions demonstrate the lasting impact of an LCCC education. Honorees represent the many ways Commodores are making a difference in their professions, communities, and beyond.

The third class of inductees will be celebrated during a special ceremony in November 2026 as part of the annual GRADitude celebration, hosted by the Lorain County Community College Foundation. GRADitude brings together alumni, students, community members, and supporters to celebrate LCCC's history, recognize the accomplishments of its graduates, and look toward the future of the College. The Commodore Hall of Fame induction ceremony serves as a highlight of the event, honoring the newly selected inductees and their contributions to LCCC's legacy.

"We are reminded frequently of the incredible impact LCCC alumni are making in our region and beyond," said LCCC President Marcia J. Ballinger, Ph.D. "The Commodore Hall of Fame provides an opportunity to celebrate these exceptional individuals and share their stories of achievement, perseverance, and service with our entire community."

Community members, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of the College are encouraged to submit nominations at [www.lcccfoundation.org](http://www.lcccfoundation.org) before August 31, 2026.

Nominations will be reviewed based on professional achievement, leadership, community involvement, and alignment with the values of Lorain County Community College.

For more information about the Commodore Hall of Fame nomination process, please contact: Lorain County Community College Foundation, Phone: 440.366.4039

**About Lorain County Community College Foundation:** Founded in 1973, the Lorain County Community College Foundation advances student success by connecting the generosity of donors, alumni and community partners with opportunities that transform lives. The Foundation provides scholarships, supports innovative academic programs and strengthens partnerships that expand access to education, prepare students for in-demand careers and drive economic growth throughout the region. Through philanthropy, the Foundation helps remove barriers, create opportunity and empower students to build brighter futures. The LCCC Foundation provides more than \$1.2 million in scholarships to more than 1,300 students each year. For more information, visit [LCCCFoundation.org](http://LCCCFoundation.org).



# LCCC Provides New Pathways to Advanced Manufacturing Careers Through Ohio Work Ready Funding

The future of manufacturing is being built today, and Lorain County Community College is preparing the skilled technicians who will power the next generation of industry. Through Ohio Work Ready Programs, qualified students may receive up to \$6,000 of state-funded support through Ohio Work Ready Grant Programs, creating a more affordable pathway to degrees that lead directly to some of the region's most in-demand jobs.

Ohio ranks third in the nation for manufacturing employment, and LCCC works closely with Northeast Ohio employers who are seeking skilled workers to advance the region's long history of innovation and industrial excellence. Technicians play a critical role in modern manufacturing, supporting automation, electronics, microelectronics, machining and advanced production systems.

"Manufacturing has always been a cornerstone of Northeast Ohio's economy, and today's industry requires a new generation of highly skilled technicians," said LCCC President Marcia J. Ballinger, Ph.D. "Through these programs, LCCC is connecting students with opportunities that lead to good jobs with strong earning potential while helping employers build the workforce they need for the future."

The following LCCC associate degree programs are eligible for Ohio Work Ready funding: Associate of Applied Science in Manufacturing Engineering Technology – Computer Aided Machining (CAM) / Mechanical Design • Associate of Applied Science in Multicraft Industrial Maintenance Technician • Associate of Applied Science in Electronic Engineering Technology – Applied Electronics • Associate of Applied Science in Manufacturing Engineering Technology – Microelectronic Manufacturing • Associate of Applied Science in Automation Engineering Technology – Systems Specialist



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# Corn Festival Brings Thousands

The 51st Annual North Ridgeville Corn Festival was a hit once again this year at South Central Park. Always the second weekend in August the Corn Festival is a foodies delight! Food trucks packed the midway on Bainbridge Rd. offering every delicacy under the sun from french fries to of course, corn on the cob. Other highlights included a fantastic Friday night drone show, a Saturday morning car show, music, beer tent and other entertainment as sunny skies blessed the three day event. Friday night highlight was the announcement of this year's Golden Kernal Award Winner. The honor went to Ludina Mills, former president of the North Ridgeville Arts Council. The festivities wrapped up on Sunday with Grande Parade. Congratulations to one and all for another outstanding Corn Festival weekend. See you next year!



**WE'RE ALL  
EARS!**



Corn Festival founding members Bernadine and John Butkowski enjoy some of the food delicacies at the Festival.



**Kandy, Kernel and Poppie were excited to welcome guests to the 2026 Corn Festival!**

For more photos visit [www.NorthRidgevilleReview.com](http://www.NorthRidgevilleReview.com)



# North Ridgeville Firefighters/Paramedics Complete Live-Fire Hose Advancement Training

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creating safer conditions for additional firefighters entering the structure.

The North Ridgeville Fire Department goes beyond minimum state training requirements by providing additional hands-on instruction in critical skills such as hose advancement. Newly hired Firefighters/Paramedics also complete a structured series of drills designed to build a strong foundation in hose handling, fire suppression and other essential response skills.

High temperatures and challenging air quality conditions added difficulty to the training. The Ohio Fire Academy crew worked closely with participants to conduct the exercises safely and effectively.

“The Ohio Fire Academy did a fan-

tastic job providing realistic, high-quality training while helping crews manage the conditions,” Graf said. “We appreciate the opportunity to bring this valuable resource to North Ridgeville.”

The Ohio Fire Academy operates several mobile training simulators that allow departments to access specialized instruction within their own communities. In 2025, the academy brought its Driving Simulator trailer to North Ridgeville. The department is also scheduled to host the academy’s Search and Rescue Simulator in the future.

Additional Ohio Fire Academy mobile training resources include Flash-Over and Silo Rescue Simulators.

By continuing to invest in practical training opportunities, the North Ridgeville Fire Department helps ensure its personnel are prepared to respond safely, efficiently and effectively when residents need them most.



## Behind the Badge

Officer John McGraw serves as the senior handler for the North Ridgeville Police Department’s K9 Unit, which currently includes three dual-purpose police dogs. McGraw works with Gino, from Hungary. Sergeant Jake Julio is partnered with Irie, from Brazil, and Officer Vince Macy works with Zena, from France, the department’s first female K9.

North Ridgeville’s K9 program has been active since 1995-1996. Today’s dogs are trained to detect illegal drugs other than marijuana and perform criminal patrol duties, including tracking, locating evidence, conducting area searches and protecting their handlers. When a K9 locates a missing person or suspect, the dog alerts the handler by barking.

Gino has assisted with several significant searches, including locating a driver who fled following a stolen vehicle pursuit and finding a person who struck a police cruiser before fleeing on foot near Interstate 480.

The dogs and handlers complete at least 16 hours of in-service training each month, plus annual training in Columbus with trainer Dan Bowman and regularly train alongside K9 teams from neighboring departments. A future goal is coordinating training between the K9 Unit and the Police Department’s Drone Unit.

Police dogs typically start working at 18 to 24 months old and can serve until they are 12 or 13 years of age. The Animal Clinic Northview supports the program with donated veterinary care, and each dog is custom-fitted with a protective vest through Brady’s K9 Fund.

The department’s K9 cruisers are equipped with tem-



perature-monitoring systems that lower the windows, activate emergency lights and sound the horn if a vehicle gets too warm, while also alerting the handler’s pager.

The K9 Unit receives strong support from residents, local businesses and anonymous donors, and the teams regularly take part in community programs including Senior Center breakfasts, Touch-A-Truck, the Safety Fair and events with the Lorain County Prosecutor’s Office.

Whether assisting with a search, supporting neighboring departments or meeting residents at a community event, North Ridgeville’s K9 teams remain an important part of public safety and community outreach.

## Operation Open Heart

NRPD Dispatcher Dunegan recently participated in Operation Open Heart, a nonprofit organization made up of first responders from Lorain County and surrounding communities. Partnering with Lorain County Children Services, the organization spends a week at camp mentoring local children, creating positive memories and building friendships.

Campers enjoyed activities like putt-putt, bowling, swimming, boat rides on Lake Erie, and a day at Cedar Point. Back at camp, they played sports, watched movies under the stars, and rode between activities in police, fire, and EMS vehicles with lights and sirens, an experience many will never forget.

Operation Open Heart serves the community year-round through fundraisers, holiday meal deliveries, and providing Christmas gifts for children served by Lorain County Children Services.

To learn more, support their mission, or follow upcoming events, check out Operation Open Heart on Facebook and Instagram.

*Photo Credit: North Ridgeville Police Department Facebook*



## Early Morning Fire

North Ridgeville Fire Department and North Ridgeville Police Department responded to a report of a fire at about 2:20am on July 6 at a residence on Tree Moss Ln. First officers arrived and reported smoke and flames showing and confirmed the residents were evacuated. First NRFD units reported seeing a header as they were arriving and a first alarm was already enroute.

Crews from Avon Firefighters Local 4310, North Olmsted, Olmsted Falls Firefighters Local 2373, Olmsted Township Fire Fighters, Westlake Fire Fighters Local 1814. No injuries were reported and FIU was requested.

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## NRPD Has a Busy Week

On July 28 The North Ridgeville Police Department shared this information on their busy week last month.

“The North Ridgeville Police Department responded to 576 calls for service over the past seven days. Some of this activity includes: Assisted Lorain PD in locating a murder suspect • A home invasion solved within 24 hours • 12 domestic violence / disturbance calls • 19 alarms • 14 welfare checks • 8 accidents • 220 traffic stops • 3 OVI arrests • 6 calls for trespassing

“In those 7 days, our officers made arrests resulting in: 30 felony charges • 17 criminal misdemeanor charges. Officers also responded to 27 animal calls: 2 dogs were returned to their homes • One goose was rescued from fishing line • One blue heron was freed from a corn bag

“Thank you to our officers and dispatchers for helping protect all aspects of our city.”



## New Businesses to North Ridgeville

In the last month the City of North Ridgeville has welcomed a number of new businesses. Mayor Corcoran joined these businesses for their ribbon cuttings. The newest editions are Horizon Northridge, who celebrated with grand opening ribbon cutting on August 4, North Ridgeville UPS which opened last month and Lake Effect Comics who cut the yellow ribbon on August 5.

### Welcome Horizon Northridge



### Welcome to North Ridgeville UPS

Bring your Amazon returns and come for a visit.



### Welcome to North Ridgeville, Lake Effect Comics!

Although the shop opened its doors August 1, an official ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on August 5. Located at 33117 Center Ridge Road, Lake Effect Comics offers comics, collectibles and more for fans of all ages. Stop in to explore the shop and check out the work created by talented local artists. We are excited to welcome Lake Effect Comics to our community and wish the team much success!



## A Fun Day at The Farmer's Market!

A much asked for Farmer's Market was held on July 25 at the LCCC Ridge Campus. The event was sponsored by North Ridgeville Heart & Sole Collaborative in partnership with LCCC University Partnership Ridge Campus and the City of North Ridgeville. Guests enjoyed a great variety of local vendors, food, activities and community fun. There was also a free introductory Tabata classes with United We Sweat, a free kids scavenger hunt with Primrose School and a free raffle at the Heart & Sole table.

The vendors included: Little Bird Accessories • T's Turkish Treats • Sonshine Soaps – Melt-and-pour soap • Harvest & Hound • Flame Pepper • Val's Cookie Corner • Sweet & Sour-dough by Julie • Brook Haven Apiary • Schremm Jewelry • Trish





# SKUNKFEST 2026

25th Annual

Rain or Shine

**SATURDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 12, 2026**  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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- Most Talented Skunk
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- Vendors
- Speakers
- DJ & Music
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- Food
- Rescue Animals

**SPECIAL FEATURES**

See skunks in a variety of beautiful colors including:  
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**ADMISSION**  
Admission is FREE.  
Donations are appreciated!  
Suggested donation items:

- Paper Towels
- Natural Grain Cereal

**CONTEST INFORMATION**

**REGISTRATION**  
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

**OFFICIAL JUDGING**  
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

**Contest Entry Fees:**

- \$10 for first skunk
- \$5 for each additional skunk

**VENDORS WELCOME!**  
Interested in becoming a vendor?

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shelley.storch@gmail.com

**IMPORTANT GUIDELINES**

- Skunks must be carried, leashed, or in a carrier at all times.
- Do not allow the public to handle your skunk.
- No pets other than skunks.
- South Central Park is smoke-free and vape-free.

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## LCCC Provides New Pathways to Advanced Manufacturing Careers Through Ohio Work Ready Funding

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Designed with input from industry partners, these programs provide hands-on learning and technical skills aligned with Ohio's high-demand careers. Students gain experience with the tools, technologies and processes used by modern employers, pre-

paring them to enter the workforce or advance in their current careers.

Students interested in building a career in high-tech manufacturing can learn more about enrolling for fall semester at [www.lorainccc.edu/OhioWorkReady](http://www.lorainccc.edu/OhioWorkReady). Classes start August 24.

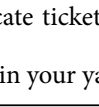
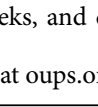


# Leave Utility Locate Flags in Place

Before digging, contractors call OHIO811 to have underground utility lines marked with colored flags. These flags show the location of buried gas, electric, water and fiber optic lines. Do not remove the flags until all work is finished. Removing them is against the law, creates serious safety hazards, and can leave you responsible for the cost of relocating utilities or repairing damage if a line is struck. If flags are in your way, mow carefully around them. If needed, bend a flag over and let it pop back up, rather than pulling it out.

## Why does this matter?

- Safety. Each color marks a different utility. Moving a flag can put workers and neighbors at risk.
  - The law. Ohio law protects utility markings while a project is active. Removing them can be charged as a fourth-degree felony under Ohio Revised Code 2909.04 (disrupting public services) or as criminal mischief under ORC 2909.07.
  - Cost. If a flag is removed and a crew hits an unmarked line, the property owner can be held financially responsible for repairs, and utilities must be relocated at the owner's expense.
  - They're temporary. Locate tickets expire after a few weeks, and crews remove the flags once work is complete.
- Questions about a locate in your yard? Contact OHIO811 at [oups.org](http://oups.org) or call 811.

| FLAG COLOR                                                                                        | MEANING                                                   | TYPICAL UTILITIES                                                                   | EXAMPLES                                                                                                                                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  <b>RED</b>      | Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Electric power lines</li><li>• Underground cables</li><li>• Conduit</li><li>• Street lighting cables</li></ul>  |
|  <b>YELLOW</b>   | Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum or Gaseous Materials           |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Natural gas lines</li><li>• Oil pipelines</li><li>• Steam lines</li></ul>                                       |
|  <b>ORANGE</b>   | Communication, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit   |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Telephone lines</li><li>• Fiber optic cables</li><li>• Cable TV lines</li><li>• Alarm or signal lines</li></ul> |
|  <b>BLUE</b>     | Potable Water                                             |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Water mains</li><li>• Water service lines</li></ul>                                                             |
|  <b>GREEN</b>   | Sewer and Drain Lines                                     |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sanitary sewer lines</li><li>• Storm sewer lines</li><li>• Drain lines</li></ul>                                |
|  <b>PURPLE</b> | Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines              |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reclaimed water lines</li><li>• Irrigation lines</li><li>• Slurry lines</li></ul>                               |
|  <b>PINK</b>   | Temporary Survey Markings                                 |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Property lines</li><li>• Topographic survey marks</li><li>• Engineering landmarks</li></ul>                     |

# Ward 3 Residents: Help Serve Your Community

The North Ridgeville Board of Drainage and Flood Control is seeking a new Ward 3 member. This volunteer, non-compensated position is appointed by Ward 3 Council Member Bruce Abens, with a term ending December 31, 2027.

The Board assists with drainage and flooding matters affecting the community and meets at least once each calendar quarter.

Ward 3 residents interested in serving may submit a completed application to the Clerk of Council's Office by email at [CouncilClerks@nridgeville.gov](mailto:CouncilClerks@nridgeville.gov) or deliver it to City Hall.

This is a meaningful opportunity to share your perspective and help address issues that affect North Ridgeville neighborhoods.

Ward Map: [https://www.nridgeville.org/MenuItem/NR\\_Map\\_2025-26.pdf](https://www.nridgeville.org/MenuItem/NR_Map_2025-26.pdf)

Codified Ordinance: [https://library.municode.com/oh/north\\_ridgeville/codes/codified\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTFOURTEENBUHOCO\\_TITFOURBUAD\\_CH1442BODRFLCO](https://library.municode.com/oh/north_ridgeville/codes/codified_ordinances?nodeId=PTFOURTEENBUHOCO_TITFOURBUAD_CH1442BODRFLCO)



## Memorial Tree Program

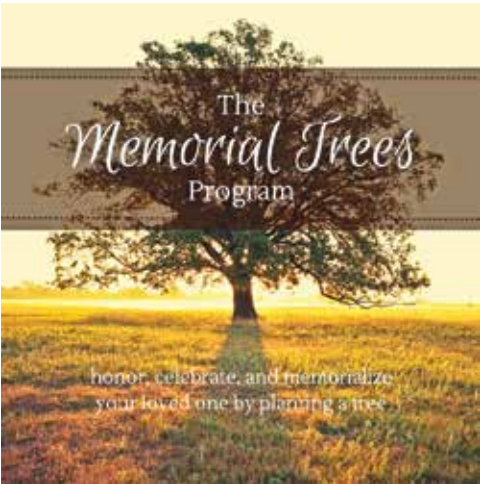
North Ridgeville's Memorial Tree Program gives residents a meaningful way to honor a loved one or recognize a special occasion while helping beautify the community.

Memorial trees may be planted in city parks to celebrate occasions such as anniversaries, weddings, births and retirements or to memorialize the loss of a loved one. Trees are planted in the fall to give them the best chance to thrive and are planted and maintained by the City Arborist.

The program fee is \$350 and includes a 1.75- to 2-inch caliper tree and a 3 by 5 inch plaque. The city will plant, mulch, water and prune the tree as needed. Tree selections may include Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry, Kousa Dogwood, Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn, Winter King Hawthorn, Heritage River Birch, Ivory Silk Tree Lilac, Red Sunset Maple or Skyline Honey Locust.

A letter acknowledging the gift is sent to the family and donors. The family also receives a certificate with the type of tree planted and its location.

To participate in the Memorial Tree Program, please visit <https://northridgeville.recdesk.com/Community/Program>



## Chalk the Walk Community Event for Overdose Awareness Returns August 15

Chalk the Walk returns to Ely Square in Elyria on August 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to raise awareness on opioid overdoses. Hosted by Lorain County Public Health (LCPH), the Mental Health, Addiction & Recovery Services (MHARS) Board of Lorain County, and Elyria Parks & Recreation, this event invites families and community members to create chalk art with messages of hope to honor loved ones, spread messages of hope, and show that recovery is possible.

The event is one of Lorain County's activities leading up to International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31, a global observance dedicated to ending overdose, remembering those who have died without stigma, and acknowledging the grief experienced by families and friends.

"Chalk the Walk is more than just a creative day in the square. It is a visible reminder to our neighbors in recovery that they do not have to walk their journey alone," said Health Commissioner Justin Rechichar, MPH, MBA, MHHS, REHS. "Each of us can help by talking about substance use openly with friends and family, and sharing personal stories. The event on August 15 provides one safe space to do that."

At the free event, chalk is available to anyone who wants to participate. Other attractions include: music, naloxone (Narcan) rescue kits, and food for purchase. Hear local recovery stories throughout the event. Everyone is encouraged to wear purple for overdose awareness.

In 2025, there were 77 deaths related to substance use in Lorain County. LCPH distributed 5,074 naloxone rescue

kits to Lorain County residents to prevent opioid overdoses. Reports show that those naloxone rescue kits saved 148 people from dying from an opioid overdose.

Saving someone's life with naloxone provides a chance for that person to seek recovery. To get a free naloxone rescue kit by mail, submit a request at [LorainCountyHealth.com/opioids](http://LorainCountyHealth.com/opioids). Or, visit LCPH, 9880 Murray Ridge Road in Elyria, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to pick up a naloxone rescue kit. Call 440-322-6367 to make an after-hours appointment.

For more information on how we serve and support a healthy community, contact LCPH at 440-322-6367 or visit [LorainCountyHealth.com](http://LorainCountyHealth.com). Get local health updates on X, Instagram, Facebook, or YouTube.



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## Produce Pickup is Back!

**Get your local produce here from August 4 to September 12 ... and we'll have something special in October!**

Produce Pickup is back again—and these bags are kind of a big deal!

Pickups run Tuesdays and Saturdays, August 4 – September 12. You can sign up for the full 6 weeks or pick individual dates! **Pick-up Options:** Tuesdays: North Ridgeville Branch Library (2–3 PM) • Saturdays: Sandy Ridge Reservation (9–10 AM)

**Important:** We are pre-pay only this year (credit card required at sign-up for all orders). Reserve your bags & view step-by-step checkout directions at: [nrheartandsole.com/produce-pickup](http://nrheartandsole.com/produce-pickup). Questions? Email [nrheartandsole@gmail.com](mailto:nrheartandsole@gmail.com) or call North Ridgeville Community Care at 440-353-9716.

**PRODUCE PICKUP**



**IS BACK!**

North Ridgeville Library  
Tuesdays, 2-3 pm  
August 4 - September 8

Sandy Ridge Reservation  
Saturdays, 9-10 am  
August 9 - September 12

**\$12 per bag!**





# 2026 Corn Festival Car Show Results

Thank you to everyone who came out to the 2026 Corn Festival Car Show today! We appreciate everyone who brought out their incredible vehicles and displays, as well as our amazing volunteers, sponsors, vendors, and everyone who attended and helped make the event a great success! Congratulations to our 2026 Car Show

Award Winners!  
**Best Vintage (Pre-1930):** Ford, Jack Bahle, 1931, North Ridgeville • **Best Classic (1931-1949):** Ford, Larry V., 1937, Elyria • **Best of the 50s:** Chevy, Johnny Kiekisz, 1957, North Ridgeville • **Best of the 60s:** Pontiac, Stan Arnold, 1967, Westlake • **Best of the 70s:** Plymouth, Dale Lewis, 1974,

Columbia Station • **Best of the 80s:** Chevy, Floyd, 1980, Avon Lake • **Best of the 90s:** Chevy, Ray Phelps, 1997, North Ridgeville • **Best of the 2000s:** Ford Mustang, Daniel Wieber, 2017, Avon Lake • **Best Paint:** Ford, Ron Pianka, 1934, Strongsville • **Best Truck/Van:** Chevy, Homer Potts, 1971, North Ridgeville • **Most Unique:** Metro-

politan, Barbara Pasta, LaGrange • **Best in Show:** Chrysler, Bob Winters, 1962, Fairview Park  
A huge thank you to everyone who participated, attended, volunteered, sponsored, and helped make the 2026 Corn Festival Car Show such a success! We couldn't have done it without you!



## NRHS Marching Band Dunk Tank



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# North Ridgeville City Schools Names New High School Assistant Principal

The North Ridgeville City School District is pleased to announce the hiring of Benjamin Thomas as the new Assistant Principal at North Ridgeville High School. Thomas brings more than a decade of experience in education, with a strong background in instructional leadership, school culture, student support, and collaborative problem-solving.

Mr. Thomas most recently served as a Life Science teacher at John Marshall School of Information Technology in Cleveland and previously taught at Garrett Morgan School of Leadership and Innovation. Throughout his career, he has taken on numerous leadership roles, including PBIS Team Lead, Project-Based Learning coach, and a Technology Champion. In those positions, he led school culture initiatives, coordinated professional development, managed technology programs, and worked alongside administrators on budgeting, scheduling, and school improvement efforts.

Thomas holds a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Cincinnati, a Master's degree in Secondary Education from the University of Phoenix, and a Bachelor's of Fine Arts from Miami University.

"I'm incredibly honored to join the North Ridgeville family," said Thomas. "I look forward to building meaningful relationships with our students, staff, and families while helping grow an environment where every student feels supported, challenged, and inspired to succeed. I'm excited to become a part of a community that values collaboration, growth, and student achievement."

High School Principal Mrs. Meghan Hignite said Thomas' experience and leadership style make him an excellent addition to the administrative team.

"Ben brings passion and valuable experience in instructional leadership, student engagement, and school culture, while demonstrating a genuine desire to serve others. His

collaborative approach and positive energy will be a tremendous asset to our team and we are excited to welcome him to the Ranger family."

Mr. Thomas will begin his role as Assistant Principal ahead of the 2026-2027 school year and he looks forward to partnering with students, families, and staff to continue the tradition of excellence at North Ridgeville High School.



## North Ridgeville Drama Club

The amazing North Ridgeville Drama Club performed on the Safetyville Stage at the Corn Fest last weekend.



# North Ridgeville's Eskra Graduates U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Thomas Christian Eskra of North Ridgeville recently graduated Cum Laude from the prestigious United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) at Kings Point, NY. Eskra earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission in the U. S. armed forces. He also earned a Merchant Marine officer license, qualifying him to serve as an officer on any ship in the U.S. flag merchant marine.

The United States Merchant Marine Academy is one of five U.S. federal service academies. It educates and graduates licensed Merchant Marine officers to serve the nation during peace and war. In addition to the rigorous academic and physical requirements for admission, applicants must be nominated by their Congressman

or Senator.

All USMMA graduates incur an obligation to serve the United States. The U.S. Flag Merchant Marine – manned exclusively by American mariners – is essential for securing the country's commerce in peacetime and delivering warfighters, weapons, and military supplies in times of conflict. The majority of "Kings Pointers" serve for eight years as Navy reservists in the Strategic Sealift Officer Program while working aboard U.S. flag vessels; others will serve on active duty in our nation's armed forces.

By virtue of their elite training and real-world experience, graduates are ready to go on day one in service of American military strength and economic power. As part of his four year education, Eskra spent

one year training as a cadet aboard ocean going vessels.

Secretary of the Army Daniel Driscoll, delivering the commencement address, told the graduates: "All of you on this field are what keep our Army and the joint force moving around the world, and you are more important now than ever before." Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy, whose department oversees the Academy, introduced Secretary Driscoll and reaffirmed his commitment to rebuilding the USMMA's infrastructure and strengthening America's broader maritime capabilities.

Dedicated during WWII, USMMA has since served the nation in both peace and war. Learn more at [www.WeAreTheUSMMA.com](http://www.WeAreTheUSMMA.com)

For more information about the Academy, visit <https://www.usmma.edu/>.



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# Wind, Hail & Hidden Roof Damage: Don't Wait for the Leak

Northeast Ohio homeowners know how quickly severe weather can strike. High winds and hail may pass in minutes, but the damage they leave can quietly compromise a roof for months or even years, if not promptly addressed. As roofs age, they become more vulnerable to these forces, and much of that damage is nearly impossible to spot from the ground.

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.



Kent and Jaime Krivich

### What to Expect During a Roof Inspection

A thorough inspection goes well beyond a quick look from the driveway. Experienced, HAAG certified inspectors from Mark 2 Roofing examine the roof surface up close for lifted or creased shingles, granule loss, soft spots, damaged flashing, and signs of prior repairs. They also check gutters for excess granules, look at the attic for moisture or daylight penetration, and document everything with photos. The process is straightforward and typically takes under an hour for most homes.



BEFORE



AFTER

### Repair Costs, Claims, and Replacement Options

If the inspection turns up minor issues, many repairs are relatively affordable and can restore the roof's weather-tight integrity. When damage is more extensive, especially after significant weather events, Mark 2 Roofing can walk you through the insurance claim process, help document the damage properly, and advocate for a fair settlement. In cases where insurance is not a factor, we offer clear, competitive quotes for a full replacement so you can make an informed decision.



BEFORE



AFTER

### Stuck in a Claim?

If you already filed a claim after one of this year's severe weather events and the process seems stalled, you're not alone. Claims can slow down for many reasons—incomplete documentation, disagreements over scope, or simply volume. Mark 2 Roofing has extensive experience helping homeowners get stalled claims moving again. We're happy to review your situation, provide additional documentation when needed, and work with your insurance company to keep the process progressing.

As a local, family-owned company serving Northeast Ohio, Mark 2 Roofing is committed to thorough assessments and standing behind every job we complete. We offer complimentary roof inspections for residential and commercial properties. Whether you've had recent storms, your roof is aging, or you're simply ready for peace of mind, don't wait for the first drip.

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