



Northfield Village News

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From Mayor Jesse J. Nehez

Making Northfield Village beautiful is quite a process. Beautification is not just trees, shrubs and flowers that dress up our parks, public buildings and right of ways. It is also about public infrastructure and maintenance standards. The Administration, Council and myself have made great progress in making Northfield shine. We have added beauty to State Route 8, our parks, public buildings and local business establishments. Enforcing and modifying Village ordinances has been the key in making sure Northfield remains on track with its efforts. We definitely have a long way to go but we have made some serious strides in the recent weeks that demonstrate that Northfield Village is moving forward.

In addition to the \$1.9 Million sewer system that will aid in the redevelopment of State Route 8, there are also new traffic signals being erected. The signals will not only ease traffic congestion and promote safety; they will also look very attractive. There are also plans in the near future to change all of our signals to the mast arm design.

Council also recently approved the purchase of property directly adjacent to the current Village Hall. This property purchase is extremely important for the future of our community and permits us to plan for the building of a new beautiful government complex if and when the money is available to do so. This property in the "heart of our Village" became available for a reasonable price. Council and I felt it was imperative to plan for this long-range goal. The Administration, Council and I are making a continual effort in ensuring that the Village of Northfield becomes a destination of which we can all be proud.

Construction Projects

One can hardly travel in Northfield Village without encountering the construction on Route 8. So what's this all about? In an effort to be completely ready for the influx of new business as well as to upgrade our current sewer system, the Village approved a \$1.9 Million sewer project. The Ohio Public Works Commission is paying 87.3% of the costs (or \$1.6 Million). This project involves the replacement of sewers on Summit Ave., Northfield Rd. and Houghton Rd. and elimination of the Elm Pump Station. The remaining amount due will be paid from the \$2 Million to be received from the State of Ohio. The Northfield Rd. and Houghton Rd. portions of the project are to be completed by the end of November. Until then, please be patient and drive carefully.

That's not all. Twelve traffic signal poles have been erected at the intersections of Filly Ln., Vincent Ave., and Sagamore Rd. The goal is to have the traffic signals installed and power supplied by November 2013.

Upcoming Events in Northfield Village:

- 13th Annual Safe Halloween 10/31 6pm-8pm Village Hall
- Senior Center at Epiphany Lutheran Church each Wednesday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Block Watch meeting 10/16, 11/20 and 12/18; 6:00 pm Village Hall
- Senior Snowplowing Applications due by 11/1/13; please apply at the Service Department at 199 Ledge Road
- Village Leaf Pickup; Ward C 11/4-7; Ward D 11/8-15; Ward A 11/18-22; Ward B 11/25-27

Hard Rock Racino News

On August 22, the Hard Rock Racino had their “topping off” ceremony. At this event, it was announced that the Hard Rock is partnering with Bernie Kosar who will also have a restaurant in the Hard Rock Racino. The restaurant will be called Kosar’s Wood-Fire Grill. Mr. Kosar told the audience how excited he was to be involved with Brock Milstein and the Hard Rock Racino project. There are plans to have a large amount of Browns’ memorabilia on site to tell our football team’s history. It was also announced that there will be a significant amount of Rock and Roll memorabilia surrounding the Hard Rock Café.

Hard Rock Racino Employment Opportunities:

John Lucas, President of the Hard Rock Racino, announced that the Hard Rock Racino would be creating 700 jobs within the community. A job fair was held on September 12. To apply online for any of the open positions, please go to:

www.HRRocksinoNorthfieldPark.com

News From Our Fire Department

Recently, some of our fire department personnel went through an intense testing program for the purpose of determining eligibility for promotion. Those promoted are as follows:

Colt Eberling/Captain; Eric Moss/Captain

Joseph Zemek/Lieutenant; Chris Hrach/ Lieutenant.

During the swearing in ceremony, Chief Jason Buss and the Fire department presented Mayor Jesse Nehez with an official fire helmet. Mayor Nehez is the Northfield Village Safety Director. He thanked Chief Buss and the members of the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Jason Buss reported that as of August 28, 2013, NVFD responded to a total of 317 incidents: 283 were EMS related and 34 were fire related. NVFD has provided mutual aid in 29 incidents this year and used it for 9 incidents. The NVFD’s average response time from time of call till time on scene is 3:28. The department has also been very busy with commercial fire inspections.

News from our Finance Director:

A frequently asked question to the Finance Office: “What is this quarterly sewer maintenance invoice I receive? I receive a bill from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for sewer usage, isn’t this double billing?”

Answer: The bill from the NEORSO is for the processing, cleaning and purification of sewage. The Village is responsible for maintaining the sewer lines that run through the community. Therefore, the Village assesses each parcel of land a quarterly fee to help pay for the maintenance of these lines. The amount of the quarterly fee is based on the zoning of these parcels. Residents are billed \$33.00 per quarter. Starting with the October 2013 billing, the Village has implemented a new billing software program that should help eliminate past billing issues.

News from our Service Department:

The sewer main work is completed on Route 8 and we have completed the road repairs. During mid September, we started the Houghton Road and Elm Pump Station Elimination project. We thank you for your patience during all this construction work.

The Service Department is finishing up road patching in the Village. We are also performing sewer maintenance projects, and cutting 14 properties of vacant homes (billing for the grass cutting are sent to the County Fiscal Officer for placement on property tax invoices). Additionally we are in the process of replacing the Crosswalk/20MPH School Signals at Ledge Road and Lee Eaton Elementary as well as researching grant opportunities to fund a Ledge Rd. sidewalk installation from Lee Eaton Elementary to Northfield Rd.

The Mayor, Village Council, City Engineer and Service Department have a master plan in place for replacing or repairing all residential roads in the Village over the next 15 years. The initial start hinges on the receipt of \$2 Million from the State of Ohio, which has been delayed now for over 10 months. Please go to the Village Website (City Engineer) to see the master plan.