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This Week:

Election Day, Nov. 7

North Ridgeville voters face a number of contested races and as well as several issues in this year's General Election.

■ **President:** Al Gore, George Bush, Harry Browne, John Hagelin, Howard Phillips, Ralph Nader

■ **U.S. Senator:** Theodore Celeste, Mike Dewine, John McAlister, John Eastman

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■ **State Rep.:** Christopher Rothgery, Jeffrey Manning

■ **County Commissioners:** Mary Jo Vasi, Eric Flynn, Michael Ross, David Moore

■ **Sheriff:** Phil Stammitti, Mark Hastings

■ **Justice of Supreme Court (1/1/01):** Timothy Black, Deborah Cook

■ **Justice of Supreme Court (1/2/01):** Alice Resnick, Terrence O'Donnell

■ **Judge, Court of Appeals (9th District):** John Quinn, William Batchelder

State Issue: No. 1

North Ridgeville Issues: No. 7, Electricity Aggregate; Issue 57, Charter Amendment; Issue 58, Referendum on PCD

County Issues: No. 51, Children Services; No. 52, Mental Health Services; No. 53, County Appointive Executive Plan

How Much Am I Bid?

Lear North PTA will hold an auction Nov. 3 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Lear North gym, 5580 Lear Nagle Rd. Admission is \$1 at the door. Kathy Wolf of Auctions by Wolf will handle the auction. Food and refreshments will be available.

In Brief:

Public Workshop

Nov. 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Richard L. Bowen + Associates, inc. will conduct the second public workshop on a proposed Community Center at the Senior Center, 7327 Avon Belden Rd. For more information call 353-0860 or 353-0856.

Grief and the Holidays

Gary Hazlette, bereavement coordinator for New Life Hospice will present "Grief and the Holidays," Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at St. Julie Billiard, 5500 Lear Nagle Rd. and share ways of handling grief during the holiday season. The presentation, sponsored by St. Julie and St. John Westshore Community Outreach, is open to the public.

For more information call Sister Nancy North at 327-1978.

Mark Twain shares humor with the

By Carol Klear

Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain stepped from the pages of history recently to entertain members of the Chamber of Commerce during the October luncheon at Melody Grove.

Looking dapper in his three-piece white suit, the familiar string tie looped into a bow at the neck of his white shirt and on his head a shock of silver hair, the famed humorist, ramrod straight, a book tucked under his arm, strode to the podium to share with the audience some of the insights of life he has gleaned over the years, such as where he'll spend eternity — either heaven or hell. It really makes no difference, he said, "I have friends in both places."

Of course, included in his repertoire, was the familiar story of the man-who, when he was a boy of 14, was dismayed at his father's ignorance, but at 21, Twain said the young man remarked, "I was astounded to find out how much he'd learned."

Twain also touched on the work of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, which led to his recollection of the young Catholic girl who, while confessing her sins to a priest, repented, "I threw a rock at an old man." Hearing this, the priest asked the girl, "did you hit the man?" When she admitted she had not, the priest told her, "you should pray for accuracy."

In his discourse, the American writer admitted a penchant for alcohol, but said he only drank Scotch whiskey as a preventive measure against toothaches, adding with a glance over his glasses, "I've never had a toothache...and I never plan to."

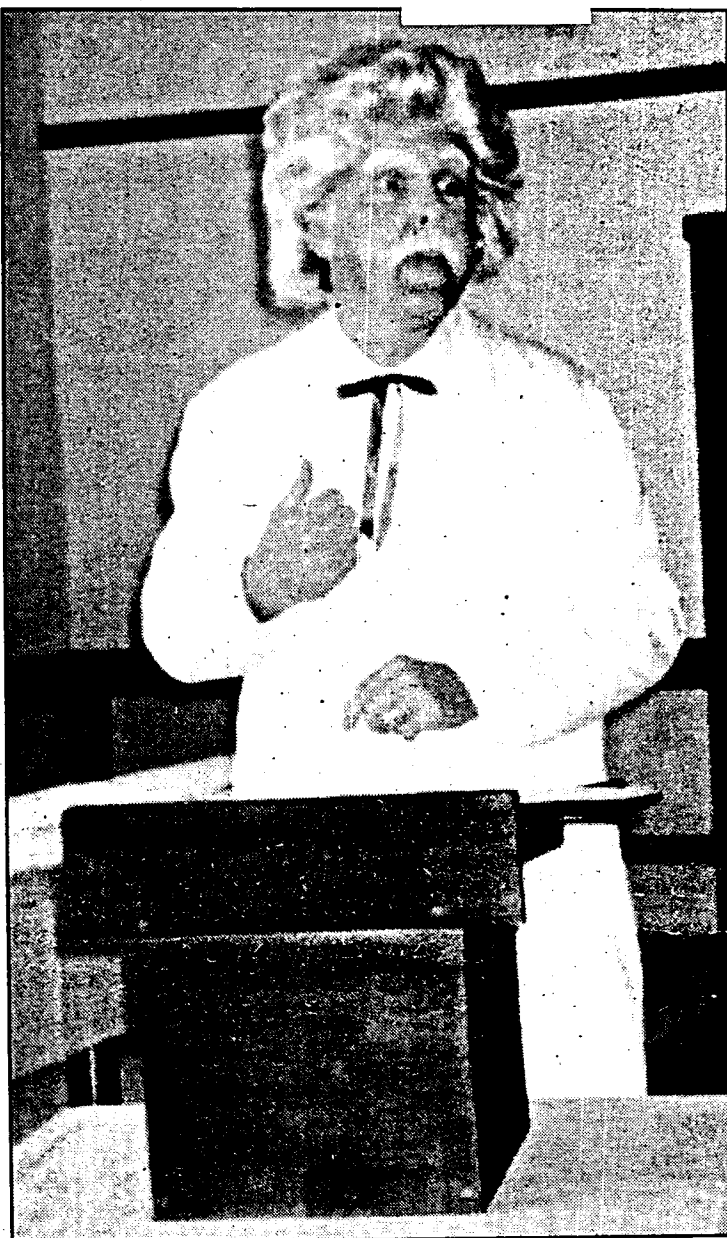
Twain's wife, as he explained, was none too fond of his drinking habits, and admonished him with, "When you've had enough, say 'sarsaparilla.'" To which the author replied, "When I've had enough whiskey, I can't say 'sarsaparilla.'"

As he neared the end of his performance, Mark Twain asked the audience a ponderous question, "Should you keep your mouth shut and appear stupid, or open it and remove all doubt." And concluded by sharing his personal philosophy, "Always do right...you will gratify some people and astonish the rest."

The program concluded, Mark Twain, better known in North Ridgeville as former councilman Dennis Boose, took a bow.

Boose said he was a theater major in college and has been doing his impressive 'Mark Twain' routine since 1981. The one-man program has led him from small audiences of a dozen people to the Cleveland Convention Center where he performed in front of 3,500. "My dad was president of the Ohio Vegetables and Potato Growers," he said, and helped get his son in the spotlight before the organization.

Boose said he also once did his famed Mark Twain presentation in a church in Ashland, and in the late 1980s he took the stage before a meeting of the Avon Lake Friends of the Library. Locally, he has appeared as Mark Twain at his Rotary Club and at Fields United Methodist Church. Of his various performances, he said, "I



Author and humorist, 'Mark Twain' entertained members of the Chamber of Commerce recently. (P&L Klear)

tailor it to the audiences."

What makes the Boose impersonation of Twain even more authentic, is that he once listened to an audio of the real Samuel Clemens, and worked to get the routine pat.

"I enjoy doing it," said Boose.

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

As Election 2000 nears, Ridgeville residents take up sides

By this time next week, the ballots will be cast and the political one-upmanship games will be over...or will they.

For weeks — make that months — North Ridgeville has been in a state of chaos over the issue of planned community development (PCD). There are the members of STAMP (Stop Abusing the Master Plan) who have evolved into the grass roots political action committee; "Your Vote, Your Neighborhood," and contend that voters have the right to march to the polls and decide whether or not PCDs belong in the community. So adamant about citizens' "right to vote," STAMP hired attorney Gerald Phillips to ensure the legality of its demands.

On the other side of the great divide is "North Ridgeville Citizens for an Equal Vote," the assembly led by Mayor Deanna Hill and four co-chairpersons who champion the need for the PCDs that are expected to arise from virgin soil, following the construction of the Westerly Sewer, and ultimately pave the way for the city's economic solidarity.

Each faction grasps tightly to the conviction

that they know what is best for the community. Respect and civility be damned, each blasts the other until the community has become shell-shocked.

Though the strife now centers around whether or not voters should decide the fate of proposed PCDs, the source of bitter controversy that has enveloped North Ridgeville can be tracked long before the emergence of STAMP to two women of power — a Mayor and a Councilwoman — and the personal animosity each has for the other.

In truth, the administrative and legislative branches of government are inherent foes, providing checks and balances, however, there comes a time when, for the good of the governed, compromise is key, a fact that in North Ridgeville, has been lost in the mire of malice.

In fairness, both the Mayor and the Councilwoman attack their work tirelessly, but too often in recent months, the focus of their obligations have shifted from the good of the whole, to the censure of one another.

Carrying with her the fruits of her homework, the Legislator enters Council Cham-

bers twice a month, primed for the opportunity to bait, interrogate and challenge the Mayor on actions taken and decisions made.

However, from the moment the Councilwoman is given the floor, the Mayor assumes an attitude of arrogant indifference and has been observed in whispered chats with nearby city officials as the Councilwoman poses a question. On at least one occasion the Mayor admitted, with unabashed audacity, she could not respond, because she had not been listening.

And today the community is divided, perhaps more so than it has been in a very long time.

In just one week, North Ridgeville voters will go to the polls to cast ballots...on whether or not they should be allowed to cast ballots on proposed PCDs.

The truth of the charges and countercharges surrounding Issue 57 are difficult to decipher, even by the most discerning.

Attorney Phillips and members of "Your

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Vote, Your Neighborhood," contend that voting "yes" on the charter amendment is the only way residents can control community growth and ensure the pastoral charm that is North Ridgeville.

Mayor Hill and "Citizens for an Equal Vote" insist that if residents say "yes" to Issue 57, the city will stagnate and fail economically.

If, at the onset of this editorial, you expected an endorsement, it is recommended you visit other sections of this paper.

Instead, as we near the end of the push-me-pull-you, we offer some random questions to ponder, with the hope that you will set aside the anger and emotionalism that has shrouded this election and consider seriously your vote and how it will impact your city:

- Do you know what a PCD is?
- Have you ever visited one?
- Do you know how long city officials have been negotiating with developers to persuade them to pay for the West-erly Sewer?
- Would you want a PCD for a neighbor?
- Why the major push for economic growth on the west side of town, when at the east end of Center Ridge, there are several empty buildings, including two new ones - like Hollywood Video and Mills Creek Plaza?
- Shouldn't members of STAMP be applauded for their tenacity in the grass roots David-and-Goliath battle against "city hall?"
- Are you willing to pay increased taxes in North Ridgeville as commercial and industrial development abounds in neighboring cities?
- If Issue 57 passes, are you prepared to attend meetings and thoroughly study each proposed PCD in order to cast an educated vote at election time?
- Do you really believe a Rini-like shopping plaza will be built in the middle of any PCD in North Ridgeville, even though commercial acreage is part of the ordinance?

- Is R-1 zoning really so terrible?
- Why has the Chamber of Commerce taken such an unprecedented stance on a ballot issue?
- Through the appeal process, haven't both those for and those opposing Issue 57 escalated the costs of this election?
- How many houses on one acre of land is too many?
- Does a vote for Issue 57 indicate an automatic mistrust of the city's elected officials particularly on council?
- Did you know that the OEPA presently does not have a formal mandate for sewers in North Ridgeville, however it recommends that sewer systems in new developments be extended to homeowners not serviced by sewers?
- Does a property owner have the right to sell his property to a developer, if he chooses?
- Do developers always wear the black hats?
- Should voters in one ward have the right to defeat a proposal that might benefit the entire city?
- Do voters understand the complexities of economics enough to vote for or against developments?
- Did you know that voters in some other Ohio communities, including some nearby, presently cast ballots for rezoning, such as the proposal being presented in North Ridgeville?
- Is the preservation of green space important to you?
- Would a long-standing company like R.W. Beckett support the proposed sewer construction and subsequent PCDs, if the plan were detrimental to the city?

And one final question: Do you care about the community you call "home?"

And to that I can give a resounding "yes."

If there were no caring, there would not have been the mother lode of letters we received last week — expressing concerns, asking questions and offering suggestions.

Now it's time to step up to the next level and read, re-read and read again the issues that will appear on Tuesday's ballot.

When Nov. 7 arrives, do what both sides of this question espouse — exercise your right to vote.

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A View from the Hill

Election Day is just around the corner. Please remember to vote on Nov. 7.

I will give you my "view" from my personal perspective as well as from my seat as your elected Mayor. There are three local issues of great importance to this community as a whole and to you as individuals.

Issue 7 - Electricity Aggregation

Residential users have little buying power. Issue 7 permits a group of local governments to "aggregate" purchasing of electricity. While the electric utilities will continue to maintain and service the electric lines and to continue the billing, the City will represent individual customers for a larger pool of consumers and will negotiate with potential vendors. Included is a provision permitting you to "opt-out" or not join, but to buy power on your own. The savings that come with a large buying base go directly to you.

Please vote YES on Issue 7.

Issue 57 - Charter Amendment

The conflicting statements regarding the proposed amendment have been confusing, at best. The amendment is essentially a change in our local Charter or Constitution. Put as simply as possible, the dangers of Issue 57 include:

1) It allows the votes of a few to override the will of the majority. Since a zoning change will require approval by the voters in the city as a whole and in the ward where the affected property is located, less than 13 percent of the people in our city can overturn the vote of the remaining 87 percent who support the change. Certainly, this negates the concept of equality in one person, one vote.



Mayor Hill

In the city. In fact, the proposed amendment defines PCDs to include various residential (such as Mills Creek, Muirwood and Ridgefield), business, commercial, industrial, institutional, governmental (such as donated park land or school property) or any other uses. If this proposed amendment had been law 30 years ago, Mills Creek could not have been developed without putting the entire project to a vote of the community and Ward 4.

3) In addition, the proposed Charter amendment would apply to land that needs to be rezoned for commercial retail purposes. However, it's not just large commercial developments of 10 acres or more that would be affected. The proposal includes in the 10-acre minimum calculation all bordering property that has already been zoned for commercial retail. This means that even very small businesses, sitting on a fraction of an acre, would have to await the next general election to be approved if it is next door to 10 acres or more of commercial property. Would you want to take the gamble of waiting up to a year and being forced to spend

considerably more money to take a chance on getting approval to open your new business when you could be rejected by a small minority of the community?

4) The proposed amendment would repeal and nullify all existing ordinances, resolutions and laws that are inconsistent with this proposed amendment. This provision puts in to "legal limbo" the developments — commercial and residential — that are already built. You will not see this last provision on your ballot because the lawyer for STAMP did not want you to see it and stopped it, but it will be a key part of the law should Issue 57 pass.

The devastating effects of this proposed amendment include the loss of planned developments that must have 20 percent preserved open green space and which are part of our Master Plan, new or expanded businesses, tax revenues to help us pay for our schools and city services, a north-south road through the western section of town and needed sewers, of which 84 percent would be paid for by developers rather than our taxpayers. The last provision, which will not appear on your ballot, will create "legal limbo" for many home and property owners.

Regular, checkerboard housing development without green spaces will continue unabated and unvoiced.

I urge you to Please Vote NO on Issue 57. Issue 58 - Kingston Place Planned Community Development

This would be the first planned community development, built in the northwest corner of North Ridgeville.

Please Vote YES on Issue 58.

Letters to the Editor:

Issue 57, a proposal to discourage

To the Editor:
 I feel compelled to ask my fellow neighbors and friends to vote no on Issue 57.

I have listened with interest from the leadership of STAMP in regards to their support for the charter amendment we are being asked to consider on Nov. 7. I appreciate their efforts in what they believe to be a better way of government regarding zoning change issues for our city. However, I respectfully disagree with their choice and the incorrect implications many of our residents believe will be the result of this proposed amendment change.

Our representative form of government allows all registered voters to elect the people we believe will act on our behalf using the values and decisions we hold dear. Our charter also allows for each of these zoning issues to go before one or more Council committees for hearings and discussions, as well as a formal public hearing so that all citizens can express their views and opinions for our representatives considerations.

Finally, Council arrives at a decision that is hopefully best for all concerned; knowing that not everyone will be pleased with their decisions 100 percent of the time. And you have a choice if you believe your representatives are not acting as you believe they should; you can vote them out when they are up for re-election, or even petition their recall if you believe strongly enough. But to take away their sworn duty to make decisions as our representatives goes against the very essence of our governmental process.

Issue 57, if approved, will not be the cure-all the proponents would expect you to believe. It will not necessarily slow down development or even as some have suggested halt it altogether. It will not encourage five-acre lots to keep the rural flavor of our community - developers will continue to utilize the R-1 zoning requirements which allow for much greater density than one house for every five acres. It will not ensure quality projects over those of less quality; in fact many would argue that PCDs with shared green space to be of a higher quality

than our current R-1 zoning requirements. It will not ensure quality developers over those of less quality; in fact some would argue that R-1 zoning would attract developers of lesser quality because of the fewer requirements placed upon them. And while the proponents of Issue 57 indicate that there are 32 other cities in Ohio which have similar zoning laws, they neglect to tell you that there are over 2,500 cities and towns in Ohio that do not.

There are certainly ways in which we as a community can do more to ensure future development is accomplished in the best manner possible. One way is making certain the representatives we elect listen to us and respect our opinions and ideas. We must put aside our petty political agendas and work together to seek common ground - to speak as one to all those who wish to be a part of our community. We can try to be proactive in our approach to better development rather than looking for ways to discourage it. Issue 57 is a proposal to discourage, and we as a community should ask, no - demand more than that of ourselves and our future. Please consider the matter carefully and make a positive choice on Tuesday.

Dennis J. Boose

Hastings will serve well

To the Editor:

Over the past six months I have had the pleasure of working with Mark Hastings, candidate for Lorain County Sheriff. Mark's excellent qualifications and many years of experience in law enforcement will serve Lorain County well.

His vision for upgrading services rendered by the sheriff's department make him an outstanding choice for Lorain County Sheriff.

I urge your vote for Mark Hastings on Nov. 7.

Helen Hurst
 North Ridgeville

CC has waited long enough

To the Editor:

I have been a volunteer for North Ridgeville Community Care since 1989.

During this time we have worked in crowded, less than perfect situations.

Now we have been given property to build on and this proposed charter amendment puts our building plan in danger due to the fine print in issue 57. Fine print that may not even be included when printed on the ballot.

We have waited long enough, our clients have waited long enough. We have elected officials now who can decide on zoning issues. We want to build now.

Vote 'no' on Issue 57.

Billie Bier
 Community Care Volunteer

Resident 'distressed' over city

To the Editor:

Just a few weeks ago at the lobby session of the Oct. 2 Council meeting, the Law Director of North Ridgeville admonished the people opposing PCD development in our city for what he termed their name-calling. Imagine my surprise when I read a quote by his boss, Mayor Hill, labeling these same people as "distressed." This appeared in an

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Pressline:

Caller: Perhaps Mrs. Hrabik should consider herself with school board issues instead of city politics which she is not giving accurate information about.

Caller: Cypress failed because the land was rezoned improperly and Auto-Nation developed financial difficulties during the lengthy eminent domain procedures for Q-Panel's land. No other business committed to build.

Caller: Nobody's 100 percent right and nobody's 100 percent wrong, but this issue (rezoning) is best left in the hands of our elected officials.

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article in the Oct. 19 edition of a local newspaper which was reporting on the plans to circulate and present petitions opposing the rezoning of almost 1,200 acres to the PCD zoning. I guess that, at least in my case, the label fits.

I'm distressed that our administration and council could have presented and passed into law a piece of legislation as seriously flawed as our PCD ordinance. This is a piece of legislation that was written by the developers and approved with minimal changes. It allows for the development of the western portion of our city under the terms and conditions of the developers.

I'm distressed that in an earlier-ruling our Law Director attempted to thwart some of our citizens' attempts to bring a rezoning issue to a vote of the people by declaring the ordinance to rezone the land to PCD zoning, which was the target of the referendum petition, as unnecessary. The real rezoning ordinance, we were told, was the preliminary approval ordinance. Now the Law Director, in allowing the two most recent PCD preliminary approval ordinances to be passed with the emergency added appears to have changed his legal opinion yet again. Our charter prohibits passing any legislation which changes zoning whether permanent or temporary, with an emergency. This appears to be an attempt to get these PCDs approved and in place prior to voters' consideration of the charter amendment. These people attempted to follow the procedures in place, as suggested by Robin Hrabik in a previous letter, but were prevented by confusing and ever-changing legal opinions.

I'm distressed that in the face of over 1900 voter signatures indicating that they want a say in how our city is developed, the majority of our council has pushed ahead with approval of two additional PCDs. I would have thought the ethical and honorable approach would have been to put all rezoning issues on hold until after the election.

I'm distressed that the Law Director, in his report to council on Oct. 16 indicated he did not think it fair that all of the taxpayers are being asked to pay the legal fees of Mr. Phillips. This is a normal request, as the Law Director is no doubt aware, and one in which the courts have sided with the requestor on many occasions. I would like to point out to the Law Director that Mr. Phillips is not the only lawyer asking to be compensated by all of the taxpayers for legal advice, opinions and work which all of the taxpayers do not agree with.

Rick Herman
 North Ridgeville

If 57 passes, project may have to wait

To the Editor:

For 11 years, north Ridgeville Community Care has searched for a building or a piece of land where a facility could be built where we could better serve our clients, the less fortunate of our city.

FINALLY! The owners of Arby's Restaurant has given us this gift! We are so grateful. Papers are signed and we are on our way to the planning Board. (The property is situated on two types of zoning and borders over 10 acres of commercial property.)

In the proposed charter amendment is passed, we would have to wait another year and put our request on the ballot for ALL voters in ALL wards to vote on. We have already elected a city council, and boards and committees are in place.

Why should worth projects like this have to wait? We don't believe they should. This is why we encourage voters to read the fine print of this proposed charter amendment and VOTE NO on Issue 57.

June Yost
 Director, North Ridgeville Community Care

Big money behind proposed PCDs

To the Editor:

Someone from Florida recently called to ask our opinion about PCDs. Another paid caller warned us about higher taxes and economic gloom if PCDs are stopped. We were led to believe that our present grid of street patterns is bad, that our front and back yards are wasteful of land and that the health department is about to declare North Ridgeville a hazardous waste site.

Obviously, big money is behind the proposed PCDs from those who buy the land, to dealers who sell the building materials, the contractors who build and the people who close the deal. The Oct. 21 issue of the Chronicle Telegram projects a population growth of 67,000 for North Ridgeville. The present residents will certainly pay higher taxes...to support and repair roads, sewers, schools and provide additional city service and safety personnel. And the residents will pay an even higher price in the frustration and inconvenience in driving on our already crowded streets.

Allowing big developers to be exempt from or bypass all the rules, regulations densities, permit processes, setbacks and requirements that the rest of us have followed to build our homes in North Ridgeville does not strike us as following the democratic process of equal treatment for all. Growth will no doubt come to North Ridgeville, but let it be in a measured fashion following the rules already in place.

Now having faced the threat of ICBMs, LSD, PCBs and the IRS for 50 years, we've come to realize that there are often inherent dangers and long-term negative effects associated with a bunch of letters. So it is with PCDs.

We urge North Ridgeville residents to vote YES on Issue 57 and No on Issue 58.

Gary Hrusch
 Charmaine Szanyi-Hrusch
 North Ridgeville

Campaigners using scare tactics

To the Editor:

Election Day, Nov. 7 for the residents of our city will be a very important day in the history of our city. You will have chance to vote on a new charter amendment (Issue 57).

The amendment will give the residents a right to vote on any zoning change that is over 10 acres or on a Planned Community Development (PCD). It will NOT change zoning now in effect.

During this campaign you have heard many things presented to scare you so you will vote no on this amendment. What's going to happen to Mills Creek? NOTHING. A problem for Community Care? They will build on a smaller parcel than 10 acres and be successful. Questions about churches and schools - they are built in R-1 districts.

Now, the latest rumor - the developers will sue the city for multi-million dollar lawsuit because they cannot continue with their developments. They have no contracts with the city and have no grounds for a successful lawsuit. Ask any lawyer, you can sue for anything, but it takes a real case to win.

I hope you will consider the real truth and vote Yes on issue 57 your right to vote and protect your biggest investment, your home.

Bernadine Butkowski
 Council-at-large

Hidden dangers in Issue 57

To the Editor:

Last Minute Letters to the Editor:

Zagrans continues questionable rulings

To the Editor:

Several months ago it became obvious to a number of members of the North Ridgeville community that the City Charter was being ignored in the matter of Kingston Place rezoning from R-1 to PCD status. This point was brought forth and made clear by residents through certified mail and repeatedly during lobby sessions. However, the Administration and City Council refused to acknowledge the taxpayers' demand to rectify the situation. Consequently, a Writ of Mandamus was filed with the Ohio Supreme Court. The Court recognized what members of STAMP already knew - that a ruling made by North Ridgeville's Law Director Eric Zagrans, was inappropriate, to say the least. The taxpayers of the city won the lawsuit. Attorney Gerald Phillips, who represents STAMP, has been awarded attorney fees to be paid by the City of North Ridgeville. Incredibly, Mr. Zagrans has stated that members of STAMP are costing the taxpayers a great deal of money, even though it is easy for anyone to recognize that he bears the full responsibility.

Shortly after the initial Supreme Court ruling, Mr. Zagrans has again ruled in a questionable manner, which seems to defy the City Charter. The taxpayers may again be forced by duty to challenge his ruling. Now, here's the kicker. Each time Mr. Zagrans rules in a questionable or inappropriate manner and is therefore challenged by the taxpayers in court, it is my understanding that win or lose, he also must be paid attorney fees by the city to defend his own rulings. The fees to be paid are above and beyond his city salary. These hourly fees are most likely equal to those accrued by his opposing attorney. Apparently it is to Mr. Zagrans' financial advantage to make questionable rulings only to have them challenged in court.

Nancy Buescher
 North Ridgeville

People want a voice

To the Editor:

Passage of issue 57, the charter amendment giving the public the final vote on PCDs and zoning changes to commercial for parcels of land being 10 acres or more, may result in some positive in our community of North Ridgeville:

1. True open dialogue, community meetings, explanations of pros and cons.

2. Truly good-for-the-city projects will be developed for it is through elements such as extraordinary sensitivity to what people want and patient long-term negotiations between townspeople and local government that effect successful developments.

3. More citizen participation/involvement, especially when people realize they really will have a voice.

There are deep dangers hidden in the proposed Issue 57 charter amendment. Whether a person is for or against growth, the amendment would bring two serious harms: First, it would halt help to North Ridgeville folks through a new service center by Community Care. The creation of a friendly, accessible, more effective center in a better building would be halted by entanglement in zoning by a minority. This is not the time to cripple North Ridgeville Community Care.

Second, the amendment would reopen many zoning issues dating back to the 60s. Existing property zones could be nullified by challenge. There is a severe risk of bad surprises to longtime property owners.

The emotions around growth, land use and public costs are powerful, but we must make certain that we support vital services to people through North Ridgeville Community Care and keep our own property rights in balance. How ever well-meaning the advocates for Issue 57 may be, the issue brings harm to the wide majority. I respectfully urge a No vote.

Philip E. Kunz
 Trustee, North Ridgeville Community Care

Weigh implications of your vote

To the Editor:

All too soon the residents of our community will be asked to cast their votes on a proposed charter amendment commonly referred to as Issue 57. To any of you who intend to vote on this issue, I implore you to carefully read the amendment as written and weigh its implications before casting your vote. However well intentioned, the authors of this amendment have placed before the voters a poorly worded, poorly planned piece of legislation that will not have a desired effect on our city.

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4. Cause our city officials to be accountable to constituency to answer questions when posed, informing citizens.

5. A venue for citizens to have a say in the development of their own community, being a part of the decision process - not being told what is best for them by developers and governing officials (who are sometimes, but not always, right).

What if the charter amendment turns out to not work out well for

North Ridgeville. We have options to once again make changes - our government processes give us avenues to do this. There is nothing wrong with pursuing different methods to determine what will work best in one's growing community and we should not be afraid to try.

One reason this charter amendment is on the ballot: people fell totally left out of the decision-making process. The avenues available to citizens such as city council appearances, lobbying, letters, questions, recommendations — many have tried and have had no response from the majority of our city officials. It's not encouraging talking to that brick wall. It does not answer nor does it explain; it sits there in cold glaring silence.

People of a community need to feel community. We are simply asking for a say-so in our government and lifestyle.

We have been told to vote our city officials out if they do not respond to concerns. Yes, things can be done, however, much damage can be done by the time this would happen. People are simply asking for a voice, to be heard, to hear a response and explanation. We are being given an opportunity to try a different way to have our voices heard, by voting 'yes' on Issue 57.

Carol S. Shroyer
 North Ridgeville

Vote 'no' on Issue 57

To the Editor:

As a trustee of North Ridgeville Community Care, I urge you to vote 'no' on Issue 57.

North Ridgeville Community Care has been given land on which to build a facility that will better serve our needs, to be able to offer long-awaited plans to our clients.

If Issue 57 passes, our request for zoning and the fact that this property borders more than 10 acres of commercial lands, will make us take the issue to the ballot next November.

We need to build in the very near future, in 2001, not 2002. Help us help the less fortunate by voting 'no' on Issue 57.

Regenia Comerford
 Trustee, North Ridgeville Community Care

VOTE NO ISSUE 57

North Ridgeville Citizens for Equal Votes

October 2000

Dear North Ridgeville Neighbor,

Election Day, November 7, is a crucial day for North Ridgeville's future. You will be asked whether you want to give up your equal voice on future development decisions in North Ridgeville or whether you want to give people in one corner of our community more say than you have on our future. We are joining in a bipartisan effort to urge you to protect your right to an equal vote by **Voting No on Issue 57.**

Don't be fooled by supporters of this issue who claim it is intended to give you a vote on future growth. You already have that right. With just a few hundred signatures any zoning change can be taken to the ballot. Issue 57 is a radical proposal that would give as few as 12.5% + 1 of North Ridgeville voters the power to override the wishes of the rest of the community.

If Issue 57 is passed on Election Day - the impact will go far beyond losing your right to an equal say on future development in North Ridgeville. Issue 57 will also require every rezoning - even projects that everyone wants - to go the ballot. This will cause undue delay, even for projects that everyone wants, and the possible expense and inconvenience of elections before any project can begin. We need to ensure that our greenspace and small-town character is protected, without destroying controlled planned economic development. Do we think that quality developers will want to come to us if they are faced with the expense, the undue influence resting in the hands of a small group of opponents and the time delays that will result from passage of Issue 57?

Clearly, Issue 57 will drive the planned, controlled greenspace and business development, so vital to our future, away from North Ridgeville. What will be left in its place will be small commercial and retail (less than 10 acres) sites springing up without any ability for the City to control and plan our growth. This is not an environment that keeps and attracts business. Simply put, this proposal will put the economy of North Ridgeville at serious risk. If we are unable to continue to compete for jobs and business, our future will be in jeopardy. Without new revenues and jobs we will face the choice of higher taxes or cutting services.

We can't afford to be in that position. That's why so many members of our community have come together to urge you to join us in **Voting No on Issue 57.** We hope you will join us in the fight to protect North Ridgeville's future and your right to an Equal Vote on future growth. Please join us and ask your friends, neighbors and family to **Vote No on Issue 57.**

Sincerely,

Deanna L. Hill

Mayor Deanna L. Hill

Richard J. Dill

Former Mayor Richard Dill

Allen C. Swindig

Councilman Allen C. Swindig

G. David Gillock

Councilman G. David Gillock

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VOTE NO ISSUE 57

Paid for by North Ridgeville Citizens for Equal Votes, Robert W. Olesen, Treasurer, 6053 Field Stone Circle, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039

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Issue 57, as written, does not stop development west of SR 83. As a matter of fact, a local developer has already begun the construction of a housing development on the northeast corner of Case and Barris Roads that will contain approximately 180 lots, most of which measure 55-by-130 feet, in keeping with R-1 zoning requirements. Does this keep with the rural flavor so desired on this end of town? If you take the time to look at the plans for the proposed planned Community Developments that are on file with the planning Commission, you will find that many of the PCD lots are actually larger than this. Issue 57, by discouraging PCDs, invites developers to build in true R-1 fashion — home after home on the street after street, with no required open space. They simply must only develop land tracts under 200 acres at a time.

Also, regardless of what the backers of this issue intended it to mean, Issue 57 states in black and white that "all," not just new or current, ordinances that are inconsistent with the amendment "are hereby repealed and declared null and void." What exactly does this infer? Unfortunately that will be up to legal interpretation. What it suggests is that current property owners in Mills Creek, Ridgefield and Muirwood Village, could quite probably be looking at unnecessary and costly legal ramifications with regards to their property.

There are other troubling considerations, with Issue 57 as well as many of the people behind it, and once again I encourage you to read it and question it as much as possible before election day.

For skeptics who think I must have something financial to gain with my stance on this issue, I do. As with most people in our community, my home is my single largest investment and the passage of Issue 57 puts my investment in jeopardy. Granted, the current city administration did not address our concerns on future growth in a manner that many found acceptable, but how does putting ourselves in a "time out" punish them?

Please, this is an important issue that requires all of us to vote with our heads and not our hearts. A NO vote on issue 57 is in all our best interests, and then we can move on to confronting our concerns with this form of zoning, encour-

aged by community planners and environmentalists everywhere, in a more expeditious manner.

James J. Rothgery
North Ridgeville

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Please contact Matt Baca-
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Letter to the Editor:

Take back the city

To the Editor:
More than two years ago, under the Hill administration, North Ridgeville City Council's agenda contained a resolution to pass the city's new master plan, which had been nearly completed under the Armbruster administration.
Despite numerous requests, there were virtually no public hearings to inform the public about what was contained in the plan. Shortly before passage several individuals discovered that the master plan contained serious changes unbeknownst to members of the committee involved in its formulation. The residents were about to be duped. The plan did not pass at council that evening, but had to be reworked to the way

it was originally intended to read. It was passed several months later after only one public hearing.

Then, after only one public hearing, which was scheduled one-half hour before the council meeting, major legislation was approved by city council when the PCD ordinance was placed before them. Legislation involving the entire west side of the city and affecting the entire city should have had dozens of public hearings obtaining resident input before passage. The few knowledgeable people who object to serious problems surrounding the ordinance were completely ignored. This flawed ordinance passed. It appears the taxpayers were duped.

Kingston Place PCD was submitted shortly thereafter, deviated from the master plan and was put to a referendum by voters. The city attempted, through an absurd rul-

ing from the law director, to deny the people the right to vote on Kingston Place PCD. The petitioners needed the intervention of the Ohio Supreme Court and thousands of dollars to accomplish a right guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution.

Recently, Waterbury PCD and Meadow Lakes PCD preliminary plans were questionably passed under emergency legislation apparently because this administration and this majority on council do not want you to have the right to vote on these massive developments should Issue 57 pass on election day Nov. 7. Because the administration's tactics and blatant refusal to respect the wishes knows no bounds, taxpayers are presently being forced by necessity to circulate a referendum petition to place these two PCDs on the ballot. North Ridgeville is spiraling out of control because of gross mis-

management. But, you have the power to take your city back at least in part. Let your voices be heard at the voting booth.

Vote Yes on Issue 57 for your right to vote on all PCD developments and large commercial developments of 10 acres or more placed in residential areas (Rini's Plaza is 8.5 acres).
Vote No on Issue 58 to defeat the Kingston Place PCD which does not properly address high-density housing transportation issues, or spot-zoning-style commercial development in residential areas.

Jeff Madisen

Vote 'yes' on 57; no' on 58

To the Editor:

Remember when Bagley Road residents were forced to install sewers?

Many acres of residential land is for sale on Bagley Road near Lorain Road. Do you suppose Mr. Schmitt is looking to buy that land and have it rezoned to commercial? Why else would Mr. Schmitt, who already has his development approved, fight so hard against issue 57, the charter amendment that will require rezoning of residential land over 10 acres to be voted on by residents: Look at the corner of Center Ridge and Mills Creek Lane. That commercial was put in when Mills Creek was nearing completion

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COMMUNITY HEALTH EVENTS

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Join us for a free afternoon for Moms and Moms-to-be. Fashion show, make-up demonstration, information booths, tour and refreshments.
Sunday, November 5, 2:00 - 4:00 pm Space is limited.
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Victor Wirtz, MD, **Monday, November 13, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm**
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Colorectal screening to follow. RSVP: 1-800-223-8662

SPIRITUALITY — Seeing with New Eyes

Sister Maureen McCarthy, OSU
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By: Scott W. Arndt, D.D.S.



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• The constant irritation caused by chewing tobacco can result in gum recession and other permanent damage to periodontal tissue.

• Increased tooth decay can result from sugar that is added to smokeless tobacco.
• Tooth discoloration and bad breath are common with long term use.
• Nicotine blood levels are similar to those found in cigarette smokers.
• A diminished sense of taste and smell caused by tobacco use can lead to unhealthy eating habits.

• Cancer can be caused by all forms of smokeless tobacco. Watch out for some of these danger signs:
• A sore that does not heal.
• A lump or white patch.
• A prolonged sore throat.
• Difficulty in chewing.
• Restricted movement of the tongue or jaw.
• A feeling of something in the throat.
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VOTE ☒ YES

ISSUE 57
YOUR RIGHT
TO VOTE

CHARTER AMENDMENT/YOUR RIGHT TO HAVE THE
FINAL VOTE ON PCD'S AND
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OVER 10 ACRES

Issue 57 the right prescription for:

- ✓ "controlled" and "managed" growth
- ✓ higher property value appreciation
- ✓ lower taxes

Highland Hts. rated number One by Cleveland Magazine has ward approval

City Engineer Stewart Lovece stated "I'm like a traffic cop in here. I'm not going to stop all the speeders, but I can try to get what I can". He said the city is practicing a "rush" mentality that may cause mistakes to slip through.
(Sun Newspapers, September 21, 2000)

RAPID AND UNCONTROLLED GROWTH CAUSES:

- ❖ Higher costs to the city: increase traffic; more road and street repairs and improvements; more police and fire protection; the need for more parks, recreation, and education facilities; more building department personnel
- ❖ Higher taxes

North Ridgeville has no impact fees upon developers

YES ON 57 FOR YOUR VOTE
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD-WARD
APPROVAL

- ✓ Highland Hts the No. 1 rated city by Cleveland Magazine has ward approval
- ✓ Highland Hts had the Fifth highest appreciation in property values
- ✓ Highland Hts has the Third lowest property taxes
- ✓ 7 of the 15 top rated cities by Cleveland Magazine have ward approval
- ✓ 12 cities in the suburbs have ward approval
- ✓ Guarantees the residents of a ward who are disproportionately impacted with an opportunity to be heard
- ✓ All residents in the City have the same equal right of ward approval when a development disproportionately impacts them in their ward.

VOTE YES on 57 for:

- ✓ "controlled" and "managed" growth
- ✓ higher property value appreciation
- ✓ lower taxes

VOTE ☒ NO

ISSUE 58
KINGSTON PCD

118 SINGLE HOMES 501 CLUSTER HOMES
ALL ON 195 ACRES (3.17 DWELLINGS PER ACRE)
7 ACRES COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Stop Abusing the Master Plan
Stamp out Kingston Place

- Kingston Place does not extend Mills Rd. as mandated by the Master Plan
- Kingston Place densities far exceed the 1.78 per acre mandated by the Master Plan, in some places it is as high as 6 per acre, overall including wetlands and retention basins it is 3.17 dwelling units per acre
- Kingston Place violates the Master Plan's goal and objective of developing the downtown business district, by permitting spot zoning for commercial business districts within residential areas.
- Kingston Place because of the increase densities will cause increase traffic.
- Kingston Place will cause HIGHER COSTS for city services, and HIGHER TAXES

WHO IS GOING TO PAY FOR THE HIGHER COSTS

- ❖ Increase traffic, more road and street repairs and improvements
- ❖ More police and fire protection
- ❖ Need for more parks, recreation, and education facilities
- ❖ More building department personnel

All of the residents of North Ridgeville, BOTH EAST SIDE AND WEST SIDE, with HIGHER TAXES

The developers may pay for part of the sewers, but that is all. North Ridgeville has no impact fees upon developers.

MASSIVE PCD DEVELOPMENTS ARE COMING
TO NORTH RIDGEVILLE

Development	Total Acreage	Units	Acres Commercial
Kingston Place	202	619	7
Waterbury	640	1,963	28
Meadow Lakes	595	1,928	124 (Golf Course)
Totals	1,437	4,510	159

Say No to PDC's — Vote No on Issue 58
We Need Quality R-1 Developments
Like Mills Creek and Ridgefield
With Lower Densities

"The initial drawings (for Kingston Place) I've seen were almost Mickey Mouse" City Engineer Stewart Lovece (Sun Newspapers, September 21, 2000)

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(Kmart planned to build there but the resident fought and stopped it.) I'll bet the same will be done to the residents of Ridgefield and Bagley Road. Vote YES on Issue 57 for the right to vote on commercial rezoning in your backyard.

Kingston Place PCD is violating the master Plan, has 501 cluster units, 118 traditional single family units and seven acres of neighborhood retail all on 202 acres. The density will be nearly six units per acre. Living in such close proximity to neighbors could create social problems and the lower cost units could mean rental property for wealthy businessmen looking for tax break.

Sewering the west side means selling out to developers who will reap huge profits. Residents will only get sewers if they petition the city and are willing to pay for them.

In summary, high density + spot-commercial zoning + traffic congestion + low cost housing = future slums of North Ridgeville.

Vote NO in Issue 58, rezoning of 202 acres.

Mary Ann Miles
North Ridgeville

Have a legal say in city's growth

To the Editor:

I don't claim to be a rocket-scientist, but I don't think that's necessary to see Issue 57 clearly. If issue 57 fails, PCDs will be built before our city streets can accommodate all the additional cars and traffic. Hundreds of children will be crammed into our schools before any effort is made to make room for them.

The people against issue 57 claim that all the "good growth" will go to Westlake and Avon Lake. Could someone explain to me how passing Issue 57 would send this "growth" to two cities that are thriving with

laws just like Issue 57 already in place?

Don't let the "nay sayers" propaganda trick you into losing the right to vote on how your city grows. Vote Yes on Issue 57, for your right to vote and the opportunity to have a legal say in how our city grows.

Jean Griffith
North Ridgeville

Mayor supports 5-commissioner

To the Editor:

I very seldom write letters to the editor, but at this time I feel compelled to write in support of Issue 53, for five county commissioners. First, to clear the air, I am not interested in running for this position and I am not writing this letter for selfish reasons.

The five county commissioners, elected from five distinct county districts would ensure equal representation for all citizens across the county. The county was divided up into districts of near equal population and each district is different from the others.

At present, the three at-large county commissioners are elected from the entire county and in reality, the two major cities control who is elected. If you were a commissioner, who would you favor? Bingo, the city with the most voters. Even if you were elected the first time from somewhere other than the two largest cities, in order to get re-elected you would have to cater to the biggest voting block.

The three-commissioner system makes it easier to form an alliance of two commissioners elected from one city to earmark county monies for their favorite projects and ignore other cities and townships. Five commissioners would represent the whole county much more evenly and not over-weight in one direction or the other.

Another positive for the five-county commissioner proposal will be an administrative head, a professional, running the

county on day-to-day basis. The county government is one of the largest businesses in Lorain County and should be run by a person that is experienced in administration.

An issue raised by the opposition is the cost of the two new commissioners. This argument is "grabbing for straws" by the opposition. When they talk about their pet projects, \$200,000 is not a problem, but when they don't agree with an idea it is a 'budget buster.' But if you look at the total budget, the cost is low for the increased representation for residents all over the county.

We should be thinking about the entire county and not just our own little world and power structure. I hope that all residents of Lorain County will see through this charade and vote yes on Issue 53 for the betterment of all of Lorain County.

James A. Smith
Mayor, City of Avon

Council views development as 'God'

To the Editor:

Last Sunday I received a phone call. By the sound on the other end when I picked up the receiver, I concluded it was a telemarketer. But as the woman started her written spiel, I realized she was talking about the PCD proposal. She asked me if I realized that the passage of this issue would result in higher taxes and hurt our schools? I could tell by the way she was reading her pre-printed spiel that this woman was not a part of a citizens' campaign, so I asked her if she was getting paid to make these calls. She acknowledged that she was. I asked who was paying her, and she responded, "The Committee."

I have known since I moved here three years ago that there is something wrong with North Ridgeville politics. I was one of the residents who had the Oxford Knoll development rammed down our throats - and our

backyards. I saw firsthand how the City Council catered to developers and gave the developers priority over the citizens of North Ridgeville.

At the town council meeting in which the development came up for the final vote, the vote was placed on the agenda ahead of the public forum, meaning the vote was taken before any of the residents present were allowed to get up and voice their opinions. It made a mockery of the concept of democracy.

Although the master plan calls for designated "green areas" and one of council's defense of the PCDs is that they allot "green spaces," that same council allowed innumerable variances so that nine house could be crammed into an area that had room for five, annihilating any chance of "green spaces." Council wouldn't even consider retaining our naturally green area as a neighborhood garden or as walking paths. Somehow the city council seems to think that development is God - that all development is good development and quantity (and money) are always better than quality. It is this attitude that has promoted the citizens to take the drastic step of petitioning to have Issue 57 on the ballot.

And now the politicians and others who are aligned with the developers are paying people who don't even live in North Ridgeville to call me and tell me why the grassroots movement of citizens of North Ridgeville is wrong. The citizens may not have the money the developers have to advertise their position, but the citizens still have the right to their votes. And given North Ridgeville Council's view that government is not "of the people, by the people and for the people," but "by the developers and the people with money and people in

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power for the little people," the citizens must use their votes - in this and future elections - to return the power to the people.

Deborah Wentz
North Ridgeville

Supports Hosta's view

To the Editor:

I fully support Catherine Hosta's views of the subject of two-way communication in schools. Our children are playing more and more sports. Most children, when not in school, are on the field or in the gym with after school activities.

We have been hearing more and more about children collapsing during school sports activities. Sometimes between the pressure of the game, the coaches, the parents and their team our children are being pushed beyond their limits. We found the money for no-pay-to-play, now let's find the money to protect our kids.

Sen. Armbruster has the power to start two-way communication. It's sad to think that the only time people will get involved is when it happens to them. Let's hope that Catherine Hosta and the children get what they deserve, two-way communication - a mission to save a child's life.

Rae Ellen King
North Ridgeville

Phillips offends Chamber

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to an announcement that appeared in The Press & Light on Oct. 18 regarding a meeting that the STAMP Committee had organized to give out information concerning Issue 57. In that announcement, Mr. Gerald Phillips, attorney for the STAMP Committee accused the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce of "disseminating false information."

I want to go on the record as saying that I, as president and representative of the Chamber of Commerce, and its board members, take great offense at that accusation.

The North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce for the past 25 years has only had the best interests of this community at heart. We are a group of local business people and if the community is successful, we're successful.

The chamber has never taken such a stand on an issue such as this. However, once the chamber board understood the implication of the charter amendment and the detrimental effect that it would have on future business growth in this city, we voted unanimously to take a stand strongly opposing the charter amendment.

We are a business advocacy organization. Our concern is for business health and growth in North Ridgeville. Any resident or business person who was present at the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored breakfast on Sept. 20 at the Education Center was able to hear firsthand how devastating an amendment such as this can be to the growth of a city when the gentleman who was a councilman from the City of Seven Hills spoke. He stated that substantial business growth and a stronger tax base has

never been achieved in the City of Seven Hills because of a similar charter amendment that was passed in that city several years ago. The North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce is simply trying to inform our members and the city as a whole, what this amendment really says and what effect it will have, if passed.

We are proud of our stellar reputation and we would never take such a stand unless we were totally convinced that it was the right thing to do. The very best interests of this city and our members are what motivated us to take such a stand.

Bob Liston
President, North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce

Hrabik's statements inaccurate

To the Editor:

After reading Mrs. Hrabik's editorial I felt the need to respond to one of the several inaccurate statements she made. She would like citizens to call or write councilpersons and the mayor to state their concerns. Perhaps some select citizens do receive answers. However, it is my opinion most people do not receive this privilege.

Even former council member Dennis Boose does not receive any response (written or verbal) from most council members. He stated at the lobby portion of council

that only Mrs. Butkowski, Mrs. Minnick and Mrs. Gillock cared enough to respond to his concerns. If a former council member cannot receive a response, what chance does the average citizen have?

The STAMP group is trying to give the citizens something they do not have. We are trying to give the citizens true democracy - a chance to vote - not to sit on the sidelines and have the mayor, council and their lackeys put up a smoke screen. If Issue 57 is so dangerous, why do other cities such as Highland Hts. and North Olmsted deem it appropriate?

On Nov. 7, remember to vote, it is YOUR RIGHT. It is true democracy in action.

VOTE YES ON ISSUE 57.

Robert D. Miles
North Ridgeville

Prajner puts in his two cents

To the Editor:

The general election is just around the corner and everyone's scrambling to get in last minute letters to promote their issues. I thought I would also get in my two cents.

As chairman of the STAMP committee, I have been working very hard these last eight months getting the most important issue to face North Ridgeville in decades on the bal-

lot for the residents to have a say.

Issue 57, the charter amendment allowing residents to vote on rezoning of PCDs and commercial development over 10 acres will also allow residents the ability to shape their community and consult with developers and let them know what type of housing should be allowed in North Ridgeville.

The other issue on the ballot is issue 58. It is the request for rezoning the Kingston Place PCD and should it be rezoned.

In its present state, I don't feel that the rezoning of the Kingston PCD should be approved. As I have said many times in the past, once the developer takes care of the density issue as well as the traffic and commercial issues, then Kingston Place may become an asset to north Ridgeville, but not now. I strongly urge you to vote NO on Issue 58. Vote NO on Kingston Place.

So, as we head to the polls on Tuesday, consider carefully everything that's been said and vote according to how you feel about this important issue. The decision that we make now will have a lasting effect on the way North Ridgeville is viewed by its neighbor communities. Will it be a city to be envied or one to be ashamed of?

So on Tuesday, vote YES on Issue 57, your RIGHT to vote.

John C. Prajner
Chairman, STAMP Committee

Support Those In Need Mental Health REPLACEMENT LEVY



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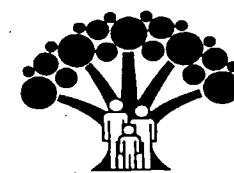
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North Ridgeville's Community Calendar for November

WEDNESDAY 1

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Quilting, Cards, Lunch, Bingo, Watercolor class.
12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Westlake Toastmasters #497 - Webster's Place.
1 p.m. SHHH Group - Ohio Edison Bldg. West River Rd., Elyria.
1 p.m.-6 p.m. Lorain County General Health Dist. - Low cost immunizations. 322-6367.
5 p.m.-8:15 p.m. N.R. High School - Parent Teacher Conferences.
6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - First Congreg. Church, 36363 Center Ridge.
7 p.m.-10 p.m. Co-Ed Volleyball - N.R. High School.
8 p.m. Hot Stove Baseball - Palmer Field.

THURSDAY 2

9 a.m. Sr. Center - Men's Breakfast.
1 p.m.-4 p.m. Sr. Center - Watercolor class.
1 p.m.-4 p.m. Lorain City Health Dept. - Low cost immunizations. 246-6836.
5 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Wilcox & Lear North - Parent Teacher Conferences.
6:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Body Sculpting class.
7 p.m. N.R. Library - Preschool Story Time.
8-9 p.m. Al Anon - New Life Community Church, 34100 Center Ridge Rd.

FRIDAY 3

Noon, Rotary Club - Sr. Center.
1 p.m. Support Group For the Visually Impaired - Westlake Sr. Center, 29694 Center Ridge Rd.

SATURDAY 4

9 a.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Fencing class.
4 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Karate class.

MONDAY 6

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Crafts, Quilting, Lunch, Computer classes.
6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Women's Open Gym Volleyball - Wilcox Elementary School. \$2 per night.
7 p.m. N.R. Library - Preschool Story Time.
7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting - Council Chambers.

TUESDAY 7

10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. N.R. Library - Preschool Story Time.
1 p.m.-4 p.m. Sr. Center - Watercolor class.
9:30 a.m. PTA Council - Middle School.
6:30 a.m. Lions Club - Webster's Restaurant.
7 p.m. Tops Club #656 - Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd.
NREC - Parent Teacher Conferences.
Election Day

WEDNESDAY 8

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Quilting, Cards, Lunch, Bingo, Watercolor class.
12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Westlake Toastmasters #497 - Webster's Place.
5:30 p.m. Adult CPR Recertification - The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.
7 p.m.-10 p.m. Co-Ed Volleyball - N.R. High School.
7:30 p.m. Baseball/Softball League - Park & Rec. Office.
7:30 p.m. Band Boosters - Middle School Bad Room.
7:30 p.m. Historical Society - Old Town Hall.
8 p.m. VFW #9871 Men's Meeting - at the pct.

THURSDAY 9

N.R. School - Early Release Day.
9 a.m. Sr. Center - Women's Breakfast.
1-4 p.m. Sr. Center - Pinochle Club.
5 p.m.-8:15 p.m. NREC, Wilcox, Liberty, Lear, Middle, High Schools - Parent Teacher Conferences.
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Sr. Center - N.R. Community Center, second public workshop regarding tie design. 353-0856.
7 p.m. Zoning Board Meeting - Council Chambers.
7 p.m. N.R. Library - Preschool Story Time.
8-9 p.m. Al-Anon - New Life Community Church, 34100 Center Ridge Rd.
8 p.m. NRASL - Sr. Center.

FRIDAY 10

Noon, Rotary Club - Sr. Center.

7:30 p.m. Lorain County Beekeepers Assoc. Agricultural Center, 42110 Russia Rd., Elyria.
NREC - Parent Teacher Conferences.

SATURDAY 11

9 a.m.-4 p.m. N.R. Education Center - Fifth Annual Christmas Arc Craft Show. \$1/donation.
9 a.m.-4 p.m. Standard First Aid and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Adult CPR - The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.
9 a.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Fencing class.
4 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Karate class.

SUNDAY 12

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. VFW #9871 Aux. - Country Breakfast Buffet.
5 p.m. St. Julie Billiard Church - Catholic Young Adults Club. Mass followed by social and planning session.

MONDAY 13

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Crafts, Quilting, Lunch, Computer classes.
6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Women's Open Gym Volleyball - Wilcox Elementary School. \$2 per night.
7 p.m. N.R. Library - Preschool Story Time.
7 p.m. Baseball-Softball Boosters - Park & Rec. Office.
7:30 p.m. VFW #9871 Ladies Aux. - At the post.

TUESDAY 14

10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. N.R. Library - Preschool Story Time.
1-4 p.m. Sr. Center - Watercolor class.
5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Community CPR and Adult CPR - The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.
7 p.m. Planning Commission - Council Chambers.
7 p.m. Tops Club #656 - Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd.
7:30 p.m. Pre-School PTA - Middle School Cafeteria.
7:30 p.m. VFW #9871 Men's Country Council - at the post.

WEDNESDAY 15

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Quilting, Cards, Lunch, Bingo, Watercolor class. Blood pressure check.
12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Westlake Toastmasters #497 - Webster's Place.
5 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Middle School - Parent Teacher Conferences.
6:30 p.m. Civil Service Commission - Conference Room at City Hall.
6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - First Congreg. Church, 36363 Center Ridge.
7 p.m. Mini Rangers Football Boosters - South Central Park Community Cabin.
7 p.m. Co-Ed Volleyball - N.R. High School.

THURSDAY 16

9 a.m. Sr. Center - Men's Breakfast.
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Lorain Cty. Gen. Health Dist. - Free Blood Pressure Screening at Rite Aid Pharmacy, 34321 Center Ridge Rd.
5 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Liberty School - parent Teacher Conferences.
5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Community - The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.
6:25 p.m. VFW #9871 Ladies Aux. - Visit to Brecksville Hospital.
7 p.m. NRFL - Sr. Center.
7 p.m. N.R. Library - Preschool Story Time.

FRIDAY 17

9 a.m. Adult CPR Recertification - The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.
Noon, Rotary Club - Sr. Center.

SATURDAY 18

9 a.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Fencing class.
4 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Karate class.

SUNDAY 19

9 a.m.-1 p.m. VFW #9871 Retirees/Honor Guard - Pancake Breakfast at the post.

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MONDAY 20

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Crafts, Quilting, Lunch, Computer classes.
6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Women's Open Gym Volleyball - Wilcox Elementary School. \$2 per night.
7 p.m. N.R. Library - Preschool Story Time.
7 p.m. Alzheimers Support Group - Gates Medical Bldg. 125 E. Broad St., Elyria.
7:30 p.m. NR Arts Council - First Congregational UCC Church.
7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting - Council Chambers.

TUESDAY 21

10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. N.R. Library - Preschool Story Time.
1 p.m.-4 p.m. Sr. Center - Watercolor class.
6:30 p.m. Lions Club - Webster's Restaurant.
6:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Body Sculpting class.
7 p.m. Tops Club #656 - Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd.
7:30 p.m. Dads of Foreign Service Veterans - at the post.
7:30 p.m. School Board Meeting - Education Center.

Wednesday 22

Thanksgiving Break N.R. - No School.
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sr. Center - Cards, Lunch, Bingo, Watercolor class. Fishing Club.
12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Westlake Toastmasters #497 - Webster's Place.
7 p.m.-10 p.m. Co-Ed Volleyball - N.R. High School.
7:30 p.m. Parks & Recreation Commission - Multi-Purpose Room.
8 p.m. VFW #9871 Men's Meeting - at the post.

THURSDAY 23

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Thanksgiving Break N.R. - No School.

FRIDAY 24

Office For Older Adults Closed - Holiday.
Thanksgiving Break N.R. - No School.

SATURDAY 25

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Babysitting Basics - The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.
9 a.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Fencing class.
4 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Karate class.

MONDAY 27

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Crafts, Quilting, Lunch, Computer classes.
6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Women's Open Gym Volleyball - Wilcox Elementary School. \$2 per night.
7 p.m. N.R. Library - Preschool Story Time.
7 p.m. Football Boosters Club - High School Cafeteria.
7 p.m. VFW #9871 Ladies Cnt. Council

TUESDAY 28

10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. N.R. Library - Preschool Story Time.
1 p.m.-3 p.m. Sr. Center - Book Club.
1 p.m.-4 p.m. - Watercolor class.
5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Standard First Aid and Adult CPR - The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.
7 p.m. Survivors of Suicide and Attempted Suicide - EMH Conference Room A (8th floor).
7 p.m. Planning Commission - Council Chambers.
7 p.m. Tops Club #656 - Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd.

WEDNESDAY 29

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sr. Center - Cards, Lunch, Bingo, Watercolor class. Fishing Club.
12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Westlake Toastmasters #497 - Webster's Place.
7 p.m.-10 p.m. Co-Ed Volleyball - N.R. High School.

THURSDAY 30

9 a.m. Sr. Center - Men's and Women's Breakfast.
1-4 p.m. Sr. Center - Watercolor class. Pinochle Club.
6:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Body Sculpting.
7 p.m. Zoning Board Meeting - Council Chambers.
7 p.m. N.R. Library - Preschool Story Time.

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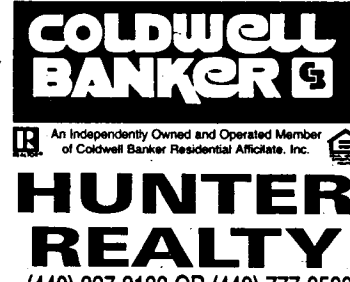


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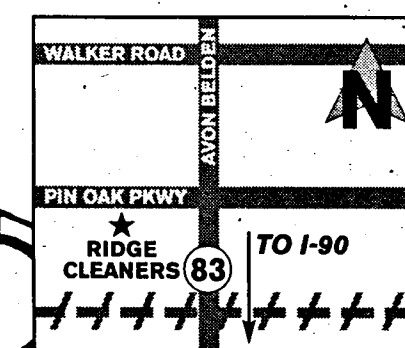
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To the Editor:
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So go to the polls on Tuesday and vote for the candidate that will make the sheriff's department the envy of the state.

Vote Mark Hastings Sheriff.

John C. Prajzner
North Ridgeville

Ashamed to live in NR today

To the Editor:
I've just left the forum sponsored by the Coalition of Voters on Issue 57. At this time, I can only say that I am ashamed to say that I reside in the City of North Ridgeville. Mr. Phillips, speaking for the STAMP Committee, spoke candidly about Issue 57. He was only lambasted by Mr. Zagrars, Mr. Johnson and others. Some opposing the issue became so belligerent they were asked to leave the forum. This is not the behavior I would

expect from those that represent OUR city. I cannot believe the display of disrespect that has been shown for Mr. Phillips, member of the STAMP Committee and the public of this evening.

I have a difficult time understanding what the city is afraid of. Thirty-three other cities have zoning in their charters similar to Issue 57. Those cities include Westlake, North Olmsted, Strongsville and Fairview Park. I don't see where growth has been halted in these cities. Over 1800 signatures were collected to get issue 57 on the ballot. What else will it take to get OUR city government to listen?

It's a shame that the STAMP committee has had to go to such extremes to get the mayor and the puppets on council to listen to the people of OUR community. It's a shame that 25 people around the city had to go door to door collecting signatures for petitions, interrupting people during dinner time as well as put their own lives on hold because no one would listen. It's a shame that the people of OUR community had to sue the city to have their voices heard. Because of this, legal fees continue to mount on both sides.

At this time, I think the only right thing for the mayor and the puppets of the hill to do is resign from office. It's time for the peo-

ple to decide the path OUR city will take. VOTE FOR YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE...VOTE YES ON ISSUE 57.

Michael Tyson
North Ridgeville

Beckett stands to lose if issue passes

To the Editor:
Issue 57, the North Ridgeville Charter amendment - unless we vote NO - will make millions for a certain developer. If Issue 57 is approved a certain developer will have the right to develop the northwestern section of North Ridgeville and to add insult to injury, if any other landowner wants to develop their own land, they will have to pay this developer. Once this developer taps the main sewer line at the northwestern part of the city, he will have it all to himself.

This certain developer will not have to pay an additional \$2 million cost of the sewers on the northwestern part of our city and can develop the land without green space. He will save millions.

The other big loser is our own largest industry, Beckett Companies. Beckett wants to expand the industrial park. If the charter amendment passes, Beckett cannot expand because they won't have sewers and the amendment says that even though the land was rezoned already, the rezoning is repealed along with other zoning now on the books in North Ridgeville, so the citizens will pay more for city service and our schools don't get the tax dollars.

Issue 57 is NOT about your right to vote but about a certain developer's right to get richer. Russell Realty presently represents this developer in the sale of his home. Even though this will make him more money, he doesn't believe any developer should have such a monopoly.

Ron Russell
Russell Realtors

Vote pro-life in election

To the Editor:
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Vote PRO-LIFE - Protect our unborn children.

Josephine L. Perryman
North Ridgeville

Proposed amendment 'destructive'

To the Editor:
Issue 57, the charter amendment on the ballot is the most destructive proposal I have ever witnessed in my years in North Ridgeville.

It has been heralded by the proponents as a "right to vote." In fact, if you read it carefully, less than 13 percent of the people can take away what the rest of us decide at the election booth.

The people who proposed this amendment have told us that it will stop development. In fact, the development with no green space and no connected sewers or roads will continue to be built with no vote. The amendment does not apply to them.

They told us that a vote will only be needed for rezoning to business of 10 acres or more. Also untrue. An existing business area could be 100 acres. If a fraction of an

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acre is needed for expansion or a new business, it goes to a vote up to a year later. What business do you know that would wait for a vote that could be turned down by less than 13 percent of our residents. There goes our tax base for our schools and city services. I'm glad they can afford higher taxes.

They fought in court to keep the part of the amendment that repeals all laws, including in our charter, that would be delayed until there is an election and it will mean the only kind of development that can easily take place is the kind of 1950s checker-board housing that none of us want.

Developments like Mills Creek and Ridgefield will just not happen and even the status of existing community development such as Community Care will be put at risk.

It seems that the people who proposed Issue 57 think they should have control over our future whether we like it or not. I am not willing to give anyone control over my future because they want to keep the city of North Ridgeville the way they like it.

What is really important to this small group people? Is it in the best interest of the citizens of North Ridgeville to stop growth, to stop development, because this small group of people say so? As a business owner I don't feel that this is smart

business or smart government.

I hope we're not fooled by their claims. I hope we all take the time to see what passage of Issue 57 is really about. I'm not ready to give up my equal vote and I don't think that most of the people that I know in North Ridgeville want to give up their voice either.

If we want to protect our future, vote No on Issue 57.

Joyce Johnson
North Ridgeville

Not ready to give up

To the Editor:
When I first heard about Issue 57 it sounded like a good idea. I want to have a vote about future development in North Ridgeville. Then I started to study the issue. I'm glad I did, because Issue 57 is just a bad idea.

It will mean that my vote won't count the same as my neighbors. It will mean every development we want will be delayed until there is an election and it will mean the only kind of development that can easily take place is the kind of 1950s checker-board housing that none of us want.

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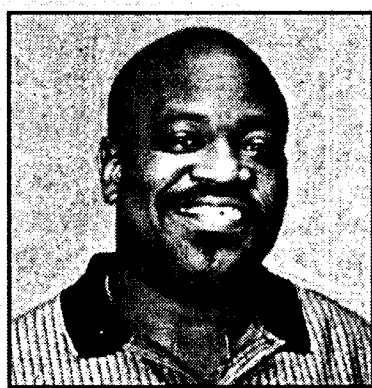
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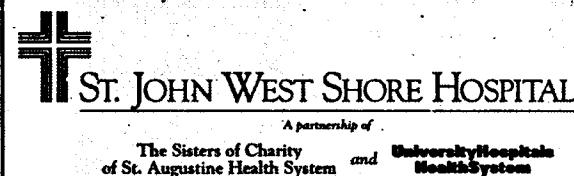
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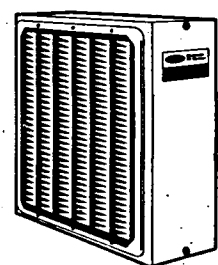
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LORAIN CITY HEALTH DEPT., 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Low cost immunizations. 246-6836.

WILCOX & LEAR NORTH, 5 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Parent Teacher Conferences.

N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Ongoing Body Sculpting class at the Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room. \$40/month. 353-0860/info.

HARVEST LIFE BEREAVEMENT CENTER, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. "Harvest Hope" support group for anyone who has experienced the death of someone close. 5255 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria. 934-1482/info.

N.R. LIBRARY, 7 p.m. Preschool Story Time.

RECOVERY, INC., 7:30 p.m. Self-help for people dealing with fears, phobias, panics and depression. Meets weekly at Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd., Room CC114 (faculty lounge), Elyria. Call Bob MacIntyre, 440-236-8841/info.

ALANON, 8-9 p.m. at New Life Community Church, 34100 Center Ridge Rd., N.R. 277-6969/info.

FRIDAY

ST. JOHN WEST SHORE HOSPITAL, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Low cost immunizations at Community Outreach Dept., Bldg. #2, Westlake. Sponsored by CSA/St. John Ministries. N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Ongoing

Fencing class for children and adults at the Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room. \$7/class. 353-0860/info.
ROTARY CLUB, noon at the Office For Older Adults.
SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED, 1 p.m. Westlake Sr. Center, 29694 Center Ridge Rd.

SATURDAY

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MONDAY

OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Craft Club, Quilting, Computer Classes. Soup for 35 cents. 353-0828/info.

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WOMEN'S OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL, 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Wilcox Elementary School. \$2 per night.

HARVEST LIFE BEREAVEMENT CENTER, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. "Mourning Hearts" support group for parents who have lost a child to death. 6:30 p.m. "Harvest Hope" support group for people who have experienced the death of someone close. 5255 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria 934-1482/info.

N.R. LIBRARY, 7 p.m. Preschool Story Time.
CITY COUNCIL MEETING, 7:30 p.m. Council Chambers.

TUESDAY

PTA COUNCIL, 9:30 a.m. Middle School.
N.R. LIBRARY, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Preschool Story Time.
OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Watercolor Classes.

N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults. \$7/class. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Ongoing Body Sculpting class. \$40/month. Both classes held at the Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room. 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults at the Middle School. 353-0860/info.

LIONS CLUB, 6:30 p.m. Webster's Restaurant.
TOPS CLUB #656, 7 p.m. Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd.

NREC, Parent Teacher Conferences.

ELECTION DAY

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OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Quilting, Cards, Bingo. Lunch \$3.25 by reservation. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Watercolor class. 353-0828/info.

WESTLAKE TOASTMASTERS #497, 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Webster's Place.

ADULT CPR RECERTIFICATION, 5:30 p.m. The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.

WEIGHT WATCHERS, 6 p.m.-7 p.m. First Congregational Church, 36363 Center Ridge Rd. 1-800-487-4777/info.

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL, 7 p.m. N.R. High School.

BAND BOOSTERS, 7 p.m. Middle School Band Room.

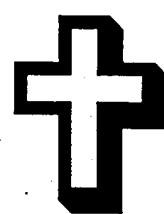
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL LEAGUE, 7:30 p.m. Park & Rec. Office.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 7:30 p.m. Old Town Hall.

VFW #9871 MEN'S MEETING, 8 p.m. At the post.

Philippians 2:5-8
Philippians 2:9-11
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Church of Christ, 36350
Chesnut Ridge Rd. Jason Harlin,
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Springs of Life Church, 31860
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Church of God, 6000 Lear
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New Life Community Church,
34100 Center Ridge Rd. No.
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New Life Pentecostal Church
of God, 6001 Lear Nagle, (440)
353-3593. Rev. David Kradlak.
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7:00 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study 7:00
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North Ridgeville Baptist
Church, 5400 Lear Nagle Rd. Rev.
Gerald Flury, Pastor. Sunday
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More Letters to the Editor:

57 by requiring a "public hearing" at the ballot box on major developments. Issue 57 only covers two rezoning issues, major commercial projects, generally 10 acres or more, and PCD developments (minimum of 200 acres). Adjoining land is included in the computation of the 10 acres for the commercial projects to prevent developers from circumventing the provision by dividing its development into a number of smaller projects under 10 acres.

Issue 57 only adds an additional step to the rezoning process: voter approval. It does not take away the powers of the planning commission and city council to review an approve rezoning matters. Issue 57 does not cover matters other than rezoning. It does not cover approvals of development plans, conditional use permits, for example the approvals for school and church uses, redevelopment or expansion of existing zoned commercial property and approvals for zoning variances. Issue 57 is only a procedural change in the rezoning process, it does not affect existing developments which have been already approved, they are "grandfathered" and "exempted." Issue 57 cannot affect vested property rights. To do so would be unconstitutional.

Highland Hts., the city rated number one by Cleveland Magazine, in its 2000 annual review of suburbs, has referendum rezoning for all matters, with ward approval. Highland Hts. had the fifth highest appreciation property values during the past six years. It has the third lowest property taxes. Thirteen of the top 15 cities rated by Cleveland Magazine have some form of referendum rezoning in their city charters. Seven of the top fifteen have ward approval. Thirty-three cities in the suburbs have referendum rezoning and twelve have ward approval. Ward approval has been constitutionally upheld, permitting an identifiable group of voters, the residents of a ward who will be disproportionately impacted with dual voting. All residents with the city have the same right to exercise ward approval when a development disproportionately affects them in their ward.

Issue 57 give the residents the power to control development within the city. Who do you want to control future developments in the city? Vote Yes to let the residents control such growth; vote No to let the developers control the city's future destiny. For managed and controlled growth, higher property value appreciation and lower taxes, vote Yes on issue No. 57. Your Vote Your Neighborhood Committee

PCD ordinance can be improved

To the Editor:
Why a vote against Kingston Place, a "NO" on Issue 58? This particular PCD as well as the PCD ordinance can be much improved:

■ More negotiation about infrastructure, roads, traffic signals, turning lanes - before the fact, not after. "Open" space does not translate to "green" space. "Open" space can be buildings or paved areas. Let's leave no room for confusion and include a provision specifically for "green" space.

■ Commercial/Neighborhood Business is supposedly designed to serve the needs of the residents of the PCD development itself in order

to encourage walking and discourage driving. Placement to the interior, centrally located, accomplishes this; on the fringe, as is now allowed, counters this and also disturbs an already existing residential neighborhood. A clear definition as to all the business types that could be allowed is needed.

■ Density. The developer reaps the benefits. R-1 residential allows maximum of 2.3 units per acre while the PCD zoning allows a maximum of 3.24 units per acre overall. Using 200 acres as an example; with PCD zoning, a maximum of 648 units; with R-1 zoning, a maximum of 460 units. Net gain for the developer: 188 units + commercial area.

■ Phasing plans. Clear definition and guidelines needed. Without phasing controls spelled out in an ordinance, communities can find themselves with a substantial number of high-density units, built and sold, a disappearing developer along with a list of unfulfilled promises on non-existent amenities.

■ Sewers. We're told developers will pay 80 percent or so of the cost of the sewer trunk line. Not shared is much of this cost will be borne by the people buying dwellings in this development. Sewers should not be the factor upon which these developments are approved. Even with a new and improved PCD ordinance, we can still get sewers. Or the city can design and bond for sewers. The city can borrow money much cheaper than developers can. Other cities do this with success. Let's examine alternatives.

■ Questions. Too many are unanswered either because there are no answers or because all information is not being shared. If a developer pulls out/abandons the project for whatever reason, what happens to the sewers and roads, will they be completed or abandoned? Are there provisions in the PCD ordinance to cover these issues? I have expe-

rienced frustration through lack or no presentation or ignored information about traffic issues, impact on schools, safety service, environmental impact studies, drainage, etc.

In my opinion we can improve upon the existing PCD legislation. These developments will impact the entire city and it would be wise for us to look long and hard at the positives as well as the negative of developing our first PCD. Even our city engineer has said North Ridgeville is practicing a rush mentality that may cause mistakes to slip through. There is nothing wrong with slowing down and striving for excellence and quality, not quantity.

Ronald Angell
North Ridgeville

Schmitt makes corrections

To the Editor:

In a letter The Press & Light, Mrs. Perryman moved to the head of the STAMP misinformation class. I don't know where Mrs. Perryman gets her information about Bob Schmitt Homes, but it is wrong. Dead wrong! Her first paragraph says in referring to Mrs. Schmitt:

"What he fails to mention is that his property was developed under R-1 with cluster subdivision, with green space in place of large lots. This process is available to all developers now. The density allowed is 2.4 unit per acre. He doesn't tell you that he has built more expensive homes on larger lots first."

The overall design of the 500-acre Ridgefield community was designed and approved under a stand-alone ordinance 2873-94 passed June 6, 1994 which in the first paragraph says:

"in order to encourage greater attractive-

ness, flexibility and utilization of space to obtain a more desirable environment than may be possible through the strict application of minimum requirements of the conventional single family district, contiguous one family dwellings may be clustered in accordance with the regulations of this zoning code to permit the flexible spacing of lots and building in order to encourage:

A. The creation of functional and interesting residential areas.

B. The provision of readily accessible recreation areas and open spaces.

C. The conservation of the natural amenities of the landscape, and D. The separation of pedestrian and vehicular circulation.

This ordinance has nothing to do with R-1 zoning. The charter amendment repeals this ordinance so it will not, as she says, be available to all developers if Issue 57 passes.

This Ridgefield overall design contains 903 units, of which 712 are single family and 191 detached cluster units. This ordinance allows a density of 2.3 units per acre; not the 2.4 Mrs. Perryman states. Ridgefield's density is 1.8 units per acre. It has 118 acres of park and recreation are including a 50-meter solar-heated pool and a 9,000 square foot clubhouse and exercise area. It required in excess of a \$10 million investment in land and development before the first house was built.

By the end of 2000 we will have completed 30 cluster and 174 single-family units. Mrs. Perryman stated that we build more expensive home on large lots first. Not so! Our average sales piece of homes completed in 2000 was \$256,250 for single family and

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\$241,600 for clusters. For 1999, the average price was \$247,200 for single family and \$217,400 for clusters. This doesn't square with Mrs. Perryman's allegation that 'we built more expensive homes on large lots first.'

By the end of 2000, the tax revenues for all of Ridgefield, including the completed homes, will be in excess of \$70,000 per month. Of this, the schools will receive approximately \$43,000 per month and the city, \$10,500 per month plus one-time fees of \$20,000 per month. There are only 13 school-age children in Ridgefield to date.

Her second paragraph says: "Many of the homes that are yet to be built are of the cluster type, the value of

which is much less than the present homes. He also fails to mention that very many of the Ridgefield homeowners are older persons, not sending students to school. It is not likely the cluster homes will be the same."

The '99 and '00 production figures above don't support this statement. The cluster homes, which we have been building for 30 years almost never, have a school-age child. In the 52 years of our company's existence and the completion of 17 neighborhoods and over 4,500 homes, we have never built a neighborhood that didn't increase in market value during its entire period of construction and continues to do so today. Homes that we built in 1955 for \$12,500 are now selling for \$125,000 and up.

Next she says:

"Now the other fact is that if Mr. Schmitt wants to develop additional land in the future in North Ridgeville, the 3.24 units per acre allowed in PCD zoning would be more profitable to him."

At age 82 and 15 more years to complete Ridgefield, I don't believe this allegation flies. We have never exceeded 2.5 units per acre in any of our PCD neighborhoods. Ridgefield at 1.8 is a PCD as is Mills Creek at a density of 2.17 units per acre. Some of the cluster areas in Mills Creek are around 4 units per acre. PCDs, by their nature, have a variety of densities, but the overall is never higher than 2.8. Mills Creek has 179 students or 1,819 students per home. Ridgefield and Mills Creek are a tax and economic bonanza to our city as the proposed PCDs will be.

None of the proposed developments on the west side including Kingston will exceed 2.5 to 2.8 units per acre.

If Ridgefield passes issue 57, it will not stop development. It will merely stop PCD developments like Ridgefield, Mills Creek, Meadowood, Ledgewood etc. in which a range of housing types, open space and common facilities make much more vibrant, valuable and marketable neighborhoods with greater taxable value per acre.

The best developers with the ability to finance and build PCDs will not come near North Ridgeville if Issue 57 passes. Issue 57 leaves only the nondescript subdivisions of the 50s and 60s to build without a referendum.

It is ironic that the Greater Cleveland area was, by virtue of Shaker Heights, the site of one of the first or first large PUD or PCDs. We have come a long way - in reverse.

Bob Schmitt

PS. Joseph Antush in his Oct. 25 Press & Light tirade, is more mixed up than usual.

He doesn't seem to register the fact the PCDs produce far more revenue to the schools than the cost of students they produce. All the west side PCDs at the maximum estimate of school-age children per home will barely replace the 30 percent loss of school population we have already experienced. Let's not gamble our future on such

lack of knowledge of the facts.

Issue 57, a disaster

To the Editor:

Charter amendment Issue 57 in North Ridgeville is a complete disaster. It stops planned developments with open green space. It stops a north-south roadway. It stops sewers and business development on our west side. It stops taxes from those businesses. It repeats the decisions we have made in our city for the past 37 years. It puts already-built developments, nursing and retirement homes and businesses in legal limbo.

Vote no on issue 57.

Jim Johnson

Mr. Johnson is the Safety Service Director

Proposal the worst in 50 years

To the Editor:

We have lived in North Ridgeville for over 50 years. We raised our kids here. And we have never seen a worse issue than the charter amendment 57 before us. It is the death knell for our community.

The vocal small group who brought this issue to the ballot have told people this will stop development (untrue) - regular house-to-house development goes on.

They hired a lawyer from out of town who makes his living going city to city, suing city after city and we live with the consequences. Now he is suing us - the taxpayers of our city. We pay, not the STAMP group who hired him. But most insulting of all, he is quoted in the newspaper as saying, "Now I'll have a second plaque in my office," referring to a similar court ruling in 1998 by which the City of Avon was forced to pay his fees when the voters of Avon defeated a similar issue there.

Community Care, the Chamber of Commerce, Father Hyland, a school board member, all members of the Zoning Board and Planning Commission, our state senator, former mayors, five of our council members and our mayor urge us to vote NO. They have our support. We will be voting NO on Issue 57.

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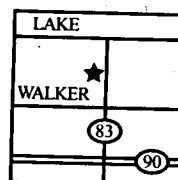
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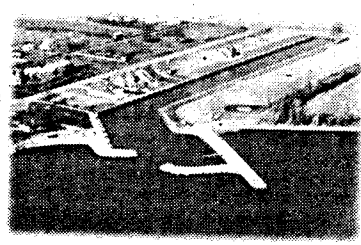
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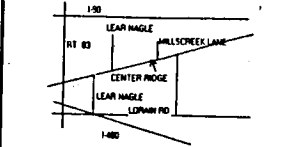


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Police Department Reports:

By Mark Maier

Bosco chalks one up

An officer who was on patrol on Deborah Drive drove past the residence of someone who the officer knew had an outstanding bench warrant from Elyria Municipal Court.

As he passed the residence he observed the defendant, Michael Whalen, standing inside the front door, so he turned his cruiser around as he requested backup.

Knocking on the front door, Whalen's mother came to the door and advised she would check to see if her son was home. She returned and said that Whalen must have left.

Walking back to his car, the officer observed Whalen run through the backyard fence to Jo-Ann Court. Another officer, who was on his way to work with his K-9 unit dog, Bosco, was dispatched to the resi-

dence and both officers began tracking Whalen. Two other officers set up a perimeter around the area.

As the officers searched for Whalen on Jo-Ann Court, residents directed both officers as to where they had last seen him. The original officer then observed Whalen running back towards Deborah Drive and both officers pursued him, informing him that he was under arrest. During the pursuit, both officers became separated, but the original officer at the scene was still able to follow the defendant.

Whalen ran back to Deborah Drive where residents directed the original officer in the direction of Whalen's whereabouts. While on Deborah, the officer caught up with Whalen, who was travelling north-bound behind some houses near the power lines where one of the officer who had set up the perimeter came into view. Whalen

asked officers to stop chasing him, upon which officers requested he stop running.

Whalen was eventually cornered in the backyard of a residence where officers directed him to the ground. He continued to resist. After some more struggling, Bosco and his officer came to the scene. During the struggling, Bosco bit Whalen's rear pant leg and tore his pants. Whalen stopped struggling and was taken into custody without further incident.

Whalen was taken back to the station where he was charged with resisting arrest. While in the booking room, Whalen claimed he would have fought a policeman but there was no way he would fight a dog. He is pending a court hearing.

Monday, music missing

Sometime during the day on Oct. 23, approximately 20 CDs were removed from a

vehicle in the parking lot at North Ridgeville High School. The owner of the vehicle walked out to his car, about 10 a.m. He inadvertently left the driver's side window partially open, but had locked the doors.

After returning to his vehicle at around 2:30 in the afternoon he noticed that the sun visor CD holder containing the CDs was missing. The subject(s) may have reached through the open window and took the CD case off of the visor.

The victim had marked each of the CDs with his initials, and was able to offer police a few of the titles on the CDs. He did not see anyone around his vehicle at the times he was outside, but apparently has had some difficulties in the past with a male subject, who has been seen standing around the vehicle and has also spit on the vehicle.

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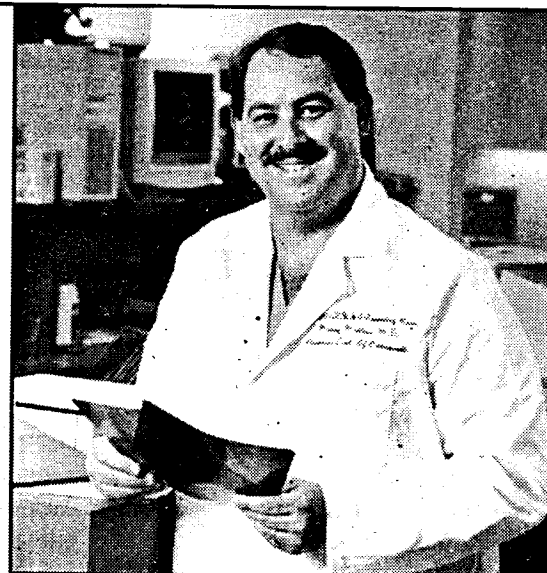
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Voting for Manning

To the Editor:

We are voting for Jeff Manning for 62nd District State Representative and we invite you to consider doing the same. We have known Mr. Manning for nearly 25 years and in every interaction we have been witness to his remarkable commitment to his family first, his community and his eagerness to make a difference.

We have worked side-by-side with him in his support of public education both as the North Ridgeville School District attorney and as a concerned citizen who worked hard on school levies and programs. He has served as law director and chief prosecutor for North Ridgeville in addition to his magistrate duties for the Elyria Municipal Court.

While some, in the past, may have differed with Mr. Manning from issue to issue, no one can take issue with his dedication to family values and doing what he believes is appropriate for his community and neighbors. We know Jeff as a father, friend and community leader.

We're voting for integrity, honesty and experience...we're voting for Mr. Jeff Manning on Nov. 7.

Dr. & Mrs. Ron Amdt

Living with it for years to come

To the Editor:

A possible headline in the newspapers in about 15 years.

NORTH RIDGEVILLE ASKS WHAT IT DID WRONG?

The story goes something like this: "North Ridgeville residents are now scratching their heads in amazement over the rows and rows of grid-like developments that have once again sprung up everywhere. The residents all

remember a time when planned community developments were discussed and then were railroaded out of town by a group of people with a very narrow-minded view of the future. The roads they are traveling on are over congested and the closest figure for the widening of Center Ridge has now crept into the 9 digit mark.

One resident who wished to remain nameless stated that he remembered when the group calling themselves STAMP got everyone all worked up about these PCDs so the rest of the city went and voted for this ridiculous charter amendment. I recall it being Issue 57 on the ballot. Well by golly, they got what they wanted. NO PCDs, a sewer line that we are paying for at a total cost of \$11 million plus and grid style houses. Yes siree, the developers ran amok with those houses. There is no business because they couldn't provide a good shopping area under 10 contiguous acres. Well North Ridgeville once again is asking why the forefathers never planned ahead."

This could very well be what we will read in about 15 years if residents vote for Issue 57. Please think about the fact that with PCDs and other commercial growth we stand to gain grants for the widening of Center Ridge. We get a sewer trunk line at a very minimal cost to you and me. We get development that is controlled and pleasing to look at. We assure ourselves that residents of our city in 15 years will not call us stupid for not envisioning the future of our city.

They can say that we looked toward the future saw that in order to prevent the "overcrowding" we went the extra mile and "planned" for future SMART GROWTH. Please vote NO on Issue 57. It is not good for North Ridgeville.

Karen Borocz

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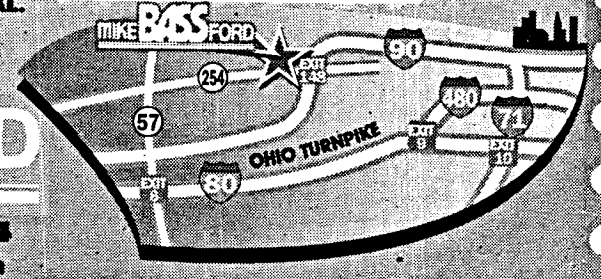
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