

### Proper Recycling Cart Placement for Automated Pick-Up

We thank all of the residents for their cooperation in the change made to our recycling program. Using your new recycling cart requires proper placement on the day of your scheduled collection day as noted below:

- Set carts at the curb no later than 7:00 am on the day of your scheduled collection day or no earlier than 7:00 pm the day before your collection day.
- On the day of your scheduled collection day, position the cart at the street with the lid opening facing the street.
- Keep the cart positioned at least 3 feet away from all fixed objects. EX: mailbox, tree, fence, vehicle, garbage cans, etc...
- Do not place cart under any type of phone, cable, power line or low tree branches. Automated pick-up requires up to 15 ft. overhead clearance.
- Do not place behind a parked vehicle.
- Loosely place cardboard inside the tote or the cart may not empty completely.
- Do not stack the contents above the top of the cart or items may fall onto the ground while it is being emptied.
- A second cart is available to rent, call Republic Services for pricing at 1-800-234-3429.

Thank you for your assistance!

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# The Country Journal



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## Mayor's Message

By: Craig A. Stough

### "2014 Capital Improvement Projects"



The days are getting longer and the temperatures are getting warmer. That means the 2014 construction season is upon us. The City of Sylvania has several capital improvement projects planned for 2014. Some are being financed in part by State of Ohio grant funds. All will be publicly bid and take advantage of the competitive prices available. No tax increases or property owner assessments will be made, unless noted below. All of these projects will improve Sylvania and help keep our community one of the best places to live and work in northwest Ohio.

<p><b>Brint &amp; King Roundabout</b> \$545,000 construction cost - \$436,100 ODOT TIP, \$61,100 OPWC, \$30,100 City, \$17,700 County/Twp. June 17 construction start, 45 days to be completed.</p> <p><b>Brint &amp; McCord Signalization Improvements</b> \$196,000 construction cost - \$98,000 City, \$69,000 OPWC, \$29,000 Lourdes Construction underway, completed by end of May</p> <p><b>Arbor Way Sanitary Sewer and road widening</b> between Silvertown Drive and Whiteford Road \$225,995 construction cost, to be assessed to homeowners Starts end of May, completed in 75 days</p> <p><b>Cadet Drive Water Main Replacement</b> Replace water main between Acres Road and Dornell Drive \$180,000 construction cost Summer/Fall construction</p> <p><b>Garden Park Water Main Improvements</b> Provides a closed loop for an existing dead-end water main \$35,000 construction cost Summer/Fall construction</p>	<p><b>Harroun Community Park Storm Sewer Improvements</b> \$106,000 construction cost - \$82,200 Ohio EPA grant, \$11,900 City, \$11,900 St. Joseph's Church Install a bio retention facility on City owned property at the parking lot perimeter which will control runoff and showcase a low-impact development strategy in a publicly used environment.</p> <p><b>Monroe Street Sewer Relining</b> Relining existing sewer between Silica Road and Becker Place \$72,000 construction cost Summer/Fall construction</p> <p><b>2014 Pavement Maintenance Program</b> \$69,000 estimated Planned street improvements as well as required maintenance from damage caused by recent harsh winter weather.</p> 
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# Summer Stormwater Thoughts

Did you know that when it rains, runoff from your property flows into the storm sewer and goes directly into the closest lake, river or stream? Did you know that contaminants accumulated in the runoff account for a large portion of pollution in our local waterways? Nonpoint source pollution is causing serious harm to area bodies of water such as the Maumee River and Lake Erie. What can we do as homeowners to protect those valuable resources?

**SLOW IT DOWN:** Capturing storm water and releasing it more slowly can help prevent pollutants from entering the storm sewers. Help with storm water management from local homeowners (by conserving water and using rain barrels, for example) is always welcome and useful!

**Install a rain barrel!** They're easy to install and easy to use, just make sure you empty it after each rain fall. Plant some trees! They help catch rain fall in their foliage. **Conserve water!** Use water-efficient appliances and fixtures (like low-flush toilets!) in your home. Use less water by turning off the tap while brushing your teeth and fill up the sink while doing the dishes, instead of running the tap constantly. For more information on rain barrels, Lucas County Soil and Water sells rain barrels and the Rain Garden Initiative is planning a rain barrel "make and take" workshop with the Olander Park system for you to learn how to acquire and install your own rain barrel!



**SOAK IT UP:** By increasing the unpaved surfaces of your property, you're allowing storm water to permeate back into the water table. The natural path of storm water runoff begins to be negatively affected if more than 20% of your property is impermeable, or paved. Imagine how lakes and rivers are affected near large cities where the paved/impermeable surfaces cover between 75% -100%!



**Plant a rain garden!** Rain gardens are special gardens filled with water-loving native plants. Plant one in a depression near your downspout and help soak up some runoff! **Use permeable paving materials!** Use permeable paving materials like interlock or porous pavers when resurfacing your driveway or building a new patio. These materials allow water to seep back into the ground and infiltrate the water table, instead of flowing over the surface into the storm drains.

**KEEP IT CLEAN:** By working on the first two messages, you're doing your best to reduce the amount of runoff and slow down the rest. However, contaminated runoff is still a big issue! Remember, any runoff leaving your property goes into the storm drain and directly into the nearest water course. There are lots of things you can do to keep storm runoff as clean as possible. Here are just a few:

**Pick up after your dog; compost or landfill the waste!** While Fido's droppings don't seem like much, all of the Fidos add up. **Wash your car at a commercial car wash or on the lawn!** Washing your car in the driveway allows cleaning products, gasoline and engine oil to flow directly into the storm sewer! **Put your driveway on a low-salt diet!** Salt is harmful to our waterways and plant life. **Use natural cleaning and personal products!** Anything going down a drain pipe can end up in lakes and rivers.

These small but meaningful changes to our daily lives can make a big positive impact to our most treasured natural resources. Our children and their children will thank us!

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## The Constabulary

By Chief of Police Bill Rhodus



### SHARING THE ROAD: MOTORIST & CYCLIST RESPONSIBILITIES

As we venture into warmer weather more bicyclists are traveling the roads in our community. The Sylvania Police Division encourages bicyclists to operate responsibly and for all motorists to extend consideration when encountering bicycles. The following tips remind cyclist and motorist how to safely share the road.

#### CYCLISTS:

##### **On the Road:**

- The same laws that apply to motorists apply to cyclists
- Obey all traffic control devices
- Use hand signals to indicate stops and turns other users

##### **Always Wear a Properly Fitting Helmet:**

- Wear a helmet, no matter how short the trip

##### **Ride on the Right:**

- Always ride in the same direction as traffic
- Use the furthest right lane that heads to your destination
- Slower moving cyclists and motorists stay to the right

##### **Ride Predictably:**

- Ride in a straight line
- Don't swerve in the road or between parked cars
- Check for traffic before entering street or intersection
- Anticipate hazards and adjust your position accordingly

##### **Be Visible:**

- Wear brightly colored clothing that provides contrast
- Use a white front light in low light conditions
- Use a red rear light in low light conditions
- Use a reflector or reflective tape or clothing anytime
- Announce yourself by making eye contact with motorists



#### MOTORISTS:

##### **Drive Cautiously:**

- Reduce speed when encountering cyclists
- Don't tailgate, especially in bad weather
- Recognize hazards cyclists may face and give them space
- Do not operate a motor vehicle, snowmobile, or all-purpose vehicle upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, when an appropriate sign giving notice of such use is posted on the path.

##### **Yield to Cyclists:**

- Bicycles are considered vehicles
- Cyclists should be given the appropriate right of way
- Allow extra time for cyclists to traverse intersections

##### **Be Considerate:**

- Scan for cyclists in traffic and at intersections
- Do not blast your horn in close proximity to cyclists
- Look for cyclists when opening doors

##### **Pass with Care:**

- When passing, leave four feet between you and a cyclist
- Wait for safe road and traffic conditions before you pass
- Check over your shoulder before moving back

##### **Watch for Children:**

- Children on bicycles are often unpredictable
- Expect the unexpected and slow down
- Don't expect children to know traffic laws
- Because of their size children can be harder to see

*The Sylvania Police Division wishes you a Safe and Enjoyable summer.*

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