

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Craig A. Stough 5/13/2020

"City of Sylvania Update"

As our journey through this COVID-19 pandemic continues, our Sylvania community is working to operate safely. Thank you to everyone for your actions in maintaining social distancing, helping those in need in your neighborhoods, and keeping us all safe!

There continues to be virus cases in Sylvania, particularly at our senior living and care facilities. Our first responders and health care workers have been on the frontline of helping those infected, and we heartily thank them for all they do!

Governor DeWine is now permitting a gradual reopening of businesses around Ohio, and we are working on plans to safely do that in Sylvania. Here are the latest updates as we look ahead:

The Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce's special committee to help Sylvania area businesses reopen has identified member businesses following the Ohio Safety Guidelines with a sticker on their door. They have also prepared safety kits of hand sanitizer, disinfectant and masks for their members.

We have been supporting our Sylvania businesses with carryout and curbside delivery while they had to work under limited schedules and access. I encourage all of us to continue supporting them as they reopen for regular business. Our downtown DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) is reopened as of Friday, May 15th by permission of the State of Ohio.

The City of Sylvania has continued to provide essential police, fire, water, sewer, trash and recycling services while platooning our employees. We have now returned to full strength daily operations. We are working with Republic Services to reschedule our delayed unlimited spring pickup as they develop procedures to keep their workers safe.

Sylvania City Council meetings are now live streamed on YouTube for the public to watch. City Councilmembers are able to join the meetings via Zoom. Other committee meetings are being scheduled and held to address needed City business and keep Sylvania moving forward.

City revenues are lower because of the many business shutdowns. We are monitoring our financial situation, but no reduction in City services or employment is currently being planned. We continue to coordinate with Lucas County and the State of Ohio to maintain all services and to receive all federal and state emergency funding available.

Unfortunately, there are some necessary cancellations of community activities due to the pandemic. We cannot safely have a Memorial Day Parade this year. At the request of our Veterans organizations, we will be having a Memorial Day Service to be held outside. It will need to be smaller and briefer than in the past and plans are being developed.

The safety of having our Independence Day fireworks is under consideration. A decision about holding them as scheduled, delaying them or cancelling them is to be made in the next few weeks. Like Memorial Day, we will want to recognize the day in a ceremony outside.

The five Centennial Terrace national concerts have been cancelled for this year. Other local events, swimming and SAJRD sports activities are being evaluated for safety, with planning underway for restarting when safe and permitted by Ohio safety guidelines.

The LPGA announced the Marathon Golf Tournament at Sylvania Highland Meadows Golf Club will be delayed and possibly held two weeks later July 20th through July 26th. It would be the second tournament of the LPGA Season, this year with a \$2,000,000.00 prize purse. Governor DeWine has been asked for approval to hold this Tournament and is also considering the PGA Memorial Tournament to be held the week before in Dublin, Ohio.

We all need to be careful and safe as we begin to reopen our community activities. Social distancing and the use of a face covering helps protect the health of others, not just ourselves. Monitor and help those in need in your neighborhoods. Best wishes to all here in Sylvania! Be healthy! Be safe!

SYLVANIA CHAMBER SAFETY SEAL

This certifies that

**This Sylvania Chamber member
has committed to following the
Safety Guidelines set forth
by the State of Ohio.**

*The Sylvania Chamber is committed to getting our community back open for business
and is promoting the transition while promoting safety for the progress, health,
wellness and overall vitality of Sylvania.*

