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Mayor's Message

By: Craig A. Stough

2016 Capital Improvement Projects

The 2016 construction season is well underway. The City of Sylvania has several capital improvement projects planned for 2016. Some are being financed in part by State of Ohio grant funds. All will be publicly bid or utilize State of Ohio prebid term prices to take advantage of the competitive prices available. No tax increases or property owner assessments will be made. All of these projects will improve Sylvania and help keep our community one of the best places to live and work in northwest Ohio.

Residential Street Microsurfacing – Sylvania continued its microsurfacing improvements utilizing Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Program to provide pavement rehabilitation on approximately 2.25 miles of residential streets at a cost of approximately \$100,800.00. Microsurfacing consists of applying a polymer-modified asphalt emulsion based resurfacing material to the existing pavement surface. Suitable streets in the Trenton Place, Country Club Estates and Highland Terrace neighborhoods were micro-surfaced this year.

King Road Widening/Resurfacing – Add a right turn lane on northbound King at Sylvania and resurface all pavement between Sylvania and Cougar Lane. Gerken Paving will be performing this construction at a cost of approximately \$505,600.

Harroun Road Resurfacing – Resurfaces all pavement between Monroe Street and Ottawa River bridge and the costs are included in the project above.

Northbrook Court – Full depth reconstruction of the street. Work is completed and removed existing concrete pavement and replaced with asphalt at a cost of approximately \$231,500.

Alexis & Acres Signal Improvement – This signal is currently in the same timing sequence as the Monroe/Acres signal and does not allow the signal timing to be adjusted for Alexis Road traffic. This project will allow such adjustments. It will still be coordinated with the Monroe/Alexis and Monroe/Acres signals.

Sanitary Sewer Lining – A resin-saturated felt tube typically made of fiberglass cloth will be inverted and pulled into a damaged pipe. Little to no digging is involved in this trenchless process, making for a more cost-effective and less disruptive method than traditional “dig and replace” pipe repair methods. Hot water, UV light, or steam is used to cure the resin and form a tight-fitting, jointless and corrosion-resistant replacement pipe. Service laterals are restored internally with robotically controlled cutting devices. Work will be done on Erie, Garden Park, Main, and Sylvanwood.

Ground Level Water Storage Tank – Exterior painting and minor improvements were completed at a cost of \$109,400.

Burnham Park Elevated Water Tank – Exterior painting and minor improvements will occur. Seven Brothers Painting will be performing this project at a cost of \$161,800.

Municipal Lot Resurfacing – Asphalt resurface the remaining two aisles of the lot. Gerken Paving will also be performing this work at a cost of \$37,000.

Sidewalk Replacements – Several areas in town, concentrated in the Trenton Place development where trees have caused damage to the existing sidewalks will be addressed, spending approximately \$22,000.

River Trail Phase 2 – Extending existing River Trail from Harroun Road to Monroe Street will be bid and construction started later this year.

FERTILIZE YOUR LAWN IF YOU MUST, BUT DON'T FERTILIZE THE WATER

The City of Sylvania would like to remind people that fertilizer should be applied to lawns sparingly and carefully. And it should stay on your lawn and not get into the storm sewer system where it affects our streams and lakes.

A little care will save you money and will also protect streams and lakes.

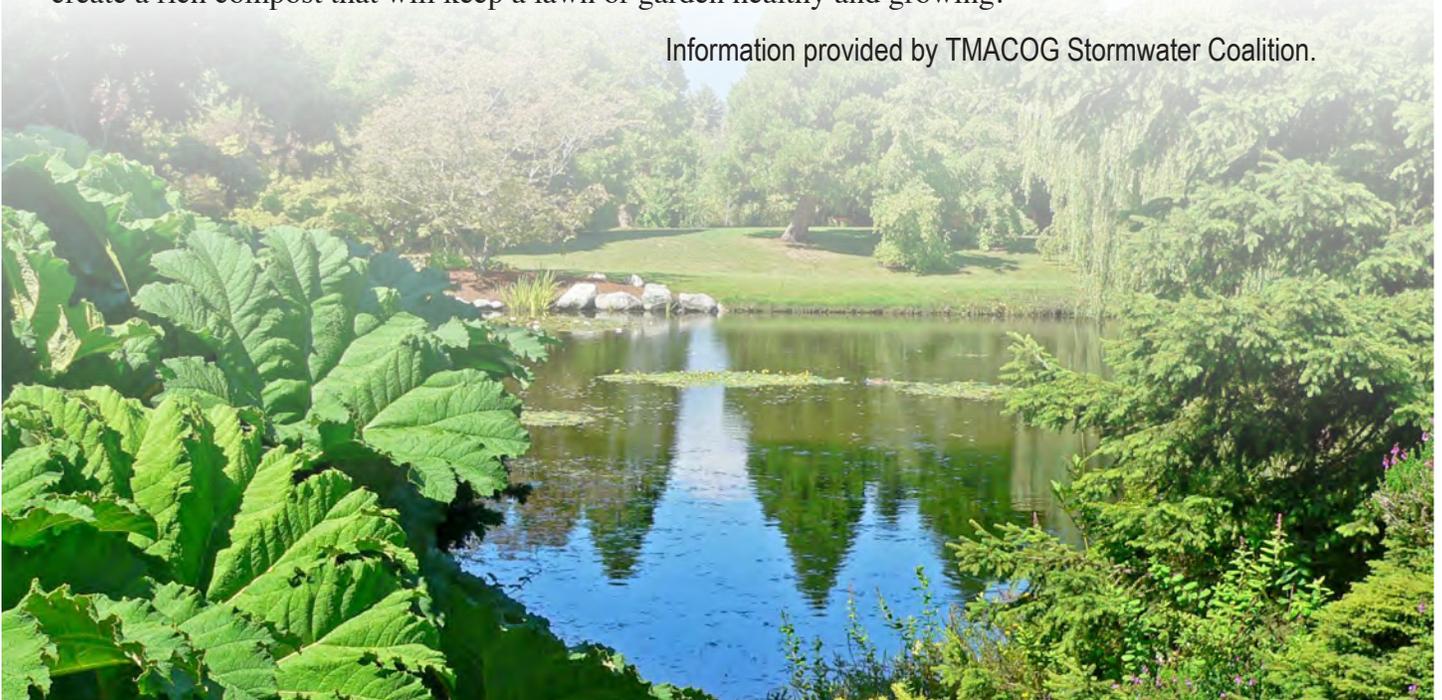
First, use only as much fertilizer as you need. A simple soil test will tell you if you need to add nutrients. If you do want to fertilize, use a no- or low-phosphorus fertilizer, and select a slow release fertilizer where at least half of the nitrogen is water insoluble.

Then, don't let your fertilizer wash away into the storm sewers where it will end up in streams and lakes. If we get a rain right after you fertilize, you'll watch your investment flow right to the storm sewers, and fertilizer does not belong in the water supply. Do use a broom to sweep excess or spilled fertilizer off the sidewalks and back onto your lawn, don't use a hose that will wash fertilizer into the street and then into sewers.

Excess amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus can cause blooms of algae in our lakes and streams. Some algae is natural and is part of the food chain, but overgrowth of algae forms mats of goo that clog water inlets and block sunlight to the water. And as algae decay they use up oxygen in the water that fish, frogs, and other wildlife need. And we all are aware of the impact harmful algal blooms can have on our drinking water supply.

There are ways to keep a lawn green and healthy that are 100 percent free and ecologically sound. When you mow, leave the grass at least 3 inches tall, and leave the clippings on the lawn. Grass clippings will quickly breakdown and enrich the soil. You can also make your own organic fertilizer in a home compost bin. Kitchen waste like vegetable peels and eggshells, combined with leaves and grass clippings will create a rich compost that will keep a lawn or garden healthy and growing.

Information provided by TMACOG Stormwater Coalition.



The Constabulary

By William Rhodus, Chief of Police



SUMMER IS HERE AND WILL SOON BE ENDING

With that, a new school year begins. Families with school age children are finishing up many tasks of getting their children the necessary supplies to ready them for another wonderful school year.

The start of another school year also brings several issues that we all need to pay attention to during our busy schedules. During the warmer months while school is in session, you will see some of our children walking or riding their bikes to and from school. As you know the safety of our children is paramount, please take the extra time to be observant for these children as you travel on our streets.

Yellow school buses will once again be traveling throughout our neighborhoods and main streets picking up our children. Please pay extra attention to these buses as you approach them. When a school bus puts on their “flashing yellow lights”, this is indicating that this bus is getting ready to stop. Putting on their “flashing red lights” is a signal for all traffic oncoming and behind the bus to stop and not proceed past the bus. Please do not be an impatient driver who speeds up when they see the flashing yellow lights. The customary wait behind a bus with flashing red lights is 1-2 minutes when picking up or discharging students. Your time is not that valuable. The lives and safety of our school children are.

There have been several times over the past years that the Sylvania Police Division has received notices from the Sylvania Board of Transportation (School Bus Drivers) who have witnessed motorists violating the law when these buses are stopped while picking up or discharging our children. As you may or may not be aware, several of these buses now have cameras on the side of them. These cameras will assist police in the prosecution of violators. Please stop for these buses in accordance with the law. You can make a difference in the safety of our children as you travel on the streets in our community.

Additionally, we as responsible drivers must pay attention to school zones and the 20 MPH speed limit when children are present. Please be familiar with your city and know where the schools are so you will know when you are approaching a school zone. Pay particular attention while in these school zones and to the school crossing guards that are present. Parents that have teenagers driving to and from school need to reinforce these traffic laws to their children. All too often, approximately half of violators who fail to stop for a school bus, or travel in excess of the posted speed limit in a school zone during restricted hours are our younger drivers. The officers of the Sylvania Police Division want your children to be safe. We are ever so vigilant for violators; we request your help to be a responsible driver, not an impatient one.

LET'S HAVE A GREAT AND SAFE SCHOOL YEAR!



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**Summer Social
Art Walk**

August 5 ~ 5-8pm

Ridin' Late in County 48

August 20 ~ 9-10:30pm
12 Mile Slow Night Ride
thru Sylvania
rideinlate@gmail.com

Fall Festival & Parade

October 16 ~ 11am-3pm
www.sylvaniafallfest.com

Sylvania Farmer's Market

Visit Downtown Sylvania's Farmer's Market every Tuesday
now through September 27 from 4:00-7:00pm.
Municipal Parking Lot behind Sylvania Court Building

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